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SHEPHERD (3-1, 2-0) vs. #20 CHARLESTON (4-0, 2-0)

RAM STADIUM • SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009 • 1 P.M.

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. -- Junior quarterback **Kevin Clancy** (Westminster, MD/ Westminster) completed 15-of-20 passes for 250 yards and three touchdowns and sophomore running back **Nate Hoyte** (Waldorf, MD/McDonough) rushed nine times for 108 yards and a score to lead Shepherd University to a 40-27 win over Seton Hill University last Saturday.

Shepherd took a 6-0 lead with 13:09 left in the first quarter when Clancy fired a 56-yard scoring strike to sophomore wide receiver **Neal Hardie** (Alexandria, VA/West Potomac). Sophomore kicker **Eric Dobratz** (Woodbridge, VA/Potomac) missed the extra point.

The Rams extended their lead to 13-0 with 5:09 left in the first quarter when Clancy and Hardie teamed on a 53-yard touchdown pass.

Seton Hill cut the lead to 13-7 going into the break when DJ Lenehan teamed with Corey Queen on a 23-yard scoring pass.

Shepherd held a 19-14 edge after three quarters as Dobratz booted a pair of 28-yard field goals and Seton Hill scored on a 21-yard pass from Lenehan to Tyler Roby.

The Rams took a 26-14 lead with 9:52 left in the fourth quarter when Clancy fired a six-yard scoring pass to senior wide receiver **Raymond Mends** (Leesburg, VA/Park View).

Seton Hill answered back minutes later on a 9-yard scoring pass from Lenehan to wide receiver Sammy Tranks to cut the lead to 26-21.

A six-yard touchdown romp by sophomore running back **Tommy Addison** (Germantown, MD/Quince Orchard) with gave the Rams a 33-21 advantage with 5:39 to play.

Lenehan tossed a 24-yard scoring pass to Roby with 3:51 left in the contest to cut the lead to 33-27. Senior defensive end **T.J. Taylor** (Frederick, MD/Frederick) blocked the extra point attempt.

Facing a fourth-and-one on its own 39-yard line with just over two minutes remaining, Shepherd coaxed the Griffins into an offside call to gain a first down. Hoyte dashed 55 yards for the game-sealing touchdown on the next play.

Hardie led all receivers with four catches for 119 yards. Dorian Scott had seven receptions for 90 yards to lead the Griffins.

Both teams amassed over 400 yards of total offense as Seton Hill held a 444-415 edge.

Junior outside linebacker **Ben Minturn** (Gaithersburg, MD/Damascus) recorded a game-high 12 (8 solo) tackles and junior cornerback **Deante Steele** (Woodbridge, VA/Potomac) added nine (8 solo) stops and a pair of pass breakups. Chris Galadyk recorded 10 (9 solo) tackles to lead Seton Hill.

Junior punter **Matt Martin** (Martinsburg, WV/Martinsburg) turned in another solid performance with four punts for a 40 yard average. Hardie also excelled on special teams with a pair of blocked punts.

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)	158-77-1 (.669)
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. <i>Walter Barr (SU)</i>	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 * W 40-27

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 CHARLESTON SCHEDULE/RESULTS

August

29 Tusculum W 31-14

September

5 @ St. Augustine's W 43-41

12 @ WV State * W 35-0

19 Concord * W 52-14

26 @ Shepherd * 1:00

October

3 @ Fairmont * 1:00

10 @ Seton Hill * 6:00

17 @ North Greenville 2:00

24 West Liberty * 2:00

31 Glenville * 1:00

November

7 WV Wesleyan * 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. <i>Walter Barr (SU)</i>	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: 18/47 (38 %)/30/68 (44 %)

Shepherd Avg. Time of Possession/Foes: 25:25/34:34

Penalties-Yards by SU/Foes: 29-313/41-538

First Downs by Rush-Pass by SU/Foes: 26-23/35-35

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 237-12 (.952) all-time record when reaching the magical 24-point mark. Included in that record is a 110-9 (.924) record since 1990 and a 116-11 (.913) 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 146-23-2 (.859) since 1980 in games that it rushes for 150 or more yards. Since 1990, the record is 95-11-1 (.892) and under Cater it is 105-17-1 (.857).

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-SETON HILL GAME

SCORING SUMMARY & STATISTICS

Seton Hill	0	7	7	13	-	27
Shepherd	13	0	6	21	-	40

SU - Hardie 56 yd pass from Clancy (Dobratz kick)

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SHU - Roby 21 pass from Lenehan (Padilla kick)

SU - Dobratz 28 yd field goal

SU - Mends 6 yd pass from Clancy (Dobratz kick)

SHU - Tranks 9 pass from Lenehan (Padilla kick)

SU - Dobratz 28 yd field goal

SU - Addison 6 yd run (Dobratz kick)

SHU - Roby 24 pass from Lenehan (Padilla kick)

SU - Hoyte 55 yd run (Dobratz kick)

SHU		SU
27	First Downs	20
44-204	Rushes-Yards	40-165
229	Passing Yards	250
18-32-0	Passes	15-20-0
76-433	Plays-Total Off.	60-415
101	Return Yards	160
8/21.4	Punts/Avg	4/40.1
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	2-1
14-146	Penalties-Yards	10-127
32:31	Time of Possession	27:29

Rushing: SHU Jones 18-112-0, Lenehan 15-53-0, Butler 6-40-0, Tranks 2-21-0, Roby 2-1-0, TEAM 1-(-23)-0. SU Hoyte 9-108-1, Addison 13-47-1, Sutch 8-23-0, TEAM 2-(-4)-0, Clancy 8-(-9)-0.

Passing: SHU Lenehan 18-30-229-4-0, Monteleone 0-1-0-0-0. SU Clancy 15-20-250-3-0.

Receiving: SHU Scott 7-90-0, Roby 5-72-2, 4-36-1, Queen 1-23-0, Jones 1-8-0. SU Hardie 4-119-2, Mends 4-35-1, Muhammad 2-40-0, Frick 1-27-0, Mazyck 1-11-0, Humphries 1-8-0, Addison 1-6-0, McClain 1-4-0.

ON THIS DATE

The Rams have played six games in their history on September 26 with a 3-3 overall mark, including a 2-2 mark at home. Shepherd's all-time results on this date:

Year	Opponent	W/L	Score
1953	@ Glenville	L	0-7
1959	Shippensburg	L	0-14
1964	Shippensburg	L	6-23
1981	West Liberty	W	20-6
1987	West Liberty	W	16-13
1992	@ West Liberty	W (OT)	35-29

MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

RUNNING GAME

The Rams have had success with a trio of running backs this year. Sophomore **Nate Hoyte** made his collegiate debut for the Rams against Seton Hill and responded with a nine-carry, 108-yard effort in the win. Listed below are various figures on Hoyte, **Jimmy Sutch** and **Tommy Addison**.

HOYTE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Ru-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2009	1/0	9-108	12.0	1	55

HOYTE'S 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Opponent	Carries-Yards (Date)
Seton Hill	9-108 (9-19-09)

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	4/4	52-181	3.5	0	11
Totals	23/14	298-1,381	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)

ADDISON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Ru-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2008	3/0	30-184	6.1	2	30
2009	4/0	55-328	6.0	4	84
Totals	7/0	85-512	6.0	6	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)

TOUCHDOWN TOMMY

Sophomore running back **Tommy Addison** leads the team in scoring with five touchdowns this year for 30 points.

MAN OF STEELE

Junior cornerback/return specialist **Deante Steele** is one of the top all-purpose threats in NCAA II. He is noted on various charts below.

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	4/4	11-167	15.2	1	70
Totals	24/23	48-803	16.7	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	4/4	9-276	30.7	1	93
Totals	24/23	46-1,224	26.6	*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	4/3	17	6	23	2-90	5
Totals	24/14	62	27	89	6-165	15

RECEIVING LEADER

Senior wide receiver **Raymond Mends** leads the Rams in receptions (12) receiving yards (263) and touchdown receptions (4).

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	4/4	12-263	21.9	4	78
Totals	28/9	41-697	17.0	7	78

MENDS' 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

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

OFFENSIVE CATEGORY LEADERS

Category	Name	Amount
Rushing yards	Tommy Addison	328
Rushing TDs	Tommy Addison	4
Total TDs	Tommy Addison	5
Passing Yards	Kevin Clancy	758
Passing TDs	Kevin Clancy	9
Pass Attempts	Kevin Clancy	69
Pass Completions	Kevin Clancy	41
Receiving Yards	Raymond Mends	263
Receptions	Raymond Mends	12
Receiving TDs	Raymond Mends	4

LEADING THE DEFENSE

The Ram defense has three players with 19 tackles or more. Sophomore outside linebacker **Ben Minturn** tops the team in tackles with 31. He is followed by junior inside linebacker **Brian Taylor** with 25 tackles followed by and junior cornerback **Deante Steele** with 19.

DEFENSIVE CATEGORY LEADERS

Category	Name	Amount
Total tackles	Ben Minturn	31
Solo tackles	Ben Minturn	20
Tackles-for-loss	T.J. Taylor	6.5
	Frank Herrera	5.5
Sacks	T.J. Taylor	2
	Brian Taylor	2
Pass breakups	Deante Steele	5
Interceptions	Deante Steele	2

ON THE MARK

Junior quarterback **Kevin Clancy** had a solid performance in Shepherd's win over Seton Hill. Clancy completed 15-of-20 passes for 250 yards and three touchdowns.

CLANCY'S CAREER HIGHS

Passing yards	.....250, vs. Seton Hill (9-19-09)
TD passes	.....3, vs. Seton Hill (9-19-09)
	.....3, vs. Bowie State (9-5-09)
Completions	.....15, vs. Seton Hill (9-19-09)
Attempts	.....28, vs. Bowie State (9-5-09)

HAVING A DAY

Sophomore wide receiver **Neal Hardie** enjoyed a quite a day for the Rams against Seton Hill. Hardie had four catches for 119 yards including touchdown receptions of 56 and 53 yards. He also blocked a pair of punts. Hardie is now the team's second leading receiver with a six receptions for 192 yards. He has three touchdowns on the year.

CATCHING ON

Senior wide receiver **Nasser Muhammad** is the team's third leading receiver with six receptions for 133 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	4/3	6-133	22.2	1	65
Totals	26/8	53-726	13.7	6	65

SHEPHERD-CHARLESTON ALL-TIME SERIES RESULTS

Date	Winner	Score
10-29-49	Morris Harvey	19-6
10-28-50	Morris Harvey	48-12
10-8-05	Shepherd	27-0
10-14-06	Shepherd	17-0
10-6-07	Shepherd	49-13
10-4-08	Charleston	21-12

The all-time series is tied at 3-3

SERIES NOTES

Below are a few notes on the series between the Rams and Golden Eagles. Charleston (then Morris Harvey) won the first meeting in 1949 with a 19-6 victory. Shepherd gained its first win over the Golden Eagles in 2005 with a 27-0 triumph.

Longest Charleston win streak: 2 games (1949-50)

Longest Shepherd win streak: 3 games (2005-07)

IMPRESSIVE OPPONENT

University of Charleston leads is ranked first among NCAA II schools in three team categories. The Golden Eagles lead the nation in rushing defense (27.50), passing efficiency (216.77) and sacks allowed (.00). Charleston is also ranked third in rushing offense (301.25) and eighth in total offense (467.25).

SHEPHERD'S RECORD IN 2009 WHEN...

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