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SHEPHERD (1-0) vs. SHIPPENSBURG (0-0)

RAM STADIUM • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2007 • 1 P.M.

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. -- Senior running back **Dervon Wallace** (Lusby, MD/Calvert) rushed 24 times for 195 yards and two touchdowns, while senior running back **Vincent Riggs** (Poolesville, MD/Poolesville) added 16 carries for 79 yards and three scores to lead eighth-ranked Shepherd University to a 36-7 win over Millersville University in football action at Ram Stadium on Saturday.

Riggs opened the scoring with 10:03 left in the first quarter on a 10-yard scamper to give the Rams a 6-0 lead.

Wallace, who gained WVIAC Co-Offensive Player of the Week honors, scored on a three-yard run with 1:51 left in the first quarter to up the Ram lead to 12-0. The touchdown was the 44th of Wallace's career and moved him into sole possession of second place on the Shepherd all-time rushing touchdowns list.

Riggs added his second score of the day on a four-yard run with 9:19 left in the second quarter. Junior kicker **Bryan Beverage** (Romney, WV/Hampshire) replaced **John Sheehan** (Round Hill, VA/Loudoun Valley) and added the extra point to give the Rams a 19-0 lead at the break.

Beverage nailed a 33-yard field with 9:19 left in the third quarter to open the second half scoring.

Minutes later Wallace scored on a two-yard run to up the Ram lead to 29-0.

Riggs registered his third score of the day on a nine-yard dash with 10:21 left in the fourth quarter.

Millersville avoided the shutout when Jimmie Cotton fielded a Beverage punt and raced 57 yards for a score. John Banzhof added the extra point.

Junior quarterback **Tyler Lazear** (Bethesda, MD/Walt Whitman) completed 12-of-17 passes for 104 yards for the Rams. Jamal Smith went 2-for-6 for a 11 yards for Millersville.

Senior wide receiver **Mark Springirth** (Germantown, MD/Watkins Mill) led the Ram receivers with four catches for 49 yards.

Senior outside linebacker **Joey Hooks** (Montgomery Village, MD/Watkins Mill) led a Ram defense that allowed only 88 yards of total offense, including a paltry 11 passing yards. He had a team-high nine tackles.

Junior defensive lineman **Frank Herrera** (Burke, VA/Robinson) added eight stops. Sophomore defensive end **T.J. Taylor** (Frederick, MD/Frederick) recorded seven tackles with two tackles-for-loss and a sack.

Sophomore free safety **Layton Hersh** (Taneytown, MD/Francis Scott Key) recorded his first career interception when he picked off a Smith pass in the fourth quarter to set up Shepherd's final score.

Marcus Banks had a game-high 10 tackles to pace Millersville.

A REIGN OF EXCELLENCE

Head Coach **Monte Cater** is now in his 21st 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 10 WVIAC titles in 20 seasons. In that time the Rams have made two trips to the NAIA Playoffs and four trips to the NCAA II Playoffs with a pair of back-to-back appearances (1998-99 and 2005-06). 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) 141-69-1 (.671)
2. **Deacon Duvall** (FSC) 125-42-3 (.744)
3. **Joe Bartell** (WL) 118-55-11 (.671)
4. **Bill Struble** (WVW) 109-133-0 (.461)
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)

2007 SHEPHERD SCHEDULE/RESULTS

August

25 **Millersville** W 36-7

September

1 **Shippensburg** 1 p.m.
15 @ **Glenville** * 1 p.m.
22 @ **Fairmont** * 1 p.m.
29 **Seton Hill** * 1 p.m.

October

6 **Charleston** * ^ 1 p.m.
13 @ **Concord** * 1 p.m.
20 @ **WV Wesleyan** * 1 p.m.
27 **West Liberty** * 1 p.m.

November

3 **WV State** * 1 p.m.

* WVIAC Games

^ Homecoming

Home Games in Bold

2007 SHIPPENSBURG SCHEDULE

1 @ **Shepherd** 1 p.m.
8 @ **Liberty** 7 p.m.
15 @ **Kutztown** 3 p.m.
22 **West Chester** 3 p.m.
29 **Edinboro** * 1 p.m.

October

6 @ **Clarion** * 2 p.m.
13 @ **Millersville** 1 p.m.
20 **Slippery Rock** * 1 p.m.
27 **Lock Haven** * 1 p.m.

November

3 @ **Indiana** (Pa.) * 1 p.m.
10 @ **California** (Pa.) * 1 p.m.

* PSAC-West Games

Home games in bold

WVIAC COACHING TITLES

1. **Monte Cater** (SU) 10
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:

Third Down Conversions by SU/Foes: 5-11 (45.4 %)/3-13 (23.1 %)
Shepherd Avg. Time of Possession/Foes: 33:26/26:34
Penalties-Yards by SU/Foes: 4-30/10-80
First Downs by Rush-Pass by SU/Foes: 14-8/5-0

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 223-9 (.961) all-time record when reaching the magical 24-point mark. Included in that record is a 96-6 (.941) record since 1990 and a 102-8 (.927) mark under Cater.

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The Rams sport a 336-75-26 (.798) all-time record when holding the opposition to 14 points or less. Currently, Shepherd has won 62 of its last 63 games when holding the opposition to 14 or less and owns an 84-3-1 (.960) record since 1990 when turning the trick. Shepherd is 95-7-1 (.927) under Cater in such games.

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Shepherd is 116-93-26 (.542) all-time in games decided by seven points or less. Shepherd has a 34-21-1 (.622) record since 1990 and a 38-30-1 (.564) mark under Cater in games decided by seven or less.

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Another key to victory is the Shepherd running game. Shepherd is 131-22-2 (.852) since 1980 in games that it rushes for 150 or more yards. Since 1990, the record is 79-10-1 (.883) and under Cater it is 89-16-1 (.844).

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 113-16-1 (.873) when holding teams to less than 100 yards. Since 1990, Shepherd is 78-11 (.876) in such games and 86-14 (.860) under Cater.



RADIO AND WEB RADIO COVERAGE:

The Ram Sports Radio Network will once again bring the action of the 2007 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.

SCORING SUMMARY & STATISTICS FROM MILLERSVILLE GAME

Millersville	0	0	0	7 -	7
Shepherd	12	7	10	7 -	36

SU - Riggs 10 yd run (Sheehan kick failed)
 SU - Wallace 3 yd run (Sheehan kick failed)
 SU - Riggs 4 yd run (Beverage kick)
 SU - Beverage 33 yd FG
 SU - Wallace 2 yd run (Beverage kick)
 SU - Riggs 9 yd run (Beverage kick)
 MU - Cotton 57 punt return (Banzhof kick)

MU		SU
5	First Downs	24
38-77	Rushes-Yards	49-294
11	Passing Yards	115
2-8-22-0-1	Passes	13-20-115-0-1
46-88	Plays-Total Off.	69-409
144	Return Yards	56
7/39.1	Punts/Av.	3/26.3
3-1	Fumbles-Lost	2-1
10-80	Penalties-Yards	4-30
26:34	Time of Possession	33:26

Rushing: MU Lantz 11-41-0, Smith 14-12-0, Jacks 9-3-0, Tischbein 1-0-0, Shirk 1-(-2)-0, Eggleton 1-(-6)-0. SU Wallace 24-195-2, Riggs 16-79-3, Lazear 4-6-0, Janey 1-(-1)-0.

Passing: MU Smith 2-6-11-0-1, Shirk 0-1-0-0-0, Tischbein 0-1-0-0-0. SU Lazear 12-17-104-0-0, Zirkle 1-3-11-0-1.

Receiving: MU Tischbein 1-6-0, Eggleton 1-5-0. SU Springirth 4-49-0, Tremel 2-18-0, Wallace 2-16-0, Sheehan 1-10-0, Lavin 1-8-0, Riggs 1-7-0, Muhammad 1-5-0, Humphries 1-2-0.

AMONG THE RANKS

The Rams are ranked 9th in the AFCA NCAA Division II Football Poll for August 28. The Rams are ranked eighth by D2Football.com.

THE GREAT VALLEY CLASSIC

The Shepherd-Shippensburg rivalry enters its 10th year as the Great Valley Classic. The tradition began in 1998 with Shippensburg gaining a 34-16 win in that contest. Shepherd holds a 5-4 lead in the classic series.

MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

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Diminutive senior running back **Dervon Wallace** rushed 24 times for 195 yards and a pair of touchdowns in Shepherd's 36-7 win over Millersville. Wallace is listed below on various charts.

Wallace's 100-Yard Rushing Games

Name	Opponent	Att.-Yds.-TD	Date
Dervon Wallace	Shippensburg	20-105-2	9-3-05
Dervon Wallace	Glenville	18-157-3	9-17-05
Dervon Wallace	WVU Tech	22-176-2	10-1-05
Dervon Wallace	Charleston	26-179-3	10-8-05
Dervon Wallace	Concord	24-130-4	10-15-05
Dervon Wallace	WV Wesleyan	19-141-3	10-22-05
Dervon Wallace	West Liberty	29-159-1	10-29-05
Dervon Wallace	WV State	19-108-2	11-5-05
Dervon Wallace	Millersville	23-145-1	8-26-06
Dervon Wallace	C.W. Post	27-196-3	9-16-06
Dervon Wallace	Glenville	23-194-3	9-23-06
Dervon Wallace	Charleston	20-143-1	10-14-06
Dervon Wallace	Concord	18-107-3	10-21-06
Dervon Wallace	Merrimack	21-102-1	11-25-06
Dervon Wallace	Millersville	24-195-2	8-25-07

Wallace's Career Statistics

Year	G/GS	Ru-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2005	12/7	245-1,389	5.7	26	52
2006	12/12	236-1,300	5.5	17	54
2007	1/1	24-195	8.1	2	50
Totals	25/20	505-2,884	5.7	45	54

Career 100-Yard Rushing Games

No.	Name	Yrs.	Games Over 100
1.	Damian Beane	4	37
2.	Bill Adams	4	21
3.	Alex Herbert	4	16
4T.	Dervon Wallace	Active	15
	Anthony Crenshaw	2	15

Career Rushing Yards

No.	Name	Yrs.	Last Yr.	Carries	Yards	Avg.
1.	Damian Beane	4	1999	1,150	6,768	5.8
2.	Bill Adams	4	1993	1,042	4,367	4.2
3.	Alex Herbert	4	2004	663	3,447	5.2
4.	Gregg Warfield	4	1978	936	3,244	3.5
5.	Dervon Wallace	3	Active	505	2,884	5.7
6.	Travis Lynch	4+	2003	526	2,532	4.8

Career Rushing Touchdowns

No.	Name	Yrs.	Last Yr.	Yards	TDs
1.	Damian Beane	4	1999	6,768	*60
2.	Dervon Wallace	2	Active	2,884	45
3.	Alex Herbert	4	2004	3,447	43
4.	Bill Adams	4	1993	4,367	39
5.	Gregg Warfield	4	1978	3,244	37

Career Rushing Average

No.	Name	Yrs.	Carries	Yards	Avg.
1.	Dalevon Smith	2	295	2,165	7.33
2.	Ken Russell	3	129	817	6.33
3.	Anthony Crenshaw	2	404	2,395	5.93
4.	Damian Beane	4	1,150	6,768	5.88
5.	Dervon Wallace	3	505	2,884	5.71

New Man at the Helm

Junior quarterback **Tyler Lazear** completed 12-of-17 passes for 104 yards in the win over Millersville.

My Turn

Sophomore **Layton Hersh** recorded his first career interception against Millersville in his first start at free safety for the Rams.

Just for Kicks

Junior **Bryan Beverage** nailed a 33-yard field goal in his only attempt and was a perfect 2-for-2 in extra points in his kicking debut for the Rams against the Marauders.

Closing in on Milestone

Senior **Mark Springirth** led the Ram receivers with four receptions for 49 yards against Millersville. Springirth has 77 receptions for 976 yards and nine touchdowns over his career. He needs just 24 receiving yards to reach 1,000 receiving yards for his career.

Springirth's Career 100-Yard Receiving Games

Name	Opponent	Att.-Yards	Date
Mark Springirth	Shippensburg	6-122	9-3-05
Mark Springirth	West Liberty	8-109	11-4-06
Mark Springirth	WV State	6-131	11-11-06

Weekly Honors

Senior running back **Dervon Wallace** earned WVIAC Co-Offensive Player of the Week honors for his play against Millersville. he shared the accolades with Glenville State running back Jerry Seymour.

Back-to-Back Webcasts

The NCAA and College Sports Television (CSTV) announced that a pair of Shepherd games will that will be broadcast live over the internet by CSTV. The Shepherd-Shippensburg game and the Shepherd-Glenville State game on September 15 will also get national broadband exposure. The webcasts will be accessible using the link: www.cstv.com.ncaa/diviii/

On This Date

The Rams have played three games in their history in September 1, with a 1-2 mark, including a 1-0 mark at home. Shepherd's all-time results on this date:

Year	Opponent	W/L	Score
1984	@ Towson State	L	13-23
1990	@ Edinboro	L	6-48
2001	Shippensburg	W	28-25

