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RAM STADIUM • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

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SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. -- The Shepherd football team enters the 2007 season coming off back-to-back undefeated regular seasons and a pair of NCAA II Playoff appearances.

Thirteen starters return, including 10 players who earned WVIAC All-Conference honors a year ago. Seven offensive starters are back, led by 2006 WVIAC Offensive Player of the Year **Dervon Wallace (Lusby, MD/Calvert)**.

Leading the offensive line are seniors **Ryan Pope (Elkridge, MD/Long Reach)**, **Bubba Brady (Prince Frederick, Md/Calvert)**, and **Clark Lanzendorf (Manassas, VA/Osbourn Park)**.

Junior **Tyler Lazear (Bethesda, MD/Walt Whitman)** is poised to take over the quarterbacking duties for the Rams with the graduation of record-setting signal-caller **Dan Chlebowski**.

Redshirt-freshman **Bobby Humphries (Frederick, MD/Thomas Johnson)**, a converted tight end, should get the starting nod at fullback. Humphries will be backed up by sophomore **Josh Bedregal (Mt. Airy, MD/Linganore)**.

Senior **Mark Springirth (Germantown, MD/Watkins Mill)** and juniors **Craig Tremel (Lilly, Pa/ Penn Cambria)** and **John Sheehan (Round Hill, VA/Loudoun Valley)** lead the list of returnees at wide receiver, while junior **Ryan Lavin (Centreville, VA/Westfield)** returns as the starter at tight end.

The Ram defense should be strong again this year despite the loss of several standouts.

Junior defensive end **Mike Spiegelberg (Silver Spring, MD/Springbrook)** helped spearhead the Ram defense last season as he earned All-WVIAC honors in 2006.

Sophomore **T.J. Taylor (Frederick, MD/Frederick)** is slated to start at the other defensive spot.

Juniors **Mike Heatwole (Falls Church, VA/Fork Union)** and **Frank Herrera (Burke, VA/Robinson)** return to anchor the inside.

Junior **Louis Corum (Manassas, VA/ Westfield)** (90 tackles in 2006) returns to lead the linebackers.

Junior **Walt Gouveia (Ashburn, VA/Broad Run)** is slated to start at the other inside linebacker.

A talented pair of seniors **Joey Hooks (Montgomery Village, MD/Watkins Mill)** and **Jerome Quinata (Woodbridge, VA/Hylton)**, return to pace the Rams at outside linebacker.

Sophomore **Layton Hersh (Taneytown, MD/Francis Scott Key)** will fill the slot at free safety vacated by a two-time All-American **Dan Peters**.

Senior **Ayo Ijelu (Germantown, MD/Northwest)** is slated to start at one cornerback slot with senior **Demetrius Weeden (Waldorf, MD/Westlake)** and junior **Dustin Smith (Germantown, MD/Northwest)** battling for the other corner spot.

The biggest vacancy may be the loss of punter/kicker **Ricky Schmitt**, now with the Arizona Cardinals. Junior **Bryan Beverage (Romney, WV/Hampshire)** could help fill the void.

A REIGN OF EXCELLENCE

Head Coach **Monte Cater** is now in his 21st 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 10 WVIAC titles in 20 seasons. In that time the Rams have made two trips to the NAIA Playoffs and four trips to the NCAA II Playoffs with a pair of back-to-back appearances (1998-99 and 2005-06). 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)** 140-69-1 (.669)
2. **Deacon Duvall (FSC)** 125-42-3 (.744)
3. **Joe Bartell (WL)** 118-55-11 (.671)
4. **Bill Struble (WVW)** 109-133-0 (.461)
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)

2007 SHEPHERD SCHEDULE

August	
25	<i>Millersville</i> 1 p.m.
September	
1	Shippensburg 1 p.m.
15	@ Glenville * 1 p.m.
22	@ Fairmont * 1 p.m.
29	Seton Hill * 1 p.m.
October	
6	Charleston * ^ 1 p.m.
13	@ Concord * 1 p.m.
20	@ WV Wesleyan * 1 p.m.
27	West Liberty * 1 p.m.
November	
3	WV State * 1 p.m.
* WVIAC Games	
^ Homecoming	
Home Games in Bold	

2007 MILLERSVILLE SCHEDULE

August	
25	@ <i>Shepherd</i> 1 p.m.
September	
8	@ Slippery Rock 6 p.m.
15	Lock Haven 1 p.m.
22	@ Indiana (Pa.) 1 p.m.
29	@ East Stroudsburg * 1 p.m.
October	
6	West Chester * 1 p.m.
13	Shippensburg * 1 p.m.
20	@ Bloomsburg * 1 p.m.
27	@ Cheyney * 1 p.m.
November	
3	Bentley 1 p.m.
10	Kutztown * 1 p.m.

* PSAC-East Games Home games in bold

WVIAC COACHING TITLES

1. **Monte Cater (SU)** 10
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 last season:

Third Down Conversions by SU/Foes: 58-149 (39 %)/53-165 (32 %)

Shepherd Avg. Time of Possession/Foes: 32:06 /27:54

Penalties-Yards by SU/Foes: 73-702 /79-683

First Downs by Rush-Pass by SU/Foes: 100-92 /54-82

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 222-9 (.961) all-time record when reaching the magical 24-point mark. Included in that record is a 95-6 (.941) record since 1990 and a 101-8 (.926) mark under Cater.

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The Rams sport a 335-75-26 (.793) all-time record when holding the opposition to 14 points or less. Currently, Shepherd has won 61 of its last 62 games when holding the opposition to 14 or less and owns an 83-3-1 (.959) record since 1990 when turning the trick. Shepherd is 94-7-1 (.926) under Cater in such games.

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Shepherd is 116-93-26 (.542) all-time in games decided by seven points or less. Shepherd has a 34-21-1 (.622) record since 1990 and a 38-30-1 (.564) 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 130-22-2 (.850) since 1980 in games that it rushes for 150 or more yards. Since 1990, the record is 78-10-1 (.882) and under Cater it is 88-16-1 (.842).

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 112-16-1 (.872) when holding teams to less than 100 yards. Since 1990, Shepherd is 77-11 (.875) in such games and 85-14 (.858) under Cater.

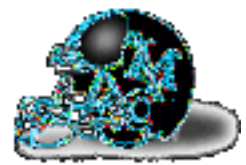
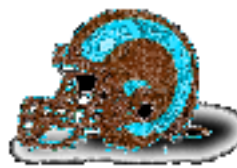


RADIO AND WEB RADIO COVERAGE:

The Ram Sports Radio Network will once again bring the action of the 2007 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-MILLERSVILLE ALL-TIME SERIES RESULTS

Date	Winner	Score
11-12-38	Millersville	6-13
10-28-39	Millersville	0-6
10-5-40	Millersville	0-34
11-1-41	Millersville	6-26
10-2-71	Shepherd	14-0
9-4-82	Tie	3-3
9-3-83	Shepherd	37-14
9-8-84	Shepherd	20-10
9-14-85	Millersville	3-28
11-8-86	Millersville	21-24
9-11-87	Millersville	21-34
9-10-88	Millersville	16-21
9-9-89	Millersville	7-31
9-8-90	Shepherd	28-24
9-14-91	Millersville	20-30
9-12-92	Millersville	9-17
9-11-93	Millersville	14-38
9-10-94	Millersville	11-45
9-9-95	Millersville	7-59
11-20-99	Millersville	14-21
8-26-06	Shepherd	28-7



Millersville leads the all-time series 15-5-1

AMONG THE RANKS

The Rams are ranked 8th in the AFCA NCAA Division II Football Poll for August 21. The Rams are also ranked 8th by D2Football.com.

MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

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Diminutive senior running back **Dervon Wallace** returns for his senior season after garnering WVIAC Offensive Player of the Year honors in 2006. Wallace is listed below on various charts.

WALLACE'S 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Name	Opponent	Att.-Yds.-TD	Date
Dervon Wallace	Shippensburg	20-105-2	9-3-05
Dervon Wallace	Glenville	18-157-3	9-17-05
Dervon Wallace	WVU Tech	22-176-2	10-1-05
Dervon Wallace	Charleston	26-179-3	10-8-05
Dervon Wallace	Concord	24-130-4	10-15-05
Dervon Wallace	WV Wesleyan	19-141-3	10-22-05
Dervon Wallace	West Liberty	29-159-1	10-29-05
Dervon Wallace	WV State	19-108-2	11-5-05
Dervon Wallace	Millersville	23-145-1	8-26-06
Dervon Wallace	C.W. Post	27-196-3	9-16-06
Dervon Wallace	Glenville	23-194-3	9-23-06
Dervon Wallace	Charleston	20-143-1	10-14-06
Dervon Wallace	Concord	18-107-3	10-21-06
Dervon Wallace	Merrimack	21-102-1	11-25-06

WALLACE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Ru-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2005	12/7	245-1,389	5.7	26	52
2006	12/12	236-1,300	5.5	17	54
Totals	24/19	481-2,689	5.6	43	54

CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

No.	Name	Yrs.	Games Over 100
1.	Damian Beane	4	37
2.	Bill Adams	4	21
3.	Alex Herbert	4	16
4.	Anthony Crenshaw	2	15
5.	Dervon Wallace	2	14

CAREER RUSHING YARDS

No.	Name	Yrs.	Last Yr.	Carries	Yards	Avg.
1.	Damian Beane	4	1999	1,150	6,768	5.8
2.	Bill Adams	4	1993	1,042	4,367	4.2
3.	Alex Herbert	4	2004	663	3,447	5.2
4.	Gregg Warfield	4	1978	936	3,244	3.5
5.	Dervon Wallace	2	Active	481	2,689	5.6
6.	Travis Lynch	4+	2003	526	2,532	4.8
7.	Anthony Crenshaw	2	1984	404	2,395	5.9
8.	Wayne Wilson	4	1978	512	2,333	4.6

CAREER RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

No.	Name	Yrs.	Last Yr.	Yards	TDs
1.	Damian Beane	4	1999	6,768	*60
2T.	Dervon Wallace	2	Active	2,625	43
	Alex Herbert	4	2004	3,447	43
4.	Bill Adams	4	1993	4,367	39
5.	Gregg Warfield	4	1978	3,244	37

CAREER RUSHING AVERAGE

No.	Name	Yrs.	Carries	Yards	Avg.
1.	Dalevon Smith	2	295	2,165	7.33
2.	Ken Russell	3	129	817	6.33
3.	Anthony Crenshaw	2	404	2,395	5.93
4.	Damian Beane	4	1999	6,768	5.88
5.	Dervon Wallace	2	481	2,689	5.59

NEW MAN AT THE HELM

Junior quarterback **Tyler Lazear** takes over the quarterbacking duties for the Rams. Lazear completed 50-of-87 passes for 522 yards and six touchdowns last season. He set career-highs of 14 completions and 29 attempts in his only start against Bloomsburg in the NCAA II Playoffs.

TOUGH SHOES TO FILL

Sophomore **Layton Hersh** will take over as the starter at free safety for the Rams. He replaces all-time great **Dan Peters**.

MORE SHOES

Junior **Bryan Beverage** is the leading candidate to take over the kicking duties for four-year phenom **Ricky Schmitt**. Schmitt is currently a member of the Arizona Cardinals.

TOP DOG

Senior **Mark Springirth** returns to lead the Ram receiving corps. Springirth led the Rams in receptions (38), receiving yards (501) and touchdowns (5). His 13.2 yards per reception average also paced the team. He ended the regular season with back-to-back 100-yard receiving games against West Liberty and West Virginia State.

SPRINGIRTH'S 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES IN 2006

Name	Opponent	Att.-Yards	Date
Mark Springirth	West Liberty	8-109	11-4-06
Mark Springirth	WV State	6-131	11-11-06

PRESEASON HONORS

Senior offensive lineman **Ryan Pope** and senior running back **Dervon Wallace**, junior linebacker **Louis Corum**, and junior defensive end **Michael Spiegelberg** have all received preseason notice. Pope has received mention from *Lindy's*, *Consensusdraft.com*, *D2football.com*, and *Don Hansen's Football Gazette*. Wallace received honors for *Don Hansen*, while Corum and Spiegelberg were mentioned in *Lindy's*.

WEBCASTS

The NCAA and College Sports Television (CSTV) announced that a pair of Shepherd games will that will be broadcast live over the internet by CSTV. The Shepherd-Shippensburg game on September 1 and the Shepherd-Glenville State game on September 15 will also get national broadband exposure. The webcasts will be accessible using the link: www.cstv.com.ncaa/diviii/

IN AUGUST

The Rams have played only five games in their history in August, with an 2-3 mark, including an 0-1 mark at home. Shepherd's all-time results in August:

Year	Opponent	W/L	Score
1974	@ Fairmont (8/31)	L	0-7
1975	Fairmont (8/30)	L	7-26
2004	@ Virginia State (8/28)	L	8-13
2005	Virginia State (8/27)	W	24-7
2006	@ Millersville (8/26)	W	28-7

