

SHEPHERD (1-1) vs. FAIRMONT STATE (0-2)

DUVALL-ROSIER FIELD • FAIRMONT, WV

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SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. -- Michael Gagne nailed a 42-yard field goal with 7:31 left in the contest to lift Bowie State to a 23-21 win over Shepherd University in football action at Bulldogs Stadium last Saturday.

Bowie State took a 7-0 at when James Proctor took the opening kickoff 98 yards for a score.

Shepherd got on the scoreboard with 11:02 left in the first quarter when an errant snap on a Bowie State punt went out of the end zone.

The Rams took a 9-7 lead with 1:58 left in the first quarter when junior quarterback **Kevin Clancy (Westminster, MD/Westminster)** teamed with and senior wide receiver **Raymond Mends (Leesburg, VA/Park View)** on a one-yard scoring toss to cap a nine-play, 66-yard drive. Sophomore kicker **Eric Dobratz (Woodbridge, VA/Potomac)** added the extra point.

Bowie State retook the lead at 13-9 when quarterback Andre Johnson scored on a one-yard plunge with 8:05 remaining in the second quarter as the Bulldogs drove 78 yards in 16 plays. A two-point pass attempt by Gagne failed after an errant snap.

Bowie State took a 20-9 advantage into the break when running back Rodney Webb rambled 17 yards for a score with 2:38 remaining in the half. The score was set up by a Shepherd fumble.

Clancy teamed with sophomore running back **Tommy Addison (Germantown, MD/ Quince Orchard)** on a 42-yard scoring play to cut the lead to 20-15 with 10:03 left in the third quarter. Dobratz missed the extra point attempt.

Shepherd took a 21-20 lead when Clancy connected with senior wide receiver **Nasser Muhammad (Silver Spring, MD/Sidwell Friends)** on a 65-yard scoring strike with 1:03 left in the third quarter. The two-point conversion pass attempt fell incomplete.

Bowie State took a 23-21 lead on a 42-yard field goal by Michael Gagne with 7:31 left in the fourth quarter.

Delano Johnson picked off a Kevin Clancy pass with 29 seconds left to seal the victory.

Clancy completed 13-of-28 passes for 199 yards and three scores. Johnson connected on 1-of-18 passes for 115 yards for the Bulldogs.

Webb led all rushers with 105 yards on 23 carries. Junior running back **Jimmy Sutch (Hagerstown, MD/St. James)** led the Rams with 22 yards on nine carries.

Muhammad had four receptions for 58 yards and Mends had three catches for 86 yards to pace the Ram receivers.

Senior defensive end **T.J. Taylor (Frederick, MD/Frederick)**, junior defensive end **Will Wheeler (Chantilly, VA/Westfield)**, and junior linebacker **Brian Taylor (Elkridge, MD/Long Reach)** tied for game-high tackling honors with seven stops each. Junior outside linebacker **Ben Minturn (Gaithersburg, MD/Damascus)** and sophomore linebacker **Jon Schwartz (Annapolis, MD/Annapolis)** added six tackles apiece.

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)** 156-77-1 (.668)
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/RESULTS

August

29 Shippensburg..... W 34-23

September

5 @ Bowie State L 21-23

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 FAIRMONT STATE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

August

27 Clarion L 21-33

September

5 @ Lake Erie (OT)..... L 24-27

12 Shepherd * 1 p.m.

17 Glenville * 7 p.m.

26 @ West Liberty * 1 p.m.

October

3 @ Charleston * 1 p.m.

10 UNC Pembroke 3 p.m.

17 @ WV Wesleyan * 1 p.m.

24 @ Seton Hill * 1 p.m.

31 Concord * 1 p.m.

November

7 @ WV State * 1 p.m.

* WVIAC 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 two games this season:

Third Down Conversions by SU/Foes: 10/24 (42 %)/18/37 (49 %)
Shepherd Avg. Time of Possession/Foes: 22:21/37:39
Penalties-Yards by SU/Foes: 12-117/18-196
First Downs by Rush-Pass by SU/Foes: 9-11/15-20

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 119-100-26 (.538) all-time in games decided by seven points or less. Shepherd has a 37-25-1 (.595) record since 1990 and a 41-34-1 (.546) 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-BOWIE STATE GAME SCORING SUMMARY & STATISTICS

Shepherd	9	0	12	0	-	21
Bowie State	7	13	0	3	-	23

BSU - Proctor 98 yd KO return (Gagne kick)
 SU - TEAM Safety
 SU - Mends 1 yd pass from Clancy (Dobratz kick)
 BSU - Johnson 1 yd run (Gagne pass failed)
 BSU - Webb 17 yd run (Gagne kick)
 SU - Addison 42 yd pass from Clancy (Dobratz kick failed)
 SU - Muhammad 65 yd pass from Clancy (Clancy pass failed)
 BSU - Gagne 42 yd FG

SU		BSU
13	First Downs	17
22-44	Rushes-Yards	48-138
199	Passing Yards	174
13-28-2	Passes	14-23-0
50-243	Plays-Total Off.	71-312
195	Return Yards	178
7/37.0	Punts/Avg	7/37.3
2-1	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
3-12	Penalties-Yards	14-161
20:29	Time of Possession	39:31

Rushing: SU Sutch 9-22-0, Addison 10-20-0, Clancy 3-2-0. **BSU** Webb 23-105-1, Johnson 13-53-1, Flowers 3-7-0, Jones 2-4-0, Callahan 2-4-0, Dixon 1-(-4)-0, Budd 1-(-8)-0, TEAM 2-(-11)-0, Reid 1-(-12)-0.

Passing: SU Clancy 13-28-199-3-2. **BSU** Johnson 11-18-115-0-0, Reid 3-5-59-0-0.

Receiving: SU Mends 4-58-1, Muhammad 3-86-1, Lowe 2-20-0, Addison 1-42-1, McClain 1-4-0, Sutch 1-(-1)-0, Mazyck (1-(-10)-0). **BSU** Dixon 3-73-0, Proctor 3-30-0, Budd 3-21-0, Webb 2-12-0, Clair 1-20-0, 1-15-0, 1-3-0.

ON THIS DATE

The Rams have played four games in their history on September 12 with a 2-2 overall mark, including a 2-1 mark on the road. Shepherd's all-time results on this date:

Year	Opponent	W/L	Score
1970	@ Frostburg State	L	10-14
1981	@ Frostburg State	W	17-7
1992	Millersville	L	9-17
1998	@ East Stroudsburg	W	36-6

MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

ON THE RUN

Junior running back **Jimmy Sutch** was the leading rusher for the Rams against Bowie State with 22 yards on 11 carries.

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	2/2	23-67	2.9	0	11
Totals	21/12	269-1,267	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** is tied with Raymond Mends for the team lead in scoring with three touchdowns this year for 18 points.

ADDISON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Ru-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2008	3/0	30-184	6.1	2	30
2009	2/0	24-176	7.3	2	84
Totals	5/0	54-360	6.7	4	84

ADDISON'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushing yards 156 vs. Shippensburg (8-29-09)
 Carries 19 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)

MAN OF STEELE

Junior cornerback/return specialist **Deante Steele** had 168 all-purpose yards in Shepherd's loss to Bowie State.

STEELE'S RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

62-yard INT return vs. Shippensburg 8-29-09
 85-yard KO return vs. WV State 11-1-08
 60-yard punt return vs. WV State 11-1-08
 21-yard INT return vs. WV State 11-1-08
 91-yard KO return vs. Concord 10-11-08
 95-yard punt return vs. Charleston 10-4-08
 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	2/2	5-42	8.4	0	14
Totals	22/21	42-678	16.1	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	2/2	6-134	22.3	0	57
Totals	22/21	43-1082	25.16	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	2/2	7	2	9	2-90	3
Totals	22/13	52	23	75	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
2009	2/1	3-86	28.7	1	65
Totals	24/6	50-679	13.58	6	65

RECEIVING LEADER

Senior wide receiver **Raymond Mends** leads the Rams in receptions (7) receiving yards (220) and touchdown receptions (3). He ties **Tommy Addison** for the team lead in scoring with 18 points.

MENDS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Rec.-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2006	6/0	no stats			
2007	9/0	4-70	17.5	1	37
2008	9/5	25-364	14.6	2	62
2009	2/2	7-220	31.4	3	78
Totals	26/7	36-654	18.2	6	78

MENDS' 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Opponent	Rec.-Yards (Date)
Shippensburg	3-162 (8-29-09)
Glenville State	4-121 (9-13-08)

SHEPHERD-FAIRMONT STATE ALL-TIME SERIES RESULTS

Date	Winner	Score
11-1-29	Fairmont	6-0
10-17-30	Shepherd	3-0
11-14-31	Fairmont	31-0
11-12-32	Fairmont	19-18
9-30-33	Fairmont	25-0
10-26-34	Fairmont	20-0
10-25-35	Fairmont	20-12
10-24-36	Fairmont	14-13
10-23-37	Tie	0-0
10-22-38	Tie	0-0
10-21-39	Fairmont	20-0
10-19-40	Shepherd	7-6
10-18-41	Fairmont	20-0
11-9-46	Fairmont	21-7
11-7-47	Fairmont	33-13
11-6-48	Tie	7-7
11-4-49	Shepherd	18-0
11-4-50	Shepherd	7-0
9-18-54	Shepherd	14-6
9-17-55	Shepherd	26-6
9-15-56	Fairmont	2-0
9-21-57	Fairmont	15-14
9-20-58	Tie	7-7
9-19-59	Fairmont	12-6
9-17-60	Fairmont	14-13
9-16-61	Fairmont	27-13
9-15-62	Tie	13-13
9-14-63	Shepherd	26-19
9-19-64	Fairmont	7-0
9-18-65	Fairmont	40-16
9-17-66	Fairmont	45-7
8-31-74	Fairmont	7-0
8-30-75	Fairmont	26-7
10-30-76	Shepherd	10-7
10-29-77	Shepherd	31-24
11-4-78	Fairmont	35-7
11-3-79	Fairmont	40-13
11-8-80	Tie	20-20
11-7-81	Fairmont	36-23
11-6-82	Shepherd	35-3
11-5-83	Shepherd	28-6
11-3-84	Shepherd	48-25
10-26-85	Fairmont	47-17
10-25-86	Shepherd	3-0
10-24-87	Fairmont	30-14
10-22-88	Fairmont	10-3
10-21-89	Fairmont	23-22
10-20-90	Tie	7-7
11-9-91	Shepherd	33-16
11-7-92	Shepherd	24-14
10-30-93	Shepherd	21-15
10-29-94	Shepherd	26-9
10-21-95	Fairmont	36-29
10-26-96	Fairmont	27-26
10-27-97	Shepherd	39-27
10-24-98	Shepherd	24-10
10-16-99	Shepherd	42-7
10-14-00	Fairmont	25-23
10-6-01	Shepherd (OT)	30-24
10-12-02	Shepherd	27-7
10-4-03	Shepherd	28-0
9-25-04	Shepherd	40-24
9-24-05	Shepherd	14-11
9-30-06	Shepherd	20-0

9-22-07	Shepherd	31-10
2008	Fairmont	46-42

Fairmont leads the all-time series 32-27-7

SERIES NOTES

Below are a few notes on the series between the Rams and Fighting Falcons. Fairmont won the first meeting in 1929 with a 6-0 victory. Shepherd earned its first win in the series in 1930 with a 3-0 triumph.

Longest Fairmont win streak: 6 games (1931-36)

Longest Shepherd win streak: 7 games (2001-07)

Last 10 meetings: Shepherd leads, 8-2

SHEPHERD'S RECORD IN 2009 WHEN...

At home	1-0
On the road	0-1
Leading after 1st quarter	1-1
Trailing after 1st quarter	0-0
Tied after 1st quarter	0-0
Leading at the half	0-0
Trailing at the half	1-1
Tied at the half	0-0
Leading after 3rd quarter	1-1
Trailing after 3rd quarter	0-0
Tied after 3rd quarter	0-0
Game decided by seven pts. or less	0-1
Game decided by three pts. or less	0-1
Scoring 24 points or more	1-0
Allowing 14 points or less	0-0
Scoring first	0-0
Opponents score first	1-1
Positive TO ratio	1-0
Negative TO ratio	0-1
Turnovers even	0-0
300 yds. or more total offense	1-0
Less than 300 yds. total offense	0-1
Opp. < 300 yds. total offense	0-0
Opp. > 300 yds. total offense	1-1
Rushing for 150+ yards	1-0
Allowing <100 yds. rushing	0-0
An SU player rushes for 100 yards or more	1-0
An opponent player rushes for 100 yards or more	0-1
In August	1-0
In September	0-1
In October	0-0
In November	0-0