

SHEPHERD (1-0) vs. BOWIE STATE (0-1)

BULLDOGS STADIUM • BOWIE, MD

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SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. -- Sophomore running back **Tommy Addison** (Germantown, MD/Quince Orchard) rushed 14 times for 156 yards and two touchdowns and senior wide receiver **Raymond Mends** (Leesburg, VA/Park View) had three catches for 162 yards and a pair of scores to lead Shepherd University to a 34-23 win over Shippensburg in the 12th Annual Great Valley Classic at Ram Stadium last Saturday.

Shippensburg took 3-0 lead on a 35-yard field goal by **Kyler Ford** with 2:17 left in the first quarter.

The Rams answered back seconds later when junior quarterback **Kevin Clancy** (Westminster, MD/Westminster) teamed with Mends on a 78-yard scoring strike. Sophomore kicker **Eric Dobratz** (Woodbridge, VA/Potomac) added the extra point.

Minutes later, Clancy and Mends teamed on a 73-yard scoring play to extend the Shepherd lead to 14-3.

Shippensburg scored on a 12-play, 87-yard drive with 39 seconds left in the half when **Chad DiFebbo** teamed with **Mark Rossi** on a two-yard scoring toss to cut the deficit to 14-10 going into the break.

The Red Raiders took a 17-14 lead when DiFebbo connected with **Mike Harris** on a five-yard scoring pass with 7:16 left in the third quarter.

Shepherd took the lead for good when junior cornerback **Deante Steele** (Woodbridge, VA/Potomac) picked off a DiFebbo pass and raced 62 yards for a touchdown with 2:07 left in the third quarter.

The Rams stretched their lead to 27-17 when Addison raced 84 yards for a score with 14:46 left in the fourth quarter.

Shippensburg answered back on a 16-yard scoring pass from DiFebbo to **Mark Rossi** with 5:42 remaining to cut the lead to 27-23 as Ford's extra point attempt hit the upright and went awry.

Addison sprinted 31 yards on a third-and-15 play with 1:24 left in the game to seal the win.

Clancy completed 5-of-10 passes for 196 yards and two scores. DiFebbo connected on 17-of-37 passes for 236 yards and three scores.

Harris led the Red Raider receivers with five receptions for 70 yards.

Andy Casale had a game-high 12 tackles (10 solo) to pace the Shippensburg defense.

Junior linebacker **Brian Taylor** (Elkridge, MD/Long Reach) and senior free safety **Layton Hersh** (Taneytown, MD/Francis Scott Key) had nine tackles each to lead the Rams. Hersh added an interception, while Steele had five tackles, a pair of picks, and three pass breakups.

Steele's stellar performance earned him **WVIAC Defensive Player of the Week** accolades.

A REIGN OF EXCELLENCE

Head Coach **Monte Cater** is now in his 23rd season at the helm of the Shepherd football program. The Rams have had a great deal of success since Cater arrived in 1987 as they have won 11 WVIAC titles in 22 seasons. In that time the Rams have made two trips to the NAIA Playoffs and five trips to the NCAA II Playoffs with playoff appearances (1998-99 and 2005-07). Below is a list of where Cater ranks on the all-time victories and all-time titles lists in the WVIAC.

WVIAC COACHING VICTORIES

1. **Monte Cater** (SU) 156-76-1 (.671)
2. **Deacon Duvall** (FSC) 125-42-3 (.744)
3. **Joe Bartell** (WL) 118-55-11 (.671)
4. **Bill Struble** (WVW) 113-151-0 (.428)
5. **Walter Barr** (SU) 104-48-4 (.679)
6. **Tony Colobro** (BSC/CC) 100-45-7 (.681)
7. **Cebe Ross** (WVW/MH) 97-109-12 (.472)
8. **Adolph Hamblin** (WVS) 90-58-18 (.596)
9. **Dana Lough** (Pot. St.) 86-90-9 (.489)
10. **Cam Henderson** (D&E) 81-33-6 (.700)

2009 SHEPHERD SCHEDULE

August

29 Shippensburg W 34-23

September

5 @ Bowie State 1 p.m.

12 @ Fairmont * 1 p.m.

19 Seton Hill * 1 p.m.

26 Charleston * 1 p.m.

October

3 @ Concord * 4 p.m.

10 @ WV Wesleyan * 6 p.m.

17 West Liberty * 1 p.m.

24 WV State * ^ 1 p.m.

November

5 @ Glenville * 8 p.m.

* WVIAC Games

^ Homecoming

Home Games in Bold

2009 BOWIE STATE SCHEDULE

August

29 @ Slippery Rock L 27-31

September

5 Shepherd 1 p.m.

12 Fayetteville State 1 p.m.

19 Livingstone * 1 p.m.

26 Shaw * 2 p.m.

October

3 @ Lincoln * 1 p.m.

10 @ Elizabeth City * 1:30 p.m.

17 St. Paul's * 1 p.m.

24 @ Virginia Union * 1 p.m.

31 @ Virginia State * 1:30 p.m.

* CIAA Games

Home games in bold

WVIAC COACHING TITLES

1. **Monte Cater** (SU) 11
2. **Deacon Duvall** (FSC) 8
3. **Joe Bartell** (WL) 7
- 4T. **Tony Colobro** (BSC/CC) 5
- Eddie King (MH) 5
6. **Rich Rodriguez** (GSC) 4
- 7T. **Walter Barr** (SU) 3
- Cebe Ross (WVW/MH) 3
- Bill Struble (WVW) 3

NEWS AND NOTES

Misc. STATS

Here is a compilation of some interesting tidbits on the Rams through one game this season:

Third Down Conversions by SU/Foes: 5/11 (45.5 %)/12/21 (57.1 %)

Shepherd Avg. Time of Possession/Foes: 24:13/35:47

Penalties-Yards by SU/Foes: 9-105/4-35

First Downs by Rush-Pass by SU/Foes: 7-5/5/13

SHEPHERD'S MAGIC NUMBERS

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If the Rams score 24 or more points, there is a good chance they will come out on top. Shepherd owns a 235-12 (.951) all-time record when reaching the magical 24-point mark. Included in that record is a 108-9 (.923) record since 1990 and a 114-11 (.912) mark under Cater.

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The Rams sport a 345-75-26 (.802) all-time record when holding the opposition to 14 points or less. Currently, Shepherd has won 71 of its last 72 games when holding the opposition to 14 or less and owns a 93-3-1 (.963) record since 1990 when turning the trick. Shepherd is 104-7-1 (.933) under Cater in such games.

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Shepherd is 119-99-26 (.541) all-time in games decided by seven points or less. Shepherd has a 37-24-1 (.604) record since 1990 and a 41-33-1 (.553) mark under Cater in games decided by seven or less.

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Another key to victory is the Rams' running game. Shepherd is 144-23-2 (.858) since 1980 in games that it rushes for 150 or more yards. Since 1990, the record is 93-11-1 (.890) and under Cater it is 103-17-1 (.855).

Anything Less than 100

Defensively, the Rams will try to contain the running game and force teams to pass. If they hold the opposition to under 100 yards rushing, the odds on a win go up dramatically. Since 1980, the Rams are 120-17-1 (.873) when holding teams to less than 100 yards. Since 1990, Shepherd is 85-12 (.876) in such games and 93-15 (.861) under Cater



RADIO AND WEB RADIO COVERAGE:

The Ram Sports Radio Network will once again bring the action of the 2009 Shepherd University football team to the fans of the four-state region. WRNR-740 AM will broadcast all 10 regular-season games with Matt Miller and Vic Holmes covering all the action. The action can also be heard on the Web. Links are available at www.talkradiowrnr.com or www.shepherdrams.com.

SHEPHERD SHIPPENSBURG GAME SCORING SUMMARY & STATISTICS

Shippensburg ...	3	7	7	6	-	23
Shepherd	7	7	6	14	-	34

SHIP - Ford 35 yd FG

SHEP - Mends 78 yard pass from Clancy (Dobratz kick)

SHEP - Mends 73 yard pass from Clancy (Dobratz kick)

SHIP - Rossi 2 yd pass from Chad DiFebbo (Ford kick)

SHIP - Harris 5 yd pass from Chad DiFebbo (Ford kick)

SHEP - Steele 62 yd int. return (Dobratz kick blocked)

SHEP - Addison 84 yd run (Dobratz kick)

SHIP - Rossi 16 yd pass from Chad DiFebbo (Ford kick failed)

SHEP - Addison 31 yd run (Dobratz kick)

SHIP		SHEP
22	First Downs	13
41-113	Rushes-Yards	37-186
236	Passing Yards	196
17-37-3	Passes	5-10-1
78-349	Plays-Total Off.	47-382
152	Return Yards	212
4/41.5	Punts/Avg	4/38.2
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
4-35	Penalties-Yards	9-105
35:47	Time of Possession	24:13

Rushing: SHIP Herod 25-78-0, Marshall 9-18-0, Frenette 1-10-0, Chad DiFebbo 1-9-0, McCain 5-2-0. SHEP Addison 14-156-2, Sutch 14-45-0, Mends 1-(-3)-0, Clancy 5-(-50)-0, TEAM 3-(-7)-0.

Passing: SHEP Chad DiFebbo 17-37-236-3-3SHEP Clancy 5-10-196-2-1.

Receiving: SHIP Harris 5-70-1, Chase DiFebbo 4-55-0, McCain 2-38-0, Marshall 2-34-0, Rossi 2-18-2, Klinepeter 1-13-0, Barley 1-8-0. SHEP Mends 3-162-2, Sutch 2-34-0.

STEPPING UP

Senior wide receiver **Raymond Mends** stepped up his play against the Red Raiders with three receptions for 162. He had touchdown receptions of 78 and 73 yards. The performance marked the second time in his career that Mends recorded 100 receiving yards or more in a game.

MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

ON THE RUN

Junior running back **Jimmy Sutch** rushed for 45 yards on 14 carries in the win over Shippensburg. He also hauled in two receptions 34 yards.

SUTCH'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Ru-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2007	9/0	56-315	5.6	5	32
2008	10/10	190-885	4.7	14	78
2009	1/1	14-45	3.2	0	11
Totals	20/11	260-1,245	4.7	19	78

SUTCH'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushing yards 201 vs. Shippensburg (8-30-08)
 Carries 28 vs. West Liberty (10-25-08)
 Rushing TDs 4 vs. WV State (11-1-08)

SUTCH'S 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Opponent	Carries-Yards (Date)
WV State	24-158 (11-1-08)
Concord	16-122 (10-11-08)
Shippensburg	26-201 (8-30-08)
Indiana (Pa.)	17-119 (11-24-07)

TOUCHDOWN TOMMY

Sophomore running back **Tommy Addison** rushed 14 times for a career-high 156 yards and a pair of touchdowns in the win over Shippensburg. The effort marked the second time in his career that Addison has rushed for 100 yards or more.

ADDISON'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushing yards156 vs. Shippensburg (8-29-09)
 Carries19 vs. WV State (11-1-08)
 Rushing TDs 2 vs. Shippensburg (8-29-09)

ADDISON'S 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Opponent	Carries-Yards (Date)
Shippensburg	14-156 (8-29-09)
WV State	19-127 (11-1-08)



Tommy Addison in action against Shippensburg.

ON THE SURFACE

The Bowie State contest will be the only game Shepherd will play on grass this season. The Rams went 2-0 on grass last season.

MAN OF STEELE

Junior cornerback/return specialist **Deante Steele** earned **WVIAC Defensive Player of the Week** honors after recording five tackles, three pass breakups, and a pair of interceptions in the win over Shippensburg.

STEELE'S RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

Deante Steele (62-yard INT return vs. Shippensburg) 8-29-09
 Deante Steele (85-yard KO return vs. WV State) 11-1-08
 Deante Steele (60-yard punt return vs. WV State) 11-1-08
 Deante Steele (21-yard INT return vs. WV State) 11-1-08
 Deante Steele (91-yard KO return vs. Concord) 10-11-08
 Deante Steele (95-yard punt return vs. Charleston) 10-4-08
 Deante Steele (68-yard punt return vs. Charleston) 10-6-07

STEELE'S CAREER PUNT RETURN STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Ret.-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2007	10/9	17-232	13.6	1	68
2008	10/10	20-404	20.2	2	*95
2009	1/1	1-6	6.0	0	6
Totals	21/20	38-642	16.8	3	*95

* ties school record

STEELE'S CAREER KICKOFF RETURN STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Ret.-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2007	10/9	20-457	22.9	0	72
2008	10/10	17-491	28.9	2	91
2009	1/1	1-2	2.0	0	2
Totals	21/20	38-950	25.0	3	91

STEELE'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	UT	AT	TT	INT	PBU
2007	10/1	10	7	17	0-0	0
2008	10/10	35	14	49	4-75	10
2009	1/1	5	0	5	2-90	3
Totals	21/12	50	21	71	6-165	13

CATCHING ON

Senior wide receiver **Nasser Muhammad** paced the team with a team-high 29 receptions for 368 yards in 2008. His three touchdown grabs also led the team.

MUHAMMAD'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Rec.-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2007	12/1	18-225	12.5	2	44
2008	10/4	29-368	12.7	3	43
Totals	22/5	47-593	12.6	5	44

ON THIS DATE

The Rams have played only two games in their history on September 5 with an 0-2 overall mark, including an 0-2 mark on the road. Shepherd's all-time results on this date:

Year	Opponent	W/L	Score
1992	@ Shippensburg	L	7-21
1998	@ Shippensburg	L	14-36

