

SHEPHERD (2-1, 0-1) vs. FAIRMONT (2-1, 0-1) RAM STADIUM • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2008 • 1 P.M.

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. -- Jerry Seymour rushed 25 times for 212 yards and three touchdowns to lead Glenville State to a 21-14 upset win over 10th-ranked Shepherd University in WVIAC football action at Ram Stadium last Saturday. The Pioneers handed Shepherd its first regular season home loss since the Rams dropped a 30-27 decision to Slippery Rock on September 11, 2004.

Glenville took 7-0 lead with 8:18 left in the first quarter when Seymour scored on a 25-yard run and Alex Amick the extra point.

Seymour added a 12-yard scoring run with 1:19 left in the first quarter to cap a nine-play, 83-yard drive and up the Pioneer lead to 14-0 going into the break.

Seymour added his third score of the day on a 46-yard run to give the Pioneers a 21-0 lead with 12:22 left in the third quarter.

The Rams got on the scoreboard with 6:28 left in the third quarter when freshman running back **Michael Johnson (Indian Head, MD/Lackey)** scored his first collegiate touchdown on a two-yard plunge. Sophomore kicker **David Canada (Frederick, MD/Frederick)** added the extra point.

Sophomore wide receiver **Raymond Mends (Leesburg, VA/Park View)** took a pass from senior quarterback **Tyler Lazear (Bethesda, MD/Walt Whitman)** and raced 62 yards for a score cut the lead to 21-14 with 2:56 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Glenville recovered Shepherd's onside kick attempt and ran the clock down to 17 seconds when a quick kick punt by quarterback **James McCants** gave the Rams possession at their own 26-yard line.

Lazear connected on a short pass with senior tight end **Ryan Lavin (Centreville, VA/Westfield)**, who lateraled to sophomore wide receiver **Nikkolai Norrell (Richmond, VA/Hermitage)**. Norrell advanced to the Shepherd 34-yard line before being brought down by AD Hale on the game's last play.

Lazear completed 17-of-25 passes for a career-high 292 yards for the Rams. McCants was 10-of-20 for 98 yards for the Pioneers.

Mends led all receivers with four catches for a career-high 121 yards. Norrell added three grabs for 94 yards.

Sophomore running back **Jimmy Sutch (Hagerstown, MD/St. James)** led the Ram rushing attack with 21 yards on 12 carries. Johnson added 20 yards on six attempts.

Senior linebacker **Jacquez Taylor (Gaithersburg, MD/Quince Orchard)** led the Ram defense with a game-high 15 tackles, including 11 solos and three tackles-for-loss. Terrell Parker had six stops (three solo) with a pair of tackles-for loss to top the Glenville defense.

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)** 152-72-1 (.677)
2. Deacon Duvall (FSC) 125-42-3 (.744)
3. Joe Bartell (WL) 118-55-11 (.671)
4. Bill Struble (WVW) 109-136-0 (.445)
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** * L 14-21

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 FAIRMONT SCHEDULE/RESULTS

August

28 @ Clarion W 23-20

September

6 **Lake Erie** W 34-21

13 **WV State** * L 20-21

20 @ *Shepherd* * 1:00 p.m.

25 @ Glenville * 7:00 p.m.

October

2 **West Liberty** * 7:30 p.m.

11 @ Charleston * 1:00 p.m.

18 @ St. Joseph's (Ind.) 1:00 p.m.

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

November

1 **Seton Hill** * 1:00 p.m.

8 @ Concord * 6:00 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 three games this season:

Third Down Conversions by SU/Foes: 12/41 (29%) / 11/42 (26%)
Shepherd Avg. Time of Possession/Foes: 32:28 / 27:32
Penalties-Yards by SU/Foes: 17-181 / 26-233
First Downs by Rush-Pass by SU/Foes: 14-23 / 21-17

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 119-94-26 (.552) all-time in games decided by seven points or less. Shepherd has a 37-22-1 (.625) record since 1990 and a 41-31-1 (.568) 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.

ON THE RUN

Sophomore running back **Jimmy Sutch** rushed 12 times for 21 yards against Glenville State. Sutch is averaging 99.7 yards per game through three games this season.

SUTCH'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Ru-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2007	9/0	56-315	5.6	5	32
2008	3/3	61-299	4.9	2	78
Totals	12/3	117-614	5.3	7	78

SUTCH'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushing yards 201 vs. Shippensburg (8-30-08)
 Carries 26 vs. Shippensburg (8-30-08)
 Rushing TDs 3 vs. Indiana (Pa.) (11-24-07)

SUTCH'S 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Name	Opponent	Att.-Yds.	Date
Jimmy Sutch	Shippensburg	26-201	8-30-08
Jimmy Sutch	Indiana (Pa.)	117-119	11-24-07

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 GLENVILLE STATE GAME

Glenville State	14	0	7	0-	21
Shepherd	0	0	7	7-	14

GSC - Seymour 25 yd run (Amick kick)
 GSC - Seymour 12 yd run (Amick kick)
 GSC - Seymour 46 yd run (Amick kick)
 SU - Johnson 2 yd run (Canada kick)
 SU - Mends 62 yd pass from Lazear (Canada kick)

GSC		SU
22	First Downs	15
44-242	Rushes-Yards	27-37
98	Passing Yards	292
10-21-98-1-0	Passes	17-25-292-1-0
65-340	Plays-Total Off.	52-329
71	Return Yards	92
6/34.0	Punts / Av.	6/37.0
3-0	Fumbles-Lost	2-1
10-73	Penalties-Yards	6-70
30:27	Time of Possession	29:33

Rushing: GSC Seymour 25-212-3, Dearing 11-38-0, Glenn 1-2-0, McCants 7-(-10)-0. **SU** Sutch 12-21-0, Johnson 6-20-1, Brown 2-2-0, Lazear 7-(-6)-0.

Passing: GSC McCants 10-20-98-0-0, Seymour 0-1-0-0-1. **SU** Lazear 17-25-292-1-0.

Receiving: GSC Stewart 4-41-0, Miles 3-35-0, Glenn 1-17-0, Seymour 1-7-0, Steph 1-(-2)-0. **SU** Mends 4-121-1, Norrell 3-94-0, Tremel 3-49-0. Sutch 3-14-0, Muhammad 2-10-0, Lavin 1-4-0, Brown 1-0-0.

AMONG THE RANKS

The Rams dropped to 22nd in the latest AFCA NCAA Division II Football Poll for September 16. The Rams are ranked 21st by D2Football.com.

JOHNSON SCORES IN DEBUT

Freshman running back **Michael Johnson** scored on a two-yard run in his collegiate debut against Glenville State.

