Shepherdstown - With an 8-2 run to end the game, the Shepherd Rams were able to put the Davis & Elkins Senators in their rearview mirror and get their sixth win on the year.

The Rams' defense was able to come up with timely rebounds and contested shots late in the game to hold on to the 84-76 victory in West Virginia Conference play.

"Everyone of our girls showed why they were in there to play," Shepherd coach Melanie Ford said. "With the 40 minutes, you have your up and downs, and Katie Biggs really was able to help shut down the Davis & Elkins offense."

Biggs' blocks and Melissa Furr's rebounding were part of the defensive effort that helped the Rams hold on to the victory.

In the first half, the Senators started off shooting the ball well and taking the early lead, but the Rams defense slowed down the Davis & Elkins attack.

Two technicals fouls in the first half didn't help Davis & Elkins.

The Senators coach Jason Asbell and guard Page Turner were given technical fouls at different points in the half for arguing with the officials.

Shepherd was also able to use center Camille Wilmer's height advantage to score several field goals in the paint, along with the Senators' fouls that sent Wilmer to the foul line.

The Rams were 13 for 16 from the foul line in the first half, which helped them extend their lead to 44-37 at the break.

The Senators were able to come out of halftime and find the shooting streak that gave them the early lead in the first half.

The two senior guards Lindsay Holiday and Teonna Jewell, along with freshman Shalisa Hill, led the Senators on 12-4 run to start the second half and give their team a four-point lead.

"We knew what we had to do to turn it around, we didn't want another loss at home," Prine said.

With the game slipping out of hand, Furr stepped up to help her team by rebounding the ball and knocking down a 3-pointer, and brought down three more rebounds before Prine knocked down a jumper to give the Rams the lead.

Biggs also helped Shepherd finish out the game by bringing down several rebounds and hitting two free throws to put the game out of reach.

Prine paced the Rams with 23 points and Carrie Saunders' 6-of-8 shooting gave her team 18 points, along with eight rebounds to lead the team. Wilmer and Furr both scored 13 points in the Rams' victory.

Holiday led Davis & Elkins with 26 points, along with 21 from Hill.
Rams can’t answer D&E’s Turner

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SHEPHERDSTOWN — Another loss highlighted the Shepherd Rams’ year-long struggles.

Despite closing to within two points of Davis & Elkins late in the game, the Rams couldn’t contain Tim Turner and the Senators en route to a 87-81 loss, dropping Shepherd to 1-11 overall, 1-6 in West Virginia Conference play.

“I look down at the box score offensively, and I see we were balanced on our side,” Shepherd coach Justin Namolik said. “But on the other side, it is just one or two guys beating us — just like (Tim) Turner did tonight.”

The Rams closed the gap late after trailing by as many as 12 points, but junior guards P.J. Turner and Tim Turner were able to convert 11 free throws down the stretch to give Davis & Elkins the win.

The Rams sent Tim Turner to the foul line often. Turner made them pay, converting 11 of 12 shots. He proved that’s not the only place he’s dangerous, going 2 for 11 from beyond the arc to finish with a game-high 37 points.

The Rams’ defense struggled to keep up with the Senators’ fast-paced offense that never gave up the lead after a 2-2 tie early in the game.

The Rams spent most of the first half trailing due to their 26.5 field-goal percentage, while going 2 for 18 from 3-point range.

Even with a slight size advantage, the Rams were outscored 16 to 8 in the paint and struggled to slow down Tim Turner.

The Rams cut to the lead to six points with time ticking in the first half, but P.J. Turner hit a buzzer-beating 3 to extend the lead and give the Senators a 36-27 advantage at the half.

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The second half started out with Tim Turner hitting his first two 3-point shots and keeping the Senators in the lead.

The game stepped up physically as the tension and tempers of both teams came to a boil.

Shepherd’s Dave Karlson was whistled for a technical foul after arguing with a Davis & Elkins’ Jerome Jack.

Later in the half, Tim Turner and his coach Bruce Martin were given techincals for arguing with the referees.

The Rams closed the gap to within three points midway through the half after Chad Moore, Tyrone Roach and Sidney McCray contributed to a seven-point run for the Rams.

After battling back forth, the Rams got to within two after senior guard Derek Gallagher made a 3-point shot off junior guard Jonathan Motchka’s pass.

But Tim Turner and the Senators quickly responded to take a eight-point lead.

The Rams cut the lead down to two points again, but the foul shooting and 3-point shooting of Tim Turner gave Davis & Elkins the win.

“He was the difference in the game,” Namolik said of Tim Turner. “We couldn’t stop him. We have to have someone on this team to establish themselves as a defensive stopper.”
SU women rebound, make free throws

With a 9-2 streak of late-game points, the Shepherd women repulsed a Davis & Elkins bid and were able to post an 84-76 WVIAC win on its home court on Saturday afternoon.

The Lady Rams clung to only a 75-74 lead with 3:28 remaining before launching their last-minutes streak of points.

Shepherd moved into the top half of the 16-team WVIAC standings with a 5-2 conference record and moved above the .500 mark overall with a 6-5 mark. The Lady Senators were 4-3 in the WVIAC and 7-4 overall.

Shepherd had moved to a 44-37 lead at halftime.

The Lady Rams made 24-of-30 free throws as compared with Davis & Elkins’ 12-of-16.

Jenn Prine had 23 points and made 7-of-7 free throws for Shepherd. The other Lady Rams in double figures were Carrie Saunders (18 points), Camille Wilmot (13 points), and reserve Melissa Furr (13 points).

Two players had the majority of the Davis & Elkins points. Lindsey HolliDay fired in 26 points and Shalisa Hall counted 21 points.

Shepherd’s eight-point win was helped immensely by its 54-27 rebounding advantage.

Saunders and Katie Biggs both had eight rebounds with Shelby Fayak and Wilmer both collecting seven missed shots. Furr had six rebounds and Prine totaled five.

Teonna Jewell led the Lady Senators with seven of their 27 rebounds.

There were 23 personal fouls called against Davis & Elkins and a technical against Keri Dennison.

There were 15 fouls called against Shepherd.

Davis & Elkins was able to maintain contact with the Lady Rams partially because Shepherd committed 25 turnovers and the Lady Senators had but 12 turnovers.

Shepherd was 28-for-63 (44 percent) from the floor and Davis & Elkins was 27-for-67 (40 percent).

By doubling the Lady Senators’ number of made free throws (24 to 12) and saving the Lady Senators on the boards, Shepherd overcame problems it encountered in other parts of the game.

Alderson-Broaddus goes overtime to beat Rams

PHILIPPI -- Down seven points with only 2:46 remaining in the second half, streaking Alderson-Broaddus rallied behind a three-pointer from Jamar Board, two Terrell Earle free throws, and Earle’s steal and dunk to forge a tie and send its WVIAC game against visiting Shepherd into overtime.

In the five-minute overtime, Board scored six of his game-high 32 points and the Battlers survived the Shepherd challenge to finally post a 73-69 win that lengthened the Alderson-Broaddus winning streak to eight straight and left the snake-bitten Rams at 1-10 overall and 1-5 in the WVIAC.

The Battlers, an annual resident at the top of the league standings, improved to 8-2 overall after dropping their first two games of the season. Alderson-Broaddus was 4-1 in conference games.

Shepherd had mustered its upset chances on the strength of its defense and the scoring of Tyrone Roach (15 points), Jonathan Motitchka (15 points), reserve guard Aaron Spencer (13 points, three steals), Dave Karlson (10 points, eight rebounds), and Chad Moore’s 11 rebounds.

The Battlers made only 39 percent of their field goal attempts, including 7-for-24 from long range. Board was 5-for-15 from three-point range. But Board made 13-of-14 free throws. He collected six rebounds as the Battlers owned a 43-38 advantage on the boards.

The game-changing Earle, Alderson-Broaddus’s only returning starter from 2009, contributed 11 rebounds, 17 points, and four steals to the streak-enhancing win.

Reserve Roy Brown went 4-for-6 from the field and made both his free throws to score 10 points. Garrett Putman had 10 rebounds.

The Rams were 22-for-58 (37.9 percent) from the floor, but were hurt even more by their suspect free throw shooting where they were only 17-for-34 (50 percent).

The 22 turnovers the Rams committed helped fell them in the end.

Shepherd had altered its starting lineup and went with Roach, Motitchka, Karlson, Moore, and freshman Sidney McCray to begin the game.

The loss was Shepherd’s sixth in a row.
Rams manage second victory

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SHEPHERDSTOWN — Shepherd finally got the monkey, or in this case, Tiger, off its back, with a win over Salem International on Thursday at the Butcher Center.

The Rams controlled the game from start to finish,

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TIGERS 1-14
SHEPHERD 78
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winning 78-62 and picking up their second win on the year.

“We controlled the game from start to finish, but we started off not hitting our 3s against their zone defense. We’re still learning how to win, but it is nice to get past this win,” Shepherd coach Justin Namolik said.

The Rams never trailed in the game and were only

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tied with Salem once.

Shepherd led by as many as 14 in the first half, with senior guard Tyrone Roach exploiting the Tigers’ zone defense for three treys and 11 points in the first 20 minutes.

The Rams took advantage of several Salem mistakes, scoring 19 points off turnovers and eight points off of offensive rebounds.

Freshman forward Chad Moore dunked the ball with time ticking down at the end of the first half, giving the Rams a 33-22 halftime lead.

The Rams quickly extended their lead in the second half, still exploiting the Salem defense by stretching the floor out and making 7 of 12 3-pointers. Shepherd led by as many as 19 after an 8-1 run early on in the second half.

“I thought we did a good job to finish the game defensively. I called a few timeouts to calm things down and keep them on winning the game,” said Namolik.

Jonathan Moticka led his team in scoring with 19 points, going 5 for 10 from beyond the arc. Roach had 13 points, while Moore had 11 points, six rebounds and one block.

Junior guard Demetric Walker led the Tigers with 15 points.
Ram women run win streak to five

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SHEPHERDSTOWN — The Shepherd Rams women’s basketball team might have been playing a winless Salem International Tigers team, but they wanted to show all the energy and intensity needed for any game.

They showed all that and more, winning by 61 points in a 90-29 victory, the Rams’ fifth win in a row.

The Rams started out slowly against the Tigers, with Salem taking a 6-5 lead early on as Shepherd struggled to make its shots.

But the Salem lead came and left quickly, as the Rams defense stalled the Tigers and three consecutive three point shots by Shepherd gave it a lead it wouldn’t surrender.

Shepherd used good shot selection and tough defensive play, along with 10 fast break points in the first half to put plenty of space between the Rams and the Tigers.

Salem settled for too many contested shots and bad passes that put the Tigers behind on the scoreboard.

The Rams’ 23-2 run to end the first half gave them a 34-point lead at intermission.

“We talked about keeping the intensity up for 40 minutes this week, and we know what Salem is down right now, but we wanted our team to work on a full game, doing all the little things you need to win,” Shepherd interim coach Melanie Ford said.

The Rams applied pressure to the Tigers all game long, forcing 27 turnovers and holding a 46-25 rebounding advantage.

The Rams continued to dominate throughout the second half while their starters rested on the bench.

Reserves accounted for 50 points.

Backup center Mackenzie Logan scored 12 points while sophomore guard Katie Biggs led the bench and all scorers with 14 points.

Sophomore guard Jenn Prine led the Shepherd starters with 13 points.

“We have all the confidence in our bench players, and we see that in practice, so I knew they’d show that tonight,” Ford said.

Freshman guard Alex Tamez scored seven points and had several assists while running the Shepherd offense for most of the second half.

The Rams shot 54.3 percent, going 38 of 70 from the field.

The win gave Shepherd its eighth overall and a 7-2 record in the West Virginia Conference, good enough to share second place.

“We have just been taking care of things and looking forward to the conference tournament,” said Logan, who was 6 for 6 shooting.

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