

SHEPHERD (2-1, 1-0) vs. SETON HILL (1-2, 0-1)

RAM STADIUM • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

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SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. -- Junior cornerback / return specialist **Deante Steele (Woodbridge, VA/Potomac)** ran back both a kickoff and a punt for touchdowns to lead Shepherd University to a 27-14 win over Fairmont State in WVIAC football action at Duvall-Rosier Field on Saturday. Shepherd improves to 2-1, 1-0 in WVIAC play, while Fairmont State falls to 0-3, 0-1.

The Rams took a 7-0 lead with 14:45 left in the first quarter when junior Steele returned the opening kickoff 93 yards for a score. Sophomore kicker **Eric Dobratz (Woodbridge, VA/Potomac)** added the extra point.

Shepherd increased its lead to 13-0 minutes later when Steele fielded a Fairmont punt at the 30-yard line and raced 70 yards for a touchdown. Dobratz's extra point attempt was blocked by Fairmont's **Drew Rossignol**.

Steele's standout effort earned him **WVIAC Special Teams Player of the Week** honors for the second time this season.

Fairmont State cut the lead to 13-7 when Derek Taylor connected with Stephan Johnson on a three-yard scoring pass with 4:27 left in the half.

Shepherd increased its lead to 20-7 when sophomore running back **Tommy Addison (Germantown, MD/Quince Orchard)** ran five yards for a touchdown with 9:02 left in the third quarter.

The Rams upped the lead to 27-7 minutes later when junior quarterback **Kevin Clancy (Westminster, MD/Westminster)** teamed with sophomore wide receiver **Neal Hardie (Alexandria, VA/West Potomac)** on a 66-yard scoring strike.

The Falcons answered back on the last play of the third quarter when Taylor teamed with Derek Sevier on a 31-yard scoring pass to cut the deficit to 27-14 and complete the scoring.

Clancy completed 8-of-11 passes for 113 yards and a score. Taylor connected on 11-of-25 passes for 164 yards and a pair of scores for the Falcons.

Addison led all rushers with 105 yards on 18 carries. Junior running back **Jimmy Sutch (Hagerstown, MD/St. James)** added 91 yards on 21 attempts. Doug Brazill ran 10 times for 65 yards to lead Fairmont State.

Hardie had two catches for 73 yards to lead Shepherd. Fairmont's Perry Baker led all receivers with four receptions for 91 yards.

Junior linebacker **Brian Taylor (Elkridge, MD/Long Reach)** had a team-high seven tackles to pace the Ram defense. Nate Black had eight tackles to pace the Falcons.

Junior punter **Matt Martin (Martinsburg, WV/Martinsburg)** turned in a solid performance with four punts for a 45-yard average. All of his punts were downed inside the 20-yard line and his longest punt was 51 yards.

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)** 157-77-1 (.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 * W 27-14

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 SETON HILL SCHEDULE/RESULTS

August

29 Virginia Wise W 34-27

September

5 @ Ohio Dominican L 21-44

12 Glenville * L 37-47

19 @ Shepherd * 1:00

26 WV Wesleyan * 6:00

October

3 @ WV State * 1:30

10 Charleston * 6:00

17 @ Concord * 4:00

24 Fairmont * 3:00

31 @ West Liberty * 1:00

November

7 Urbana 3:00

* 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: 14/35 (40 %) / 22/52 (42 %)
Shepherd Avg. Time of Possession/Foes: 24:44 / 35:15
Penalties-Yards by SU/Foes: 19-186 / 27-282
First Downs by Rush-Pass by SU/Foes: 19-14 / 22-25

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 236-12 (.951) all-time record when reaching the magical 24-point mark. Included in that record is a 109-9 (.923) record since 1990 and a 115-11 (.912) mark under Cater.

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The Rams sport a 346-75-26 (.803) all-time record when holding the opposition to 14 points or less. Currently, Shepherd has won 72 of its last 73 games when holding the opposition to 14 or less and owns a 94-3-1 (.964) record since 1990 when turning the trick. Shepherd is 105-7-1 (.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 145-23-2 (.858) since 1980 in games that it rushes for 150 or more yards. Since 1990, the record is 94-11-1 (.891) and under Cater it is 104-17-1 (.856).

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-FAIRMONT STATE GAME SCORING SUMMARY & STATISTICS

Shepherd	13	0	14	0	-	27
Fairmont State ..	0	7	7	0	-	14

SU - Steele 93 yd kickoff return (Dobratz kick)
 SU - Steele 70 yd punt return (Dobratz kick blocked)
 FSU - Johnson 3 yd pass from Taylor (Ashley kick)
 SU - Addison 5 yd run (Dobratz kick)
 SU - Hardie 66 yd pass from Clancy (Dobratz kick)
 FSU - Sevier 31 yd pass from Taylor (Ashley kick)

SU		FSU
15	First Downs	14
44-192	Rushes-Yards	38-153
113	Passing Yards	164
8-11-1	Passes	11-25-1
55-305	Plays-Total Off.	63-317
227	Return Yards	107
4 / 45.0	Punts / Avg	7 / 39.1
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
7-69	Penalties-Yards	9-86
29:29	Time of Possession	30:28

Rushing: SU Addison 18-105-1, Sutch 21-91-0, Clancy 3-0-0, TEAM 2-(-4)-0. FSU Brazill 10-65-0, Victorio 9-44-0, Bakare 2-27-0, Taylor 6-17-0, Reed 1-0-0.

Passing: SU Clancy 8-11-113-1-1. FSU Taylor 11-25-164-2-1.

Receiving: SU Hardie 2-73-1, Addison 1-13-0, Mends 1-8-0, Muhammad 1-7-0, Sutch 1-6-0, Humphries 1-6-0, McClain 1-0-0. FSU Baker 4-19-0, Johnson 2-6-1, Sevier 1-31-1, Smothers 1-15-0, Brazill 1-8-0, Reed 1-7-0, Hawthorne 1-6-0.

ON THIS DATE

The Rams have played eight games in their history on September 19 with a 3-5 overall mark, including a 2-2 mark at home. Shepherd's all-time results on this date:

Year	Opponent	W/L	Score
1953	@ Washington & Lee	L	0-47
1959	@ Fairmont	L	6-12
1964	Fairmont	L	0-7
1970	@ Glenville	L	0-21
1981	WV Tech	W	16-10
1987	Glenville	L	7-24
1992	@ Glenville	W	23-20
1998	Clarion	W	27-20

MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

ON THE RUN

Junior running back **Jimmy Sutch** rushed for 91 yards on 21 carries in Shepherd's win over Fairmont State.

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	3/3	44-158	3.6	0	11
Totals	22/13	290-1,358	4.6	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** leads the team in scoring with four touchdowns this year for 24 points.

ADDISON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Ru-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2008	3/0	30-184	6.1	2	30
2009	3/0	42-281	6.7	3	84
Totals	6/0	72-465	6.4	5	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)
Fairmont	18-105 (9-12-09)
Shippensburg	14-156 (8-29-09)
WV State	19-127 (11-1-08)

MAN OF STEELE

Junior cornerback/return specialist **Deante Steele** earned WVIAC **Defensive Player of the Week** honors for the second time this season after scoring on a kickoff return of 90 yards for a score and a 70-yard punt return. His three kickoff return touchdowns set a new Shepherd career mark.

STEELE'S RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

70-yard punt return vs. Fairmont State 9-12-09
 93-yard KO return vs. Fairmont State 9-12-09
 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	3/3	8-143	17.9	1	70
Totals	23/22	45-779	17.3	4	*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	3/3	7-227	32.4	1	93
Totals	23/22	44-1,175	26.7	*3	93

* school record

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	3/2	9	5	14	2-90	3
Totals	23/13	54	26	80	6-165	13

RECEIVING LEADER

Senior wide receiver **Raymond Mends** leads the Rams in receptions (8) receiving yards (228) and touchdown receptions (3).

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	3/3	8-228	28.5	3	78
Totals	27/8	37-662	17.8	6	78

MENDS' 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

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

CATCHING ON

Senior wide receiver **Nasser Muhammad** is the team's second leading receiver with a four receptions for 93 yards. He has one touchdown grab on the year.

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	3/2	4-93	23.2	1	65
Totals	25/7	51-686	13.4	6	65

OFFENSIVE CATEGORY LEADERS

Category	Name	Amount
Rushing yards	Tommy Addison	281
Rushing TDs	Tommy Addison	3
Total TDs	Tommy Addison	4
Passing Yards	Kevin Clancy	508
Passing TDs	Kevin Clancy	6
Pass Attempts	Kevin Clancy	49
Pass Completions	Kevin Clancy	28
Receiving Yards	Raymond Mends	228
Receptions	Raymond Mends	8
Receiving TDs	Raymond Mends	3

LEADING THE DEFENSE

The Ram defense has three players with 19 tackles or more. Junior inside linebacker **Brian Taylor** tops the team with 20 total tackles followed by sophomore outside linebacker **Ben Minturn** and senior free safety **Layton Hersh** with 19.

DEFENSIVE CATEGORY LEADERS

Category	Name	Amount
Total tackles	Brian Taylor	20
Solo tackles	Brian Taylor	13
Tackles-for-loss	Chris Patton	5.0
	Frank Herrera	4.0
Sacks	T. J. Taylor	2
Pass breakups	T. J. Taylor	3
	Deante Steele	3
Interceptions	Deante Steele	2

SETON HILL - SHEPHERD • BY THE NUMBERS

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30.7	Scoring Offense	27.3
39.3	Scoring Defense	20.0
247.7	Pass Offense	169.3
311.3	Pass Defense	191.3
20.3	Kickoff Return Avg.	25.7
37.4	Net Punting	34.4
149.0	Rushing Offense	140.7
173.3	Rushing Defense	134.7
396.7	Total Offense	310.0
484.7	Total Defense	326.0
20.0	Punt Returns	14.7
182.8	Pass Efficiency	164.2
74	First Downs	41
86	Opponent First Downs	53
5	Sacks By	4
95.0	Penalty Yard Avg.	62.0
85.3	Opponent Penalty Yards	94.0
2-3	Fourth Down Conv.	1-2
5-7	Opp. Fourth Down Conv.	1-5
71.4	Red Zone Offense Pct.	50.0
93.3	Red Zone Defense Pct.	77.8
40.0	Third Down Conv.	54.5
45.9	Opp. Third Down Conv.	42.3
11	Sacks Against	5
.333	Field Goal Pct.	.000
11-12	PAT Kicking	8-11
28:49	Time of Possession	24.43
35.9	Kickoff Coverage	32.6

SHEPHERD-SETON HILL ALL-TIME SERIES RESULTS

Date	Winner	Score
9-29-07	Shepherd	44-6
9-27-08	Seton Hill	24-14

The all-time series is tied 1-1

SERIES NOTES

Below are a few notes on the series between the Rams and Griffins. Shepherd won the first meeting in 2007 with a 44-6 victory. Seton Hill returned the favor with a 24-14 win in 2008.

Longest Seton Hill win streak: 1 game (2008)

Longest Shepherd win streak: 1 game (2007)

SHEPHERD'S RECORD IN 2009 WHEN...

At home	1-0
On the road	1-1
On artificial surface	2-0
On grass	0-1
Leading after 1st quarter	2-1
Trailing after 1st quarter	0-0
Tied after 1st quarter	0-0
Leading at the half	1-0
Trailing at the half	1-1
Tied at the half	0-0
Leading after 3rd quarter	2-1
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	2-0
Allowing 14 points or less	1-0
Scoring first	1-0
Opponents score first	1-1
Positive TO ratio	1-0
Negative TO ratio	0-1
Turnovers even	1-0
300 yds. or more total offense	2-0
Less than 300 yds. total offense	0-1
Opp. < 300 yds. total offense	0-0
Opp. > 300 yds. total offense	2-1
Rushing for 150+ yards	2-0
Allowing <100 yds. rushing	0-0
An SU player rushes for 100 yards or more	2-0
An opponent player rushes for 100 yards or more	0-1
In day games	2-1
In night games	0-0
In August	1-0
In September	1-1
In October	0-0
In November	0-0