

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

RAM STADIUM • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008 • 1 P.M.

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. -- Shepherd University held off Bowie State for a 14-0 win in the home opener for the Rams in football action Ram Stadium last Saturday afternoon. Both teams combined for only 280 yards of total offense as the game was played a constant downpour.

Shepherd took 7-0 lead with 10:29 left in the first quarter when senior quarterback Tyler Lazear (Bethesda, MD/Walt Whitman) found senior tight end Ryan Lavin (Centreville, VA/Westfield) in the back of the end zone for an eight-yard scoring pass to cap a seven-play, 53-yard drive. Freshman kicker Eric Dobratz (Woodbridge, VA/Potomac) added the extra point.

Both defenses dominated play with the Bulldogs limiting Shepherd to only 69 rushing yards, while the Rams held Bowie State to 64 yards on the ground.

Shepherd finally sealed the win with 6:37 left in the fourth quarter when and redshirt-freshman running A.J. Brown (Dunkirk, MD/Northern) dashed into the end zone from 10 yards out after the Rams took possession at the Bowie State 10 yard-line after an errant snap on a would-be punt by the Bulldogs. Junior free safety Layton Hersh (Taneytown, MD/Francis Scott Key) tackled Bowie State punter Michael Gagne after the bad snap.

Lazear completed 10-of-21 passes for 88 yards and a score for the Rams, while Jason Scott connected on 12-of-33 passes for 59 yards for Bowie State.

Junior wide receiver Nasser Muhammad (Silver Spring, MD/Sidwell Friends) led the Rams with three receptions for 35 yards, while Lavin had three catches for 28 yards.

Sophomore running back Jimmy Sutch (Hagerstown, MD/St. James) led the Ram rushing attack with 77 yards on 23 carries. Brown added 37 yards on eight carries.

Isaac Redman rushed for 71 yards on 14 carries to pace the Bulldogs.

Sterling Grant-Jones recorded a game-high 11 tackles with six solos and a pair of tackles-for-loss to pace the Bulldog defense. Matthew Rogers added seven stops with four solos.

Senior linebacker Jacquez Taylor (Gaithersburg, MD/Quince Orchard) led the Rams with eight tackles, including four solos and three tackles-for-loss. Senior linebacker Louis Corum (Manassas, VA/Westfield) added seven stops.

The Shepherd secondary got key interceptions from sophomore cornerback Deante Steele (Woodbridge, VA/Potomac) and senior cornerback Taros Harris (Chesapeake Beach, MD/Calvert).

A REIGN OF EXCELLENCE

Head Coach Monte Cater is now in his 22nd 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 21 seasons. In that time the Rams have made two trips to the NAIA Playoffs (1991, 1992) and five trips to the NCAA II Playoffs (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) 152-71-1 (.679)
2. Deacon Duvall (FSC) 125-42-3 (.744)
3. Joe Bartell (WL) 118-55-11 (.671)
4. Bill Struble (WVW) 109-135-0 (.446)
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)

2008 SHEPHERD SCHEDULE/RESULTS

August

30 @ Shippensburg W 20-16

September

6 Bowie State W 14-0

13 Glenville * 1 p.m.

20 Fairmont * 1 p.m.

27 @ Seton Hill * 4 p.m.

October

4 @ Charleston * 1 p.m.

11 Concord * 1 p.m.

18 WV Wesleyan * ^ 1 p.m.

25 @ West Liberty * 1 p.m.

November

1 @ WV State * 1 p.m.

* WVIAC Games

^ Homecoming

Home Games in Bold

2008 GLENVILLE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

August

28 @ Lock Haven W 30-0

September

6 @ Liberty L 27-44

13 @ Shepherd * 1:00 p.m.

20 Seton Hill * 1:00 p.m.

25 Fairmont 7:00 p.m.

October

4 @ Lake Erie 1:00 p.m.

11 @ West Liberty * 1:00 p.m.

18 @ Concord * 6:00 p.m.

25 WV State * 1:30 p.m.

November

1 @ WV Wesleyan * 1:00 p.m.

8 Charleston * 1:00 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: 10/31 (32 %)/5/28 (18 %)
Shepherd Avg. Time of Possession/Foes: 33:56/26:04
Penalties-Yards by SU/Foes: 11-111/16-160
First Downs by Rush-Pass by SU/Foes: 10-15/8-11

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 231-10 (.958) all-time record when reaching the magical 24-point mark. Included in that record is a 104-7 (.937) record since 1990 and a 110-9 (.924) mark under Cater.

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The Rams sport a 342-75-26 (.801) all-time record when holding the opposition to 14 points or less. Currently, Shepherd has won 68 of its last 69 games when holding the opposition to 14 or less and owns a 90-3-1 (.963) record since 1990 when turning the trick. Shepherd is 101-7-1 (.931) under Cater in such games.

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Shepherd is 119-93-26 (.554) all-time in games decided by seven points or less. Shepherd has a 37-21-1 (.635) record since 1990 and a 41-30-1 (.576) 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 141-23-2 (.855) since 1980 in games that it rushes for 150 or more yards. Since 1990, the record is 89-11-1 (.886) and under Cater it is 99-17-1 (.850).

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 119-16-1 (.878) when holding teams to less than 100 yards. Since 1990, Shepherd is 84-11 (.884) in such games and 92-14 (.868) under Cater.



RADIO AND WEB RADIO COVERAGE:

The Ram Sports Radio Network will once again bring the action of the 2008 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 BOWIE STATE GAME

Bowie State	0	0	0	0-	0
Shepherd	7	0	0	7-	14

SU - Lavin 8 yd pass from Lazear (Dobratz kick)
 SHEP - Brown 10 yd run (Dobratz kick)

BSU		SU
9	First Downs	13
64	Rushes-Yards	69
59	Passing Yards	88
12-33-59-0-2	Passes	10-21-88-1-0
58-123	Plays-Total Off.	63-157
68	Return Yards	32
5/32.4	Punts / Av.	7/28.1
4-3	Fumbles-Lost	3-2
8-83	Penalties-Yards	6-61
25:51	Time of Possession	34:09

Rushing: BSU Redman 14-71-0, Scott 8-25-0, Johnson 2-(-5)-0. TEAM 1-(-27)-0. SU Sutch 23-77-0, Brown 8-37-1, Team2- (-19)-0, Lazear 9-(-26)-0.
Passing: BSU Scott 12-33-59-0-2. SU Lazear 10-21-88-1-0.
Receiving: BSU Budd 4-29-0, Redman 4-5-0, Howe 1-10-0, Green 1-8-0, Martin 1-5-0, McDonald 1-2-0. SU Muhammad 3-35-0, Lavin 3-28-1, Mends 2-27-0, Hardie 1-(-1)-0, Brown 1-(-1)-0.

AMONG THE RANKS

The Rams moved up to 10th in the latest AFCA NCAA Division II Football Poll for September 9. The Rams are ranked 11th by D2Football.com.

REMEMBER ME?

Shepherd senior linebacker **Jacquez Taylor** was a first team All-WVIAC performer for Glenville State in 2005-06. Pioneer running back **Jared Dearing** started his career with the Rams in 2004.

