

SHEPHERD (2-3, 0-3) vs. CHARLESTON (3-2, 2-1)

UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON STADIUM • CHARLESTON, WV

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SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. -- Antwarn Jones rushed 27 times for 158 yards and a touchdown to lead Seton Hill to a 24-14 win over Shepherd University in WVIAC football action at Offutt Field on Saturday.

Shepherd took a 7-0 lead with 12:12 left in the first quarter when sophomore running back **Jimmy Sutch (Hagerstown, MD/St. James)** raced 34 yards for a touchdown. Sophomore kicker **David Canada (Frederick, MD/Frederick)** added the extra point. An interception by junior free safety **Layton Hersh (Taneytown, MD/Francis Scott Key)** set up the score.

Seton Hill tied the game at 7-7 with 13:44 left in the second quarter when David Wess teamed with Samuel Tranks on a 24-yard scoring strike.

Steve Padilla connected on 25-yard field goal as time expired in the first half to give the Griffins a 10-7 advantage going into the break.

Seton Hill increased its lead to 17-7 when Bess teamed with Derek Thompson on a 52-yard scoring play with 13:02 left in the third quarter.

Freshman running back **Michael Johnson (Indian Head, MD/Lackey)** rambled seven yards for a touchdown with 11:43 left in the fourth quarter to cut the lead to 17-14. The score was set up when senior defensive end **Mike Spiegelberg (Silver Spring, MD/Springbrook)** forced a fumble that was recovered by sophomore linebacker **Brian Taylor (Elkridge, MD/Long Reach)** at the Seton Hill 43-yard line.

The Griffins sealed the win on a 20-yard scamper by Jones with 2:30 remaining in the game.

Shepherd drove to the Seton Hill three-yard line before turning the ball over on downs with 24 seconds remaining.

Senior quarterback **Tyler Lazear (Bethesda, MD/Walt Whitman)** completed 18-of-37 passes for 148 yards for the Rams, while Bess hit on 21-of-30 passes for 226 yards and a pair of scores.

Tranks had nine catches for 98 yards to pace the Griffins. Junior wide **Nasser Muhammad (Silver Spring, MD/Sidwell Friends)** led the Rams with four receptions for 47 yards to lead Shepherd.

Sutch led the Shepherd rushing attack with 57 yards on 13 carries.

Redshirt freshman defensive back **Anthony Gary (Suitland, MD/Friendly)** and sophomore cornerback **Deante Steele (Woodbridge, VA/Potomac)** led the Rams defense with nine tackles (and eight solos) each. Aaron Ancrum and EJ Werner had eight tackles each to pace the Griffins.

The Rams were 1-of-5 in red zone chances, while the Griffins were 2-of-2.

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)** 152-74-1 (.672)
2. Deacon Duvall (FSC) 125-42-3 (.744)
3. Joe Bartell (WL) 118-55-11 (.671)
4. Bill Struble (WVW) 110-137-0 (.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 **Glennville *** L 14-21

20 **Fairmont *** L 42-46

27 @ Seton Hill * L 14-24

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 CHARLESTON SCHEDULE/RESULTS

August

30 @ Tusculum L 0-40

September

6 **St. Augustine** W 34-17

13 @ WV Wesleyan * W 24-17

20 **WV State *** L 21-24

27 @ Concord * W 42-17

October

4 **Shepherd *** 1:00 p.m.

11 **Fairmont *** 1:00 p.m.

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

25 **Lake Erie** 1:00 p.m.

November

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

8 @ Glennville * 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
- 4T. 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 five games this season:

Third Down Conversions by SU/Foes: 28 /74 (38 %)/23 /69 (33 %)

Shepherd Avg. Time of Possession/Foes: 31:03 /28:45

Penalties-Yards by SU/Foes: 26-249 /50-454

First Downs by Rush-Pass by SU/Foes: 22-49 /41-33

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 13 times for 57 yards against Seton Hill. Sutch is averaging 77.6 yards per game through five 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	5/5	92-388	4.2	4	78
Totals	14/5	148-703	4.7	9	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 SETON HILL GAME

Shepherd	7	0	0	7-	14
Seton Hill	0	10	7	7-	24

SU - Sutch 34 yd run (Canada kick)

SHU - Tranks 24 yd pass from Wess (Padilla kick)

SHU - Padilla 24 yd field goal

SHU - Thompson 52 yd pass from Wess (Padilla kick)

SU - Johnson 7 yd run (Canada kick)

SHU - Jones 20 yd run (Padilla kick)

SU		SHU
15	First Downs	19
33-109	Rushes-Yards	38-162
148	Passing Yards	226
18-37-148-0-0	Passes	21-30-226-2-1
70-257	Plays-Total Off.	68-388
86	Return Yards	99
7/36.4	Punts / Av.	6/32.5
2-2	Fumbles-Lost	4-4
5-40	Penalties-Yards	12-117
28:48	Time of Possession	31:12

Rushing: SU Sutch 13-57-0, Johnson 12-45-1, Lazear 8-7-0. SHU Jones 27-158-1, Butler 5-19-0, Potter 1-3-0, TEAM 1-(-1)-0, Wess 4-(-17)-0.

Passing: SU Lazear 18-37-148-0-0. SHU Wess 21-30-226-2-1.

Receiving: SU Muhammad 4-47-0, Norrell 3-30-0, Humphries 2-24-0, Tremel 2-21-0, Johnson 2-13-0, Sutch 2-(-4)-0, Mazyck 1-14-0, Mends 1-2-0, Lavin 1-1-0. SHU Tranks 9-98-1, Scott 4-50-0, Stephens 3-15-0, Thompson 2-57-1, Queen 1-13-0, Butler 1-(-3)-0, Jones 1-(-4)-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 12 catches for 114 yards and two touchdowns, while Tremel has 12 receptions for 198 yards and a score. Lavin was injured in the Seton Hill game and his return this season is in question.

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	5/5	12-114	9.5	2	19
Totals	41/29	61-740	12.1	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	5/4	12-98	16.5	1	34
Totals	41/10	80-617	7.7	8	34

OFFENSIVE CATEGORY LEADERS

Category	Name	Amount
Rushing Yds.	Jimmy Sutch	388
Rushing TDs	Jimmy Sutch	5
Yards per Rush	Sutch/A.J. Brown	4.2
Total TDs	Jimmy Sutch	5
Passing Yds.	Tyler Lazear	962
Passing TDs	Tyler Lazear	6
Pass Attempts	Tyler Lazear	134
Pass Completions	Tyler Lazear	80
Receiving Yds.	Nasser Muhammad	225
Receptions	Nasser Muhammad	19
Receiving TDs	Ryan Lavin	2
Yards per Catch	Raymond Mends	19.1

LEADING THE DEFENSE

The Ram defense is led by senior linebacker **Jacquez Taylor** and sophomore cornerback **Deante Steele**. Taylor paces the team with 53 tackles (32 solo) with 11 tackles-for-loss, while Steele adds 27 stops (20 solo) and a team-best five pass breakups.

DEFENSIVE CATEGORY LEADERS

Category	Name	Amount
Total tackles	Jacquez Taylor	53
Solo tackles	Jacquez Taylor	32
Assisted tackles	Jacquez Taylor	21
Tackles-for-loss	Jacquez Taylor	11-21
Sacks	Two with	2
Pass breakups	Deante Steele	5
Interceptions	Layton Hersh	3

MAKING A PASS

Senior quarterback **Tyler Lazear** completed 18-of-37 passes for 148 yards against Seton Hill. 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	487
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	284
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	3,385
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	5/5	80	134	962	6	3
Totals	31/20	284	487	3,385	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)
	37, vs. Seton Hill (9-27-08)

ON THIS DATE

The Rams have played 11 games in their history in October 4, with a 7-3-1 record on this date, including a 4-2-1 mark on the road. Shepherd's all-time results on this date:

Year	Opponent	W/L	Score
1924	@ Hagerstown HS	W	34-0
1930	American	L	0-6
1947	@ Concord	T	0-0
1952	@ Randolph-Macon	L	7-27
1958	Davis & Elkins	W	33-7
1969	@ Gallaudet	W	31-6
1975	@ James Madison	L	7-13
1980	Bluefield State	W	16-14
1986	Concord	W	21-6
1997	@ Concord	W	64-20
2003	@ Fairmont	W	28-0

