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SHEPHERD (5-3, 4-2) vs. WV STATE (2-5, 1-4)

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SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. -- Zach Amedro tossed a six-yard scoring pass to Ryan Travis with 5:14 left in the game to lift No. 21-ranked West Liberty to a 31-30 win over Shepherd University at Ram Stadium last Saturday.

The Hilltoppers took a 3-0 lead when Mike Blewett nailed a 32-yard field goal with 10:43 remaining in the first quarter.

Shepherd answered back with 13:23 left in the second quarter when junior quarterback **Kevin Clancy (Westminster, MD/Westminster)** found senior wide receiver **Nasser Muhammad (Silver Spring, MD/Sidwell Friends)** in the back of the end zone for a 26-yard scoring strike. Sophomore kicker **Eric Dobratz (Woodbridge, VA/Potomac)** added the extra point.

Clancy teamed with sophomore wide receiver **Neal Hardie (Alexandria, VA/West Potomac)** on a 38-yard scoring pass with 7:25 left in the second quarter to give the Rams a 14-3 lead.

Shepherd tacked on a safety minutes later when an errant snap on a punt sailed out of the end zone.

West Liberty cut the lead to 16-10 at intermission when Kevon Calhoun rambled 23 yards for a score with 1:10 to go in the half.

Shepherd took a 23-10 lead when sophomore running back **Tommy Addison (Germantown, MD/Quince Orchard)** went in from four yards out with 8:58 left in the third quarter.

The Hilltoppers responded with a five-play, 65-yard drive that resulted in a 25-yard scoring run by Calhoun with 3:04 left in the third quarter.

Shepherd took a 30-17 lead when junior cornerback/return specialist **Deante Steele (Woodbridge, VA/Potomac)** raced 86 yards for a touchdown on the ensuing kickoff. It was his second kickoff return for a touchdown this year and the fourth in his career.

Steele gained WVIAC Special Teams Player of the Week honors for the fourth time this season. Steele recorded his 10th career kick return for a score and equaled the NCAA Division II career record. West Liberty scored on a 32-yard scoring strike from Amedro to Kashif Wall with 14:48 left in the fourth quarter to set the stage for Travis' winning score.

Amedro connected on 30-of-55 passes for 427 yards to lead West Liberty. Clancy completed 12-of-28 passes for 181 yards for the Rams.

Walls had nine catches for 204 yards to pace the Hilltopper receivers. Hardie led the Rams with four catches for 118 yards.

Addison rushed for a game-high 111 yards on 24 carries. Calhoun rushed 16 times for 87 yards to lead West Liberty.

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)	160-79-1 (.668)
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>	<i>104-48-4 (.679)</i>
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** * **L**.....**17-30**

October

3 @ Concord * W.....34-31

10 @ WV Wesleyan * W.....45-6

17 **West Liberty** * **L**.....**30-31**

24 **WV State** * ^ **1 p.m.**

November

5 @ Glenville * 8 p.m.

* WVIAC Games

^ Homecoming

Home Games in Bold

2009 WV STATE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

August

29 **Central State** **W**.....**6-0**

September

5 **Benedict**..... **L**.....**21-49**

12 **Charleston** * **L**.....**0-35**

26 @ Concord * L.....14-25

Oct.

3 @ Seton Hill * W.....23-17

10 @ West Liberty * L.....30-52

17 **Glenville** * **L**.....**17-35**

24 @ *Shepherd* * 1:00

31 **WV Wesleyan** * **1:00**

November

7 **Fairmont** * **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 eight games this season:

Third Down Conversions by SU/Foes: 34/107(32 %)/ 47/128(37 %)
Shepherd Avg. Time of Possession/Foes: 27:16/32:44
Penalties-Yards by SU/Foes: 55-555/75-733
First Downs by Rush-Pass by SU/Foes: 59-50/52-77

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 239-13 (.948) all-time record when reaching the magical 24-point mark. Included in that record is a 112-10 (.918) record since 1990 and a 118-12 (.907) mark under Cater.

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The Rams sport a 347-75-26 (.803) all-time record when holding the opposition to 14 points or less. Currently, Shepherd has won 73 of its last 74 games when holding the opposition to 14 or less and owns a 95-3-1 (.964) record since 1990 when turning the trick. Shepherd is 106-7-1 (.934) under Cater in such games.

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Shepherd is 120-101-26 (.538) all-time in games decided by seven points or less. Shepherd has a 38-26-1 (.592) record since 1990 and a 42-35-1(.544) 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 148-23-2 (.861) since 1980 in games that it rushes for 150 or more yards. Since 1990, the record is 97-11-1 (.894) and under Cater it is 107-17-1 (.860).

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 122-18-1 (.868) when holding teams to less than 100 yards. Since 1990, Shepherd is 87-13 (.870) in such games and 95-16 (.855) under Cater.

ON THIS DATE

The Rams have played 11 games in their history on October 24 with a 4-6-1 overall mark, including a 2-3-0 mark at home. Shepherd's all-time results on this date:

Year	Opponent	W/L	Score
1922	@ Charles Town HS	W	.....14-0
1925	@ Potomac State	T	.....6-6
1936	Fairmont	L	.....13-14
1953	Potomac State	W	.....14-0
1959	Susquehanna	L	.....0-14
1964	@ Western Maryland	L	.....6-26
1970	@ Randolph-Macon	L	.....0-7
1981	@ Concord	L	.....0-42
1987	@ Fairmont	L	.....14-30
1992	Concord	W	.....24-17
1998	Fairmont	W	.....19-16

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-WEST LIBERTY GAME

SCORING SUMMARY & STATISTICS

West Liberty.....	3	7	7	14	-	31
Shepherd	0	16	14	0	-	30

WL - Blewett 23 yd field goal
 SU - Muhammad 26 yd pass from Clancy (Dobratz kick)
 SU - Hardie 33 yd pass from Clancy (Dobratz kick)
 SU - Team safety
 WL - Calhoun 23 yd run (Blewett kick)
 SU - Addison 4 yd run (Dobratz kick)
 WL - Calhoun 25 yd run (Blewett kick)
 SU - Steele 86 yd kickoff return (Dobratz kick)
 WL - Walls 32 yd pass from Amedro (Blewett kick)
 WL - Travis 6 yd pass from Amedro (Blewett kick)

WL		SU
23	First Downs	14
27-78	Rushes-Yards	38-148
427	Passing Yards	181
30-55-2	Passes	12-29-2
82-505	Plays-Total Off.	67-329
93	Return Yards	160
4/32.2	Punts/Avg	5/32.6
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
7-54	Penalties-Yards	5-41
31:39	Time of Possession	28.21

Rushing: WL Calhoun 16-87-2, Hills 2-6-0, Travis 1-0-0, TEAM 3-(-3)-0, Amedro 4-(-3)-0, Blewett 1-(-9)-0. **SU** Addison 24-111-1, Hoyte 10-47-0, Muhammad 1-1-0, Clancy 3-(-11)-0.

Passing: WL Amedro 30-55-427-2-2. **SU** Clancy 12-28-181-2-2, TEAM 0-2-0-0-0.

Receiving: WL Walls 9-204-1, Walker 8-87-0, Travis 6-59-0, 4-37-0, Hills 3-40-0. **SU** Hardie 4-118-1, Muhammad 4-47-1, Lowe 2-23-0, Addison 1-(-3)-0, Fry 1-(-4)-0.



MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

RUNNING GAME

The Rams have had success with a trio of running backs this year. Sophomore **Tommy Addison**, sophomore **Nate Hoyte**, and junior **Jimmy Sutch** and have all seen considerable action. Listed below is various information on all three players.

ADDISON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Ru-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2008	3/0	30-184	6.1	2	30
2009	8/2	128-693	5.4	9	84
Totals	11/2	158-877	5.5	11	84

ADDISON'S CAREER HIGHS

Rushing yards	156 vs. Shippensburg (8-29-09)
Carries	24 vs. West Liberty (10-17-09)
Rushing TDs	3 vs. WV Wesleyan (10-10-09)

ADDISON'S 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Opponent	Carries-Yards (Date)
West Liberty	24-111 (10-17-09)
WV Wesleyan	14-142 (10-10-09)
Fairmont	18-105 (9-12-09)
Shippensburg	14-156 (8-29-09)
WV State	19-127 (11-1-08)

HOYTE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Ru-Yds.	Avg.	TDs	Long
2009	5/1	52-328	6.3	4	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	6/5	72-250	3.5	0	12
Totals	25/15	318-1,450	4.5	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)

TOUCHDOWN TOMMY

Sophomore running back **Tommy Addison** leads the team in scoring this year with 10 touchdowns for 60 points.

MAN OF STEELE

Junior **Deante Steele** is one of the top all-purpose threats in NCAA II. Steele tied an NCAA II career mark with his 11th runback for a touchdown in his career. He also tied an NCAA II single season mark with his sixth runback (three punts, two kickoffs, one interception) for a touchdown this year. Steele moved past **Dustin Dudinski** (1,370 yards, 2001-05) as the program's all-time leader in kickoff return yards with 1,414. He is noted on various charts below.

STEELE'S RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

86-yard kickoff return vs. West Liberty	10-17-09
50-yard punt return vs. WV Wesleyan	10-10-09
85-yard punt return vs. Concord	10-3-09
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	8/8	19-345	18.2	3	85
Totals	28/27	56-981	17.5	6	*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	8/8	15-466	31.1	2	93
Totals	28/27	52-1,414	27.2	*4	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	8/7	34	7	41	2-90	7
Totals	28/18	79	28	107	6-165	17

SHEPHERD CAREER COMBINED KICK RETURN STATISTICS

Rank	Name	KOR Yds.	PR Yds.	Total
1.	Dustin Dudinski	1,370	1,373	2,743
2.	Deante Steele	1,414	981	2,395

OFFENSIVE CATEGORY LEADERS

Category	Name	Amount
Rushing yards	Tommy Addison	693
Rushing TDs	Tommy Addison	9
Total TDs	Tommy Addison	10
Passing Yards	Kevin Clancy	1,311
Passing TDs	Kevin Clancy	13
Pass Attempts	Kevin Clancy	159
Pass Completions	Kevin Clancy	86
Receiving Yards	Neal Hardie	494
Receptions	Neal Hardie	21
Receiving TDs	Neal Hardie	5

LEADING THE DEFENSE

The Ram defense has five players with 40 tackles or more. Sophomore outside linebacker **Ben Minturn** tops the team in tackles with 59. He is followed by junior inside linebacker **Brian Taylor** with 56. Junior cornerback **Deante Steele** has 41, while senior free safety **Layton Hersh** and sophomore linebacker **Jon Schwartz** have 40 stops.

DEFENSIVE CATEGORY LEADERS

Category	Name	Amount
Total tackles	Ben Minturn	59
Solo tackles	Ben Minturn	45
Tackles-for-loss	Brian Taylor	12
Sacks	Will Wheeler	4
Pass breakups	Deante Steele	7
Interceptions	Deante Steele	2

MAKING A PASS

Junior quarterback **Kevin Clancy** continues to make strides in his first season as the starting quarterback.

CLANCY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Comp.-Att.	Yards	TD	INT	QB Rating
2008	1/0	2-2	14	0	0	158.8
2009	8/8	86-159	1,311	13	8	140.3
Tot.	9/8	88-161	1,325	13	8	-----

CLANCY'S CAREER HIGHS

Passing yards250, 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), West Liberty (10-17-09)

BIG PLAYMAKER

Sophomore wide receiver **Neal Hardie** is the team's leading receiver with 21 receptions for 494 yards. Three of his five touchdown receptions have been over 50 yards.

HARDIE'S 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Opponent	Rec.-Yards (Date)
West Liberty	4-118 (10-17-09)
Concord	6-112 (10-3-09)
Seton Hill	4-119 (9-19-09)

ANOTHER RECEIVING LEADER

Senior wide receiver **Raymond Mends**, who has missed the past two games with an injury, is second on the team in touchdown catches (4) and tied for second in receptions (15).

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	6/6	15-302	20.1	4	78
Totals	32/11	44-736	16.7	6	78

MENDS' 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

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

CATCHING ON

Senior wide receiver **Nasser Muhammad** is tied for second on the team in receptions with 15 for 224 yards.

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	8/6	15-224	14.9	2	65
Totals	30/11	62-817	13.1	7	65

SHEPHERD'S RECORD IN 2009 WHEN...

At home.....	2-2
On the road.....	3-1
On artificial surface.....	5-2
On grass.....	0-1
Leading after 1st quarter.....	5-2
Trailing after 1st quarter.....	0-1
Tied after 1st quarter.....	0-0
Leading at the half.....	4-1
Trailing at the half.....	1-2
Tied at the half.....	0-0
Leading after 3rd quarter.....	5-2
Trailing after 3rd quarter.....	0-1
Tied after 3rd quarter.....	0-0
Game decided by seven pts. or less.....	1-2
Game decided by three pts. or less.....	1-2
Scoring 24 points or more.....	5-1
Allowing 14 points or less.....	2-0
Scoring first.....	4-1
Opponents score first.....	1-2
Positive TO ratio.....	2-0
Negative TO ratio.....	1-2
Turnovers even.....	2-1
300 yds. or more total offense.....	5-1
Less than 300 yds. total offense.....	0-2
Opp. < 300 yds. total offense.....	1-0
Opp. > 300 yds. total offense.....	4-3
Rushing for 150+ yards.....	5-0
Allowing <100 yds. rushing.....	2-1
An SU player rushes for 100 yards or more.....	4-1
An opponent player rushes for 100 yards or more.....	1-2
Against ranked opponents.....	0-2
In day games.....	4-3
In night games.....	1-0
In August.....	1-0
In September.....	2-2
In October.....	2-1
In November.....	0-0

SHEPHERD-WV STATE ALL-TIME SERIES RESULTS

Date	Winner	Score
10-1-66	WV State	9-0
11-11-78	Shepherd	17-14
11-10-79	WV State	15-7
11-15-80	WV State	12-7
11-14-81	Shepherd	20-0
11-13-82	Shepherd	17-0
11-12-83	Shepherd	20-7
11-10-84	Shepherd	34-14
11-2-85	Shepherd	35-3
11-1-86	Shepherd	41-20
10-31-87	Shepherd	20-7
10-29-88	Shepherd	47-35
10-28-89	Shepherd	7-6
10-27-90	Shepherd	33-26
10-5-91	Shepherd	26-8
10-3-92	Shepherd	17-0
11-6-93	Shepherd	14-7
11-5-94	Shepherd	62-14
10-28-95	Shepherd	38-0
11-2-96	Shepherd	16-11
11-1-97	Shepherd	23-7
10-31-98	Shepherd	15-0
10-23-99	Shepherd	63-14
10-21-00	Shepherd	44-8
10-13-01	Shepherd	48-14
10-19-02	Shepherd	40-0
10-11-03	Shepherd	35-21
10-2-04	Shepherd	34-0
11-5-05	Shepherd	51-10
11-11-06	Shepherd	38-12
11-3-07	Shepherd	42-7
11-1-08	Shepherd	56-14

Shepherd leads the all-time series 29-3.

JUST FOR KICKS

The Ram kicking game is led by junior punter **Matt Martin** and sophomore kicker **Eric Dobratz**. Martin leads the WVIAC and is ranked 22nd nationally with a 39.7 punting average. Dobratz has connected on 28-of-32 extra points and 6-of-11 field goals.

MARTIN'S CAREER PUNTING STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	No.-Yds.	Avg.	Long	120
2008	10/10	44-1469	33.4	58	12
2009	8/8	35-1390	39.7	56	16
Totals	18/18	79-2859	36.2	58	28

DOBRATZ'S CAREER KICKING STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	PAT-PATA	FG-FGA	Long	Pts
2008	10/9	24-25	4-5	32	36
2009	8/8	28-32	6-11	34	46
Totals	18/17	52-57	10-16	34	82

SERIES NOTES

Below are a few notes on the series between the Rams and Yellow Jackets. West Virginia State won the first meeting between the two teams in 1966 with a 9-0 triumph. Shepherd claimed its first win in the series in 1978 with a 17-14 victory.

Longest WV State win streak: 2 games (1979-80)

Longest Shepherd win streak: 28 games (1981-2008)

Last 10 meetings: Shepherd leads, 10-0

WV STATE - SHEPHERD • BY THE NUMBERS

WVS		SU
15.9	Scoring Offense	31.0
30.4	Scoring Defense	23.1
210.0	Pass Offense	165.8
162.0	Pass Defense	229.0
16.5	Kickoff Return Avg.	23.6
28.4	Net Punting	32.6
78.1	Rushing Offense	156.6
201.3	Rushing Defense	126.9
288.1	Total Offense	322.4
363.3	Total Defense	355.9
4.8	Punt Returns	15.3
134.1	Pass Efficiency	135.5
112	First Downs	125
213	Opponent First Downs	148
7-49	Sacks By	11-74
25-146	Sacks Against	11-58
62.0	Penalty Yard Avg./ Game	69.4
53.4	Opponent Penalty Yards	91.6
5-10 (50%)	Fourth Down Conv.	9-17 (53%)
5-14 (36%)	Opp. Fourth Down Conv.	4-18 (.22%)
45.0	Red Zone Scores Off. Pct.	71.0
75.0	Red Zone Defense Pct.	87.0
37.0	Third Down Conv.	32.0
41.0	Opp. Third Down Conv.	37.0
.333 (3-9)	Field Goal Pct.	.545 (6-11)
.800 (12-15)	PAT Kicking	.875 (28-32)
30:17	Time of Possession	27:16
21.4	Kickoff Coverage (Net Return)	19.8

REGIONAL RANKINGS

Shepherd University fell out of the NCAA II regional rankings for Super Region I after dropping a 31-30 decision to West Liberty. A pair of West Virginia Conference teams are listed.

Pos.	School	Overall W-L	D-II W-L
1.	Bloomsburg (PA)	8-0	8-0
2.	Charleston	8-0	8-0
3.	California (PA)	6-2	6-2
4.	Bentley (MA)	7-1	6-1
5.	West Liberty	7-1	6-1
6.	Shippensburg (PA)	6-2	6-2
7.	Edinboro (PA)	6-2	6-2
8.	East Stroudsburg (PA)	6-2	6-2
9.	Bowie State (MD)	6-2	6-2
10.	Shaw (NC)	6-2	6-2