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### SHEPHERD (4-4, 2-4) vs. WEST LIBERTY (4-4, 3-2) RUSSEK FIELD • WEST LIBERTY, WV SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008 • 1 P.M.

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. -- Shepherd University held on to down West Virginia Wesleyan, 27-12, before a Homecoming crowd at Ram Stadium in WVIAC football action on Saturday.

Wesleyan drove 70 yards on 14 plays in the game's first possession to take a 6-0 lead when Harry Lorusso scored on a one-yard run with 6:43 remaining in the quarter. Derek Moore's extra point attempt was wide right.

Shepherd took a 7-6 lead with 40 seconds left in the first quarter when freshman running back **Michael Johnson (Indian Head, MD/Lackey)** scored on a one-yard plunge. Freshman kicker **Eric Dobratz (Woodbridge, VA/Potomac)** added the extra point.

The Rams took a 14-6 lead with 10:45 left in the second quarter when senior quarterback **Tyler Lazear (Bethesda, MD/Walt Whitman)** connected with sophomore wide **Raymond Mends (Leesburg, VA/Park View)** on a 48-yard scoring strike.

Shepherd took a 17-6 advantage into the break when Dobratz drilled a 32-yard field goal with 6:32 left in the half.

Dobratz opened the scoring in the second half with a 23-yard field goal with 6:32 remaining in the third quarter to give the Rams a 20-6 lead.

Lorusso scored his second touchdown of the day on a one-yard sneak with 14:18 left in the fourth quarter to cut the lead to 20-12. Senior linebacker **Louis Corum (Manassas, VA/Westfield)** blocked the extra point attempt by Moore.

Sophomore running back **Jimmy Sutch (Hagerstown, MD/St. James)** scored on a 10-yard jaunt for the Rams with 1:10 remaining to seal the win.

Lazear completed 7-of-13 passes for 113 yards and a score. Lorusso connected on 8-of-20 passes for 141 yards.

Brandon Rogers had three catches for 67 yards to lead Wesleyan, while Mends had four receptions for 68 yards to pace Shepherd.

Reggie Taylor rushed 32 times for a game-high 122 yards to lead the Bobcats. Sutch had 20 carries for 90 yards, while Johnson added 73 yards on 12 carries.

The Ram defense was led by junior free safety **Layton Hersh (Taneytown, MD/Francis Scott Key)** with a team-high 12 tackles including six solos. He also broke up two passes and recovered a fumble. Corum added eight tackles with four solos. Wade Klezek had a game-high 13 tackles (8 solos) for West Virginia Wesleyan.

Hersh's excellent performance earned him **WVIAC Co-Defensive Player of the Week** honors.

#### 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) ..... 154-75-1 (.671)
2. Deacon Duvall (FSC) ..... 125-42-3 (.744)
3. Joe Bartell (WL) ..... 118-55-11 (.671)
4. Bill Struble (WVW) ..... 113-148-0 (.433)
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 \* ..... L ..... 12-21

11 **Concord** \* ..... W ..... 55-7

18 **WV Wesleyan** \* ^ ..... W ..... 27-12

25 @ West Liberty \* ..... 1 p.m.

**November**

1 @ WV State \* ..... 1 p.m.

\* WVIAC Games  
^ Homecoming  
Home Games in Bold

#### 2008 WEST LIBERTY SCHEDULE/RESULTS

**August**

30 **Edinboro** ..... L ..... 10-35

**September**

6 @ Walsh ..... W ..... 24-10

13 @ Concord \* ..... W ..... 38-20

20 **Mars Hill** ..... L ..... 35-38

27 **WV Wesleyan** \* ..... W ..... 46-0

**October**

2 @ Fairmont \* ..... W ..... 20-13

11 **Glennville** \* ..... L ..... 39-42

18 @ WV State \* ..... L ..... 24-34

25 **Shepherd** \* ..... 1 p.m.

**November**

1 **Charleston** \* ..... 1 p.m.

8 @ Seton Hill \* ..... 1 p.m.

\* WVIAC Games

#### 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



## MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

### MOVING UP THE CHARTS

Senior wide receiver **Craig Tremel** is among the team's top receivers this season. Tremel has 23 receptions for a team-high 381 yards and a score this season. Tremel's 91 career receptions place him in a tie with **Chauncey Winbush** (1990-93) for ninth place on the Shepherd career receptions list.

### 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	8/7	23-381	16.6	1	52
<b>Totals</b>	<b>44/14</b>	<b>91-900</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>52</b>

### CATCHING ON

Junior wide receiver **Nasser Muhammad** paces the team with a team-high 25 receptions for 293 yards. His three touchdown grabs also lead the team.

### MUHAMMAD'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Rec-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2007	12/1	18-225	12.5	2	44
2008	8/8	25-293	11.7	3	43
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19/8</b>	<b>43-518</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>44</b>

### OFFENSIVE CATEGORY LEADERS

Category	Name	Amount
Rushing Yds.	Jimmy Sutch	637
Rushing TDs	Jimmy Sutch	8
Yards per Rush	Jimmy Sutch	4.6
Total TDs	Jimmy Sutch	9
Passing Yds.	Tyler Lazear	1,461
Passing TDs	Tyler Lazear	9
Pass Attempts	Tyler Lazear	205
Pass Completions	Tyler Lazear	124
Receiving Yds.	Craig Tremel	381
Receptions	Nasser Muhammad	25
Receiving TDs	Nasser Muhammad	3
Yards per Catch	Raymond Mendis	17.3

### LEADING THE DEFENSE

The Ram defense is led by senior linebacker **Jacquez Taylor**, junior free safety **Layton Hersh**, and sophomore cornerback **Deante Steele**. Taylor paces the team with 71 tackles (42 solo) with 14 tackles-for-loss. Hersh has 44 tackles (20 solo) while Steele also adds 4 stops (31 solo) and a team-best eight pass breakups.

### DEFENSIVE CATEGORY LEADERS

Category	Name	Amount
Total tackles	Jacquez Taylor	71
Solo tackles	Jacquez Taylor	42
Assisted tackles	Jacquez Taylor	29
Tackles-for-loss	Jacquez Taylor	14-29
Sacks	Mike Speigelberg	5-26
Pass breakups	Deante Steele	8
Interceptions	Layton Hersh	4

### MAKING A PASS

Senior quarterback **Tyler Lazear** completed 7-of-13 passes for 113 yards and a score in the win over West Virginia Wesleyan. 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.	<b>Tyler Lazear</b>	<b>3+</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>558</b>
8.	Skip Stasky	4	1990	432

### CAREER COMPLETIONS

Rk.	Name	Yrs.	Last Year	Comp.
5.	Jay Mason	4	1994	336
6.	<b>Tyler Lazear</b>	<b>3+</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>328</b>
7.	Jim Signora	4	1991	308
8.	Matt Davis	3	1999	179

### CAREER PASSING YARDS

Rk.	Name	Yrs.	Last Year	Yards
6.	Dan Chlebowski	4	2006	4,527
7.	<b>Tyler Lazear</b>	<b>3+</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>3,884</b>
8.	Skip Stasky	4	1990	3,695
9.	Matt Davis	3	1999	2,472

### 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	8/8	124	205	1,461	9	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34/23</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>3,884</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>16</b>

### 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 13 games in their history in October 25, with a 4-9-0 record on this date, including a 1-5-0 mark on the road. Shepherd's all-time results on this date:

Year	Opponent	W/L	Score
1924	Shippensburg	L	6-28
1930	@ Potomac State	L	0-46
1935	@ Fairmont	L	12-20
1941	Potomac State	L	0-13
1947	@ Glenville	L	9-13
1952	@ Potomac State	L	0-21
1958	@ Newport News	L	20-21
1969	Randolph-Macon	L	7-14
1975	Bluefield State	W	30-8
1980	Concord	L	0-6
1986	Fairmont	W	3-0
1997	@ Fairmont	W	39-27
2003	West Liberty	W	55-16

## MORE NOTES

### SHEPHERD-WEST LIBERTY ALL-TIME SERIES RESULTS

Date	Winner	Score
11-24-28	West Liberty	41-6
10-19-29	West Liberty	51-0
11-2-35	West Liberty	23-6
10-30-36	West Liberty	52-0
10-18-69	West Liberty	38-6
10-17-70	West Liberty	30-7
10-16-71	West Liberty	14-0
10-14-72	Shepherd	31-20
10-13-73	West Liberty	33-10
10-19-74	West Liberty	28-17
10-25-75	Shepherd	30-8
10-16-76	Shepherd	17-0
10-16-77	Shepherd	17-6
9-23-78	Shepherd	19-7
9-22-79	West Liberty	14-10
9-27-80	Shepherd	34-7
9-26-81	Shepherd	20-6
9-25-82	Shepherd	44-7
9-24-83	Shepherd	41-7
9-22-84	Shepherd	37-3
9-26-85	Shepherd	30-3
9-27-86	Shepherd	14-6
9-26-87	Shepherd	16-13
9-24-88	Shepherd	28-10
9-23-89	West Liberty	35-22
9-22-90	West Liberty	17-7
9-28-91	Shepherd	33-7
9-26-92	Shepherd	35-29
10-2-93	Shepherd	21-16
10-1-94	Shepherd	17-14
9-28-95	West Liberty	24-19
9-28-96	Shepherd	37-21
11-15-97	Shepherd	32-27
11-14-98	Shepherd	53-10
11-6-99	Shepherd	56-7
11-4-00	West Liberty	31-28
10-27-01	Shepherd	30-7
11-2-02	Shepherd	26-23
10-25-03	Shepherd	55-16
10-16-04	Shepherd	38-7
10-29-05	Shepherd	34-7
11-4-06	Shepherd	34-32
10-27-07	Shepherd	38-21

Shepherd leads the all-time series 29-14-0

### SERIES NOTES

Below are a few notes on the series between the Rams and Hilltoppers. West Liberty won the first meeting between the two teams in 1928 with a 41-6 triumph. The Hilltoppers won the first seven meetings in the series before the Rams claimed their first win in 1972 with a 31-20 victory.

**Longest West Liberty win streak:** 7 games (1928-29, 35-36, 69-71)

**Longest Shepherd win streak:** 9 games (1980-88)

**Last 10 meetings:** Shepherd leads, 9-1

### MAN OF STEELE

Deante Steele nearly returned a kick for a touchdown for the third straight week. He followed up his 95-yard punt return for a touchdown against Charleston with a 91-yard kickoff for a score against Concord and had a punt return touchdown called back due to a penalty against West Virginia Wesleyan. Steele currently leads NCAA II in punt returns with a 20.12 average.

### STEELE'S KICK RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

Deante Steele (91-yard kickoff return vs. Concord)	10-11-08
Deante Steele (95-yard punt return vs. Charleston)	10-4-08
Deante Steele (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	8/8	17-342	20.1	1	*95
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18/17</b>	<b>34-574</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>*95</b>

\* 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	8/8	14-384	27.4	1	91
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18/17</b>	<b>34-841</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>91</b>

### SHEPHERD'S RECORD IN 2008 WHEN...

At home	3-2
On the road	1-2
Leading after 1st quarter	4-2
Trailing after 1st quarter	0-1
Tied after 1st quarter	0-1
Leading at the half	3-1
Trailing at the half	1-3
Tied at the half	0-0
Leading after 3rd quarter	3-1
Trailing after 3rd quarter	1-3
Tied after 3rd quarter	0-0
Game decided by seven pts. or less	1-2
Game decided by three pts. or less	0-0
Scoring 24 points or more	2-1
Allowing 14 points or less	3-0
Scoring first	3-2
Opponents score first	1-2
Positive TO ratio	3-1
Negative TO ratio	1-2
Turnovers even	0-1
300 yds. or more total offense	3-2
Less than 300 yds. total offense	1-2
Opp. < 300 yds. total offense	4-0
Opp. > 300 yds. total offense	0-4
Rushing for 150+ yards	3-0
Allowing <100 yds. rushing	3-0
In August	1-0
In September	1-3
In October	2-1

# SCOUTING WEST LIBERTY

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Location ..... West Liberty, WV 26074  
 Founded ..... 1837  
 Enrollment ..... 2,300  
 Nickname ..... Hilltoppers  
 Colors ..... Black and Gold  
 Affiliation ..... NCAA II  
 Conference ..... WVIAC  
 President ..... Mr. Robin Capehart  
 Athletic Director ..... James W. Watson  
 Stadium ..... Russek Field  
 Playing Surface ..... Mondoturf Ecofill  
 Sports Info. Director ..... Mr. Lynn Ullom  
 Football SID ..... Matt Watson  
 Web Site ..... www.hilltoppersports.com

## THE HILLTOPPER COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: ..... Roger Waialae  
 Assistant Coaches: ..... Jeff Monteroso  
    Gary Krol  
    Brad Forshey  
    Dan Hopkins  
    Curtis Cooper  
    Darrell Dowery

West Liberty (4-4, 3-2) is coming off a tough 34-24 loss at West Virginia State last Saturday. Sophomore quarterback **Zach Amedro** (6-0, 185) completed 22-of-39 passes for 266 yards and a touchdown. He was picked off once and sacked four times.

Junior running back **Eddie Hills** (5-10, 175) led the receiving corps with five receptions for 75 yards, including a 41-yard touchdown catch. Sophomore running back **Ryan Travis** (6-3, 235) added six catches for 35 yards, while senior wide receiver **Johnny Bonar** (5-11, 170) added had four receptions for 77 yards.

Senior running back **Branden Ore** (5-11, 212), the standout transfer from Virginia Tech, led the Hilltopper ground attack with 20 carries for 139 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Hills added 41 yards on six carries.

The Hilltoppers accumulated 419 yards of total offense, but surrendered 383 to the Yellow Jackets.

Sophomore linebacker **Clay Beeler** (6-1, 225) led the West Liberty defense with a game-high 14 tackles. Junior linebacker **Nick Harding** (6-0, 225) added 13 stops, while senior linebacker **Brandon Wright** (5-8, 180) added nine tackles.

Senior punter **CJ Besece** (6-4, 220) punted twice for a 38.5 average.

Senior kicker **Billy Hager** (5-10, 190) connected on a 39-yard field goal and was successful on all three extra point attempts. He is 10-of-15 in field goal attempts this year and is a perfect 28-of-28 in extra points.

## WEST LIBERTY STATISTICAL LEADERS

• **PASSING** •

No.	Name	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	TD	Int.
11	Zach Amedro	125	207	1,838	9	9

• **RUSHING** •

No.	Name	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng.
28	Branden Ore	180	1065	5.9	15	65
9	Eddie Hills	49	329	6.7	1	59

• **RECEIVING** •

No.	Name	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng.
9	Eddie Hills	43	626	14.6	7	64
22	Ryan Travis	25	328	13.1	1	71

• **SCORING** •

No.	Name	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	Pts.
28	Branden Ore	15	0	0	0	90
30	Billy Hager	0	28-28	10-15	0	58

• **TACKLES** •

No.	Name	UT	AT	TT	Other
50	Nick Harding	41	44	85	11 TFLs
8	Clay Beeler	48	34	82	15 TFLs
17	Paul Kallevig	21	22	43	3 TFLs

## LAST MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2007 SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV RAM STADIUM (3,512) SCORING SUMMARY & STATISTICS

West Liberty	0	0	7	14-	21
Shepherd	17	0	7	14-	38

SU - Muhammad 31 yd pass from Lazear (Beverage kick)  
 SU - Wallace 86 yd run (Beverage kick)  
 SU- Beverage 24 yd field goal  
 SU - Lavin 33 yd pass from Lazear (Beverage kick)  
 WL - Banks 6 yd pass from Amedro (Hager kick)  
 SU - Wallace 3 yd run (Beverage kick)  
 WL - Hills 13 yd pass from Amedro (Hager kick)  
 SU - Wallace 2 yd run (Beverage kick)  
 WL - Banks 23 yd pass from Amedro (Hager kick)

WL		SU
26	First Downs	20
28-29	Rushes-Yards	48-305
383	Passing Yards	156
37-57-383-3-2	Passes	9-16-156-2-2
85-412	Plays-Total Off.	64-461
124	Return Yards	37
5/38.7	Punts/Avg.	5/34.2
1-1	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
8-72	Penalties-Yards	10-89
29:08	Time of Possession	28:58

**Rushing:** WL Hills 16-78-0, Calhoun 2-1-0, Ponder 1-(-1)-0. Amedro 9-(-49)-0. SU Wallace 37-280-3, Riggs 6-23-0. Lazear 2-6-0, Sutch 1-0-0, TEAM 2-(-4)-0.

**Passing:** SU Lazear 9-16-156-2-2. WL Amedro 37-57-383-3-3.

**Receiving:** WL Banks 15-139-2, Ponder 8-110-0, Walker 8-78-0, Hills 3-29-1, Neff 2-18-0, Robinson 1-9-0. SU Lavin 3-63-1, Muhammad 3-47-1, Springirth 3-46-0.