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SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. -- The Shepherd University football team anxiously awaits to opens the season against rival Shippensburg University in the annual Great Valley Classic showdown. the Rams are coming off a 6-4 mark in 2009 with a 4-3 record in conference play.

Head coach **Monte Cater** returns 15 starters, including six players who earned WVIAC All-Conference honbrs last season. Eight offensive starters are back led by Second Team All-WVIAC selection **Tommy Addison (Germantown, MD/Quince Orchard)**. Six starters return on defense led by Honorable Mention All-WVIAC linebacker **Brian Taylor (Elkridge, MD/Long Reach)**.

Senior All-American return specialist **Deante Steele (Woodbridge, VA/Potomac)** returns to lead the special teams.

Senior quarterback **Kevin Clancy (Westminster, MD/Westminster)** after passing for 1,605 yards and 15 touchdowns in his first year as a starter last season.

Junior **Nate Hoyte (Waldorf, MD/McDonough)** and senior **Jimmy Sutch (Hagerstown, MD/St. James)** are also expected to make significant contributions at running back.

Senior **Bobby Humphries (Frederick, MD/Thomas Johnson)** enters his fourth year as the starter at fullback.

Seniors **Geoff Fry (Frederick, MD/Frederick)** and **Steve Baisey (Laytonsville, MD/Damascus)** join juniors **Carl McIntyre (Dayton, VA/Turner Ashby)**, **Josh Spring (Lovettsville, VA/Loudoun Valley)**, and **Steve Jackson (Madison Heights, VA/Amherst)** as the projected starters on the offensive line

Sophomore **John Frick (Greencastle, PA/Greencastle-Antrim)** returns with starting experience at tight end. Senior transfer **Dom Jones (San Diego, CA/Horizon/Liberty)** could make an impact.

The Rams return a solid veteran group at wide receiver led by juniors **Nikkolai Norrell (Richmond, VA/Hermitage)**, and **Neal Hardie (Alexandria, VA/ West Potomac)**.

Newcomers **Robert Byrd (Alexandria, VA/Troy)** and **Scot Riddell (Gaithersburg, MD/Quince Orchard/Richmond)** are expected to contribute.

The defensive line returns veteran starter **Will Wheeler (Chantilly, VA/Westfield)**.

Senior captain **Brian Taylor (Elkridge, MD/Long Reach)** leads the linebacking corps with **A.J. Parrish (Madison Heights, VA/Amherst County)** moving into a starting role.

Veterans **Deante Steele, Ben Minturn (Gaithersburg, MD/Damascus)**, **Elijah Davis (Silver Spring, MD/Wheaton)**, and **Chris Patton (Mt. Airy, MD/ Urbana)** are returning starter on defense.

Junior kicker **Eric Dobratz (Woodbridge, VA/Potomac)**, who was named to the watch list for the Fred Mitchell Award, returns to handle the placekicking duties, while redshirt-freshman **Troy McNeill (Daleville, VA/Lord Botetourt)** takes over at punter.

A REIGN OF EXCELLENCE

Head Coach **Monte Cater** is now in his 24th 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 23 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)	161-80-1 (.667)
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)

2010 SHEPHERD SCHEDULE

August	
28 @ Shippensburg	1 p.m.
September	
11 St. Joseph's (IN)	1 p.m.
18 Fairmont *	12 p.m.
25 @ Seton Hill *	3 p.m.
October	
2 @ Charleston *	1 p.m.
9 Concord *	12 p.m.
16 WV Wesleyan * ^	12 p.m.
23 @ West Liberty *	1 p.m.
30 @ WV State *	1 p.m.
November	
13 Glenville *	8 p.m.
* WVIAC Games	
^ Homecoming	
Home Games in Bold	

2010 SHIPPENSBURG SCHEDULE

August	
28 <i>Shepherd</i>	1 p.m.
September	
11 Gannon.....	1:00
18 @ Clarion.....	6:00
25 C.W. Post *	1:00
October	
2 @ Kutztown *	1:00
7 @ West Chester *	8:00
16 Bloomsburg *	1:00
23 Cheyney *	1:00
30 Millersville *	1:00
November	
6 @ East Stroudsburg *	1:00
13 @ Mercyhurst (PSAC flex game).....	1:00
* PSAC 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 last season:

3rd Down Conversions by SU/Foes: 47/135 (35 %)/53/153 (35 %)
Shepherd Avg. Time of Possession/Foes: 29:00/31:00
Penalties-Yards by SU/Foes: 67-690/86-811
First Downs by Rush-Pass by SU/Foes: 83-61/64-94

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 240-13 (.948) all-time record when reaching the magical 24-point mark. Included in that record is a 113-10 (.918) record since 1990 and a 119-12 (.908) mark under Cater.

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The Rams sport a 348-75-26 (.804) all-time record when holding the opposition to 14 points or less. Currently, Shepherd has won 74 of its last 75 games when holding the opposition to 14 or less and owns a 96-3-1 (.965) record since 1990 when turning the trick. Shepherd is 107-7-1 (.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 149-23-2 (.862) since 1980 in games that it rushes for 150 or more yards. Since 1990, the record is 98-11-1 (.895) and under Cater it is 108-17-1 (.861).

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 123-18-1 (.869) when holding teams to less than 100 yards. Since 1990, Shepherd is 88-13 (.871) in such games and 96-16 (.857) under Cater.



RADIO AND WEB RADIO COVERAGE:

The Ram Sports Radio Network will once again bring the action of the 2010 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-SHIPPLENSBURG ALL-TIME SERIES RESULTS

Date	Winner	Score
10-27-23	Shepherd	14-7
10-25-24	Shippensburg	28-6
10-3-25	Shippensburg	14-8
10-6-28	Shepherd	12-6
10-5-29	Shippensburg	31-0
10-3-31	Shippensburg	40-0
10-1-32	Shepherd	3-0
10-16-37	Shippensburg	27-0
10-15-38	Shippensburg	13-3
11-2-40	Shippensburg	47-2
10-7-50	Shippensburg	13-7
10-6-51	Shippensburg	59-0
9-26-56	Shippensburg	14-2
9-28-57	Shippensburg	27-7
9-27-58	Shippensburg	10-6
9-26-59	Shippensburg	14-0
10-21-60	Shepherd	12-0
10-21-61	Shepherd	32-12
9-29-62	Shippensburg	14-13
9-28-63	Shepherd	12-7
9-26-64	Shippensburg	23-6
9-25-65	Shippensburg	33-10
9-9-78	Shepherd	14-10
9-8-79	Shippensburg	23-7
11-16-85	Shippensburg	7-0
11-15-86	Shepherd	28-17
9-7-91	Shippensburg	49-28
9-5-92	* Shippensburg	21-7
9-4-93	Shippensburg	10-7
9-3-94	Shippensburg	17-0
9-3-94	Shippensburg	17-0
9-2-95	Shippensburg	24-21
9-7-96	Shippensburg	24-22
9-13-97	Shepherd	20-16
9-5-98	Shippensburg	36-14
9-4-99	Shippensburg	24-21
9-2-00	Shepherd	28-13
9-1-01	Shepherd	28-25
9-7-02	Shepherd	17-10
9-6-03	Shippensburg	33-14
9-4-04	Shippensburg	35-7
9-3-05	Shepherd	34-32
9-2-06	Shepherd	14-0
9-1-07	Shepherd	19-14
8-30-08	Shepherd	20-16
8-29-09	Shepherd	34-23

Shippensburg leads the all-time series, 27-18

* includes Shepherd forfeit win in 1992

MILESTONES AND MEMORIES

RUNNING GAME

The Rams return a trio of talented running backs this year. Juniors **Tommy Addison** and **Nate Hoyte**, and senior **Jimmy Sutch** 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	9/3	141-797	5.7	10	84
Totals	12/3	171-981	5.7	12	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)
WV State	13-104 (10-24-09)
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	7/2	105-575	5.5	7	55

HOYTE'S 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Opponent	Carries-Yards (Date)
Glenville	27-102 (11-5-09)
WV State	26-145 (10-24-09)
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	8/5	87-358	4.1	2	33
Totals	27/15	333-1,558	4.6	21	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

Tommy Addison led the Rams in scoring in 2009 with 11 touchdowns for 66 points.

MAN OF STEELE

Senior **Deante Steele** is one of the top all-purpose threats in NCAA II. Steele tied an NCAA II career record with 10 kick returns (6 punts, 4 kickoffs) for touchdowns. He also tied an NCAA II single season mark with his sixth runback (three punts, two kickoffs, one interception) for a touchdown in 2009. Steele (1,444 yards) moved past **Dustin Dudinski** (1,370 yards, 2001-05) as the program's all-time leader in kickoff return yards. He also joined Dudinski as the only players in program history to record 1,000 yards or more in both punt returns and kickoff returns. Steele is noted on various charts below.

STEELE'S RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

86-yard KO 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	10/10	23-391	17.0	3	85
Totals	30/29	60-1,027	17.1	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	10/10	17-496	29.2	2	93
Totals	30/29	54-1,444	26.7	*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	10/10	43	9	52	2-90	9
Totals	30/21	88	30	118	6-165	19

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	1,444	1,027	2,471

MAKING A PASS

Senior quarterback **Kevin Clancy** enters his second season as the starting quarterback for the Rams.

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	10/10	107-209	1,605	15	9	129.8
Tot.	11/10	109-211	1,619	15	9	-----

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)
 Attempts28, vs. Bowie State (9-5-09), West Liberty (10-17-09)

BIG PLAYMAKER

Junior wide receiver **Neal Hardie** was the team's leading receiver with 26 receptions for 554 yards in 2009 . Three of his team-leading five touchdown receptions were 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)

THE GREAT VALLEY CLASSIC

The Rams and Red Raiders will meet for the 12th annual Great Valley Classic. Shepherd holds an 8-4 edge in the classic series.

CAPTAINS

Senior linebacker **Brian Taylor**, senior outside linebacker **Ben Minturn**, senior quarterback **Kevin Clancy**, senior fullback **Bobby Humphries**, and junior cornerback **Elijah Davis** will serve as captains for the Rams in 2010.

PRESEASON HONORS

Senior cornerback / return specialist **Deante Steele** and senior outside linebacker **Ben Minturn** have both have all received preseason notice. Steele received First Team preseason All-American honors from *D2Football.com* and the *Sporting News*. He was a Second Team choice by from *Lindy's* and *Consensusdraft.com*. Minturn gained Second Team accolades from *Lindy's*. Junior kicker **Eric Dobratz** was named to the watch list for the Fred Mitchell Award.

SHEPHERD-SHIPPLENSBURG SERIES INFORMATION

Series Record: Shippensburg leads, 27-18
 Last meeting (result): 2009, Shepherd 34 Shippensburg 23
 Last meeting at Ship: 2008, Shepherd 20 Shippensburg 16
 Current Shep streak: Won five
 Most SU points vs. Ship: 34 (2005, 2009)
 Most Ship points vs. SU: 59 (1951)
 All-time SU shutouts vs. Ship: 3
 All-time Ship shutouts vs. SU: 6
 Coach Cater vs. Ship: 10-9 (includes forfeit win in 1992)
 Coach Cater vs. Ship at Ship: 4-4
 Cater's team scoring offense vs. Ship: 355
 Cater's team scoring defense vs. Ship: 422

SHEPHERD'S RECORD IN 2010 WHEN...

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

FOR KICKS

Junior **Eric Dobratz** returns as the starting kicker for the Rams. Redshirt-freshman **Troy McNeill** is slated to take over the punting duties.

DOBRTAZ'S CAREER KICKING STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	PAT-PATA	FG-FGA	Long	Pts
2008	10/9	24-25	4-5	32	36
2009	10/10	36-40	9-14	45	63
Totals	20/19	60-65	13-19	45	99

IN AUGUST

The Rams have played only eight games in their history in August, with a 5-3 mark, including a 2-2 mark on the road. 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
2007	Millersville (8/25)	W.....	36-7
2008	@ Shippensburg (8/30)	W.....	20-16
2009	Shippensburg (8/29)	W.....	34-23