

SHEPHERD (2-2, 0-2) vs. SETON HILL (4-0, 1-0)

OFFUTT FIELD • GREENSBURG, PA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2008 • 4 P.M.

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. -- Fairmont State rallied from a 42-21 deficit in the third quarter with 25 unanswered points en route to a 46-42 win over 22nd-ranked Shepherd University in WVIAC action at Ram Stadium last Saturday. Fairmont snapped a seven-game losing skid in the series with the Rams.

Shepherd took a 7-0 lead with 10:37 left in the first quarter when senior quarterback Tyler Lazear (Bethesda, MD/Walt Whitman) connected with sophomore running back Jimmy Sutch (Hagerstown, MD/St. James) on a two-yard scoring pass.

Lazear teamed with senior tight end Ryan Lavin (Centreville, VA/Westfield) on a 19-yard scoring strike with 3:03 left in the first quarter to up the lead to 14-0.

The Rams increased their lead to 21-0 minutes later when Lazear connected on a 27-yard scoring play to senior wide receiver Craig Tremel (Lilly, PA/Penn Cambria).

The Falcons cut the lead to 21-7 when Vick Bradford tossed a 64-yard scoring pass to Perry Baker with 1:47 left in the first.

Sutch scored on a three-yard run to open the second quarter scoring.

Fairmont answered back when Bradford completed a pass to Travis Hawthorne, who fumbled at the Shepherd three-yard line. Perry Baker recovered the fumble and took it into the end zone for the score.

Former Berkeley Springs standout Cody Reed rambled 27 yards for a score with 3:59 remaining in the second quarter to cut the lead to 28-21.

The Rams took a 35-21 lead into intermission when Lazear connected with junior wide Nasser Muhammad (Silver Spring, MD/Sidwell Friends) on a 38-yard scoring play.

Freshman running back Michael Johnson (Indian Head, MD/Lackey) scored on a one-yard plunge with 11:46 left in the third quarter to give the Rams a seemingly comfortable 42-21 advantage.

Fairmont rallied with three more touchdown receptions from Baker and a 19-yard field goal from Alex Ashley to earn the win. Baker hauled in the game-winner with 3:42 remaining in the game.

The Rams had two more possessions to try and rally for the win. The first was halted by a Matt Vujaklya interception and the last ended on a pass breakup in the end zone by Charles Butler on a pass intended for Tremel on the game's final play.

Lazear established new career-highs as he completed 25-of-38 passes for 315 yards and four touchdowns for the Rams. Bradford was 14-of-23 for 238 yards and five scores for the Falcons.

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) 152-73-1 (.675)
2. Deacon Duvall (FSC) 125-42-3 (.744)
3. Joe Bartell (WL) 118-55-11 (.671)
4. Bill Struble (WVW) 110-136-0 (.447)
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 * L 42-46

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 SETON HILL SCHEDULE/RESULTS

August

30 Slippery Rock W 27-20

September

6 @ Geneva W 27-18

13 @ Walsh W 23-21

20 @ Glenville * W 34-29

27 Shepherd * 4:00

October

4 @ WV Wesleyan * 1:00

11 WV State * 6:00

18 @ Charleston * 1:00

25 Concord * 2:00

November

1 @ Fairmont * 1:00

8 West Liberty * 1:00

* 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 four games this season:

Third Down Conversions by SU/Foes: 20/56 (36 %)/18/56 (32 %)
Shepherd Avg. Time of Possession/Foes: 31:37/28:08
Penalties-Yards by SU/Foes: 21-209/38-337
First Downs by Rush-Pass by SU/Foes: 18-39/32-24

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 231-11 (.954) all-time record when reaching the magical 24-point mark. Included in that record is a 104-8 (.928) record since 1990 and a 110-10 (.917) 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 119-95-26 (.550) all-time in games decided by seven points or less. Shepherd has a 37-23-1 (.615) record since 1990 and a 41-32-1 (.561) 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 18 times for 32 yards against Glenville State. Sutch is averaging 82.8 yards per game through four 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	4/4	79-331	4.2	3	78
Totals	13/4	135-646	4.7	8	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 FAIRMONT STATE GAME

Fairmont State	7	14	10	15 -	46
Shepherd	21	14	7	0 -	42

SU - Sutch 2 yd pass from Lazear (Canada kick)
 SU - Lavin 19 yd pass from Lazear (Canada kick)
 SU - Tremel 27 yd pass from Lazear (Canada kick)
 FSU - Baker 64 yd pass from Bradford (Ashley kick)
 SU - Sutch 3 yd run (Canada kick)
 FSU - Baker 3 yd pass from Bradford (Ashley kick)
 FSU - Reed 27 yd run (Ashley kick)
 SU - Muhammad 38 yd pass from Lazear (Canada kick)
 SU - Johnson 1 yd run (Canada kick)
 FSU - Baker 6 yd pass from Bradford (Ashley kick)
 FSU - Ashley 19 yd field goal
 FSU - Baker 9 yd pass from Bradford (Bakare pass from Bradford)
 FSU - Baker 26 yd pass from Bradford (Ashley kick)

FSU		SU
19	First Downs	23
44-205	Rushes-Yards	33-91
238	Passing Yards	315
14-23-238-5-2	Passes	25-38-315-4-2
67-443	Plays-Total Off.	71-406
186	Return Yards	147
4/45.5	Punts/Av.	1/41.0
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
12-104	Penalties-Yards	4-28
29:58	Time of Possession	29:03

Rushing: FSU Bakare 24-108-0, Reed 14-87-1, Bradford 5-33-0, TEAM 1-(-23)-0. SU Sutch 18-32-1, Johnson 7-31-1, Lazear 6-17-0, Brown 1-11-0, TEAM 1-0-0.

Passing: FSU Bradford 14-23-238-5-1. SU Lazear 25-37-315-4-2, TEAM 0-1-0-0.

Receiving: FSU Baker 10-186-5, Johnson 2-28-0, Hawthorne 1-22-0, Sevier 1-2-0. SU Muhammad 6-86-1, Lavin 5-55-1, Tremel 4-79-1, Norrell 4-49-0, Sutch 3-3-1, Mends 2-22-0, Brown 1-23-0.



MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

SENIORS MOVING UP THE CHARTS

Senior tight end **Ryan Lavin** and senior wide receiver **Craig Tremel** are among the team's top receivers this season. Lavin has 11 catches for 113 yards and two touchdowns, while Tremel has 10 receptions for 177 yards and a score.

LAVIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Rec-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2005	12/1	3-23	7.7	0	16
2006	12/12	23-266	11.6	1	38
2007	12/11	23-337	14.7	4	39
2008	4/4	11-113	10.3	2	19
Totals	40/28	60-739	12.3	7	39

TREMEL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Rec-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2005	12/1	31-240	11.0	5	34
2006	12/2	30-219	7.3	2	30
2007	12/3	7-60	8.6	0	14
2008	4/3	10-177	17.7	1	34
Totals	40/9	78-696	8.9	8	34

OFFENSIVE CATEGORY LEADERS

Category	Name	Amount
Rushing Yds.	Jimmy Sutch	331
Rushing TDs	Jimmy Sutch	3
Yards per Rush	Sutch/A.J. Brown	4.2
Total TDs	Jimmy Sutch	4
Passing Yds.	Tyler Lazear	814
Passing TDs	Tyler Lazear	6
Pass Attempts	Tyler Lazear	97
Pass Completions	Tyler Lazear	62
Receiving Yds.	Nasser Muhammad	178
Receptions	Nasser Muhammad	15
Receiving TDs	Ryan Lavin	2
Yards per Catch	Raymond Mends	21.2

LEADING THE DEFENSE

The Ram defense is led by senior linebacker **Jacquez Taylor** and junior free safety **Layton Hersh**. Taylor paces the team with 45 tackles (26 solo) with 10 tackles-for-loss, while Hersh adds 21 stops (9 solo) and tops the team in interceptions with two.

DEFENSIVE CATEGORY LEADERS

Category	Name	Amount
Total tackles	Jacquez Taylor	45
Solo tackles	Jacquez Taylor	26
Assisted tackles	Jacquez Taylor	19
Tackles-for-loss	Jacquez Taylor	10-18
Sacks	Three with	1
Pass breakups	Deante Steele	5
Interceptions	Layton Hersh	2

MAKING A PASS

Senior quarterback **Tyler Lazear** completed 25-of-37 passes for 315 yards and four touchdowns (all career-highs) against Fairmont State. Below are Lazear's career statistics and where he ranks on a several Shepherd all-time lists.

CAREER ATTEMPTS

Rk.	Name	Yrs.	Last Year	Att.
6.	Mike Coyle	4	1984	610
7.	Tyler Lazear	3+	Active	450
8.	Skip Stasky	4	1990	432
9.	John Fleming	4	1986	373
10.	Mike Calhoun	4	1972	358

CAREER COMPLETIONS

Rk.	Name	Yrs.	Last Year	Comp.
5.	Jay Mason	4	1994	336
6.	Jim Signora	4	1991	308
7.	Tyler Lazear	3	Active	266
8.	Matt Davis	3	1999	179
9.	Mike Calhoun	4	1972	154

CAREER PASSING YARDS

Rk.	Name	Yrs.	Last Year	Yards
7.	Skip Stasky	4	1990	3,695
8.	Tyler Lazear	3+	Active	3,237
9.	Matt Davis	3	1999	2,472
10.	John Fleming	2	1987	2,413

LAZEAR'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Com.	Att.	Yds.	TDs	INTs
2005	6/2	21	40	314	2	1
2006	8/1	50	87	522	6	3
2007	12/12	133	226	1,587	15	8
2008	4/4	62	97	814	6	3
Totals	30/19	266	450	3,327	29	15

LAZEAR'S CAREER HIGHS

Passing yards 315, vs. Fairmont (9-20-08)
 TD passes 4, vs. Fairmont (9-20-08)
 Completions 25, vs. Fairmont (9-20-08)
 Attempts 37, vs. Fairmont (9-20-08)

ON THIS DATE

The Rams have played eight games in their history in September 27, with a 6-4-0 record on this date, including a 3-4-0 mark on the road. Shepherd's all-time results on this date:

Year	Opponent	W/L	Score
1929	@ Broadus	L	0-27
1946	@ Davis & Elkins	L	0-19
1947	@ WV Tech	L	7-26
1958	@ Shippensburg	L	6-10
1969	@ Towson State	W	14-13
1975	Concord	W	14-13
1980	@ West Liberty	W	34-7
1986	@ West Liberty	W	14-6

