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NCAA reprimands W.Va. coaches over tobacco use

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Two Shepherd University football coaches and the school's athletic director have been reprimanded for violating the NCAA's rules against tobacco.

Head football coach Monte Cater, defensive coordinator and assistant coach Bob Haley and Athletic Director B.J. Pumroy were reprimanded Tuesday.

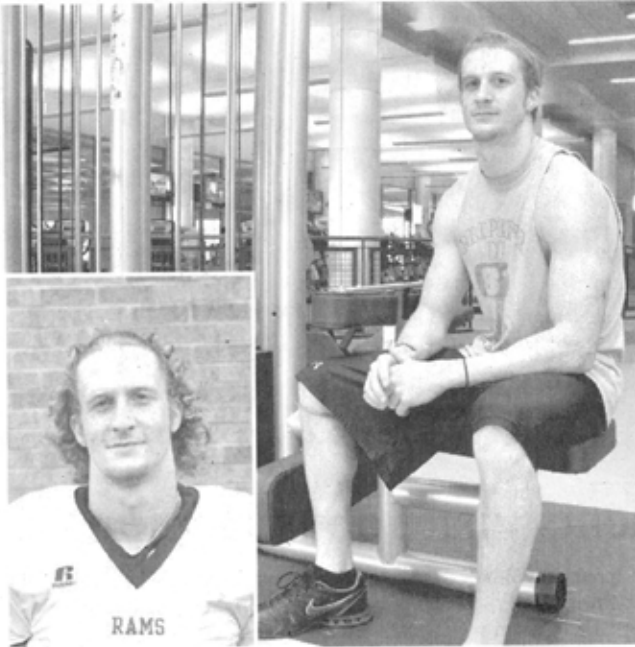
The NCAA said Cater and Pumroy had been warned about smokeless tobacco use prior to December's NCAA Division II semifinal game against Delta State and failed to ensure compliance.

Haley was later seen on television spitting tobacco juice during the game while on Shepherd's sideline.

The NCAA says Shepherd won't be reimbursed for \$600 in travel expenses to the game for the three.

Cater referred questions to Pumroy, who did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment.

Shepherd Ram donates hair to Locks of Love



Neal Hardie, senior wide receiver for the Shepherd University football team, could be identified on the sidelines in the fall by his long red mane of hair seen from underneath his helmet. Recently, Hardie had 10 inches of his hair cut off and donated to Locks of Love, an organization that makes hairpieces for children suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

Neal, of Alexandria, Virginia, is a sports and event management major with a concentration in fitness and exercise sciences. He will graduate in December 2011. He said he chose Shepherd because of its small size and closeness to home.

According to Hardie, it was

his family friend and neighbor, Donna Powell, who had breast cancer, that inspired him to grow his hair and donate to Locks of Love.

After letting his hair grow for almost two years, Hardie had his hair cut over winter break while he was home for the holidays. A total of 10 inches was cut from his hair, which was straightened before it was cut.

Hardie, who is involved with helping new recruits to the football team by participating in tours and demonstrations, also works at the Wellness Center in the weight and fitness area. He is looking to intern with the Arizona Cardinals or Stephenson College in Baltimore.

Shepherd softball sweeps Chowan

MURFREESBORO, N.C.

— Shepherd University pulled out a pair of extra-inning victories en route to a doubleheader sweep over Chowan University in softball action at Hawks Softball Field on Tuesday afternoon. The Rams took a 5-4 win in nine innings in Game 1 and outslugged the Hawks 9-8 in another nine-inning contest in the nightcap.

Pitcher Nichole Pitcock picked up both wins for the Rams.

Outfielder Tiffany Farmer

tripled home outfielder Bianca Biondillo and later scored on a groundout by third baseman Chelsie Oals in the top of the ninth to give the Rams a 5-3 advantage.

The Hawks got to within one run after an RBI single by Liz Sill in the bottom of the ninth. With two on and one out, Pitcock (9.0 IP, 7 Ks, 0 BB) fanned Liz Hipple and got Lacey Wildeboer to fly out to end the game.

First baseman Sam McQuade went 3 for 3 with a solo home run to lead the

Rams.

Pitcock, outfielder Amber Dudek and shortstop Jess Mason each added a pair of hits, while catcher Megan Holmes belted a solo homer.

Allie Kolezynski took the loss for Chowan.

Pitcock singled home Mason with the game-winning run in the top of the ninth in the nightcap.

Biondillo went 3 for 4 to pace the Rams in the nightcap.

Farmer went 2 for 4 with RBI and a two-run homer,

and Dudek added a solo home run. Oals and Delaney Bell each added a pair of hits.

Sill went 3 for 5 to lead the Hawks.

Pitcock (5.0 IP, 2 K, 0 BB) gained the win to improve to 7-1 on the year. Kolezynski took the loss for the Hawks.

Shepherd improved to 9-5, while Chowan fell to 16-12. The Rams return to action today when they play Shaw in a 4 p.m. doubleheader.

COLLEGE TENNIS

Shepherd 8,

FDU-Florham 1

HILTON HEAD, S.C. —

Chris Pratt and Al Starlings each posted 6-0, 6-0 singles wins to lead Shepherd University to a win over Farleigh Dickinson-Florham in men's tennis action at Hilton Head on Tuesday.

The Rams improve to 4-4 on the year.

The Rams return to action on Thursday when they face Spring Arbor at 6 p.m. in Hilton Head.

COLLEGE LACROSSE

Bentley 17, Shepherd 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. —

Shepherd University dropped a 17-4 decision to Bentley University in women's lacrosse action on Monday afternoon.

Nicole Ruane, Shannon Carta, Christina Ferrara and Kelsey Eagan each had goals for the Rams. Netminder Emily Melanson had 14 saves for Shepherd.

Shepherd dropped to 4-2.

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Seton Hill drops Shepherd

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SHEPHERDSTOWN — Even with the sun shining on the first day of spring, the Shepherd Rams could not find a bright spot on the field.

The Rams, in the midst of a small losing streak, found it difficult to overcome Seton Hill and ultimately, were derailed by the Griffins 8-1 on Sunday afternoon.

“(After this loss) we just have to work harder to get better,” Shepherd coach Wayne Riser said. “We need to get better at-bats and execute better because right now, we do not have a big margin for error.”

Those errors couldn't be found in the first few innings, and the Rams showed signs of new life early on in the contest. Behind the pitching of Justin Byrd, Shepherd shut down Seton Hill in the first, second and third innings.

In the second inning, Shepherd loaded the bases with only one out, but the Rams couldn't convert on any of their opportunities.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

SETON HILL 8

GRIFFINS 9-5 (6-0)

SHEPHERD 1

RAMS 5-8 (1-5)

The Griffins' offense came alive in the fourth inning, and they built an early lead.

On the first pitch of the inning, Seton Hill's Michael Leviseur hit a home run over the right field fence.

With singles by Jackson Boyd and Nate Defilippi, the Griffins scored two more runs and led by the score of 3-0.

After shutting down Shepherd in the bottom of the fourth, Seton Hill started the fifth inning with great offense. The Griffins' cleanup hitter, Tom DeAngelis, hit a three-run shot to make the score 6-0. Then, with a full count, Jared Littler hit a double to place himself in scoring position. Boyd then hit a sacrifice fly to

bring Littler home and give the Griffins a 7-0 lead.

Shepherd had more scoring opportunities on its next at-bat, but with a double play and a flyout, the Rams could not put a run on the scoreboard.

With a pitching change by the Rams, Seton Hill's offense was shut down in the sixth inning. Shepherd's Paul Hvozdovic completed back-to-back innings of solid pitching. However, Hvozdovic's pitching alone couldn't help the Rams cut into the Griffins' lead.

In the eighth inning, Shepherd's Brian Collins hit a double into left field. Then, after the Rams moved Collins around to third base, Morgan Lautz singled, and Collins scored Shepherd's only run of the contest.

The Rams collected 12 hits but managed just one run. Shepherd was led by Aaron Scoville, who went 4 for 5. The Griffins were led by Littler, who also went 4 for 5.

Shepherd fell to 5-8, 1-5 in the conference, while Seton Hill improved to 9-5, 6-0.

Rams fall to Cardinals

WEST LIBERTY — Shepherd University pounded out 19 hits on the day, but Wheeling Jesuit rallied for a 14-13 win over the Rams in West Virginia Conference baseball action on Sunday.

Trailing 9-8, Shepherd plated four runs in the seventh inning to take a 12-9 lead. A two-run single by Jake Cook and an RBI single by Val Arduini keyed the rally.

The Cardinals added a run in the seventh and took a 14-12 lead with four runs in the eighth. Corey Hull belted a two-run double to highlight the four-run rally.

Shepherd rallied in the top of the ninth. Arduini reached base on an infield error with two outs and Nick Impellizzeri scored to make it a one-run game. Cardinal reliever Jay Park fanned Travis Slugger

with a runner on third to end the threat.

Aaron Scoville went 4 for 6 with two runs scored and an RBI, while Nathan Minnich went 2 for 5 with three runs scored and three runs batted in to pace the Rams. Minnich belted a two-run homer for his eighth round-tripper of the season.

Arduini and Derek Gunsell each had three hits and Aaron Lee added a pair of hits for the Rams.

Hull went 4-for-5 with three runs scored and four runs batted in to lead the Cardinals.

Reliever Justin Byrd (1-3) took the loss for the Rams. Park picked up the win for the Cardinals.

Shepherd fell to 6-12 overall, 2-9 in WVC play, while Wheeling Jesuit improved to 7-7, 5-1. The Rams return to

action on Tuesday when they travel to Concord for a 1 p.m. doubleheader.

COLLEGE TENNIS

Concord 5, Shepherd 4

ATHENS — Host Concord University edged Shepherd University in West Virginia Conference men's tennis action on Sunday. The Rams fell to 5-7 overall, 0-2 in conference play.

Shepherd got wins in all three doubles matches and Michael Lesko earned a 6-3, 7-6(5), 10-8 win at number two singles. Chris Pratt and Taylor Boyle teamed for an 8-0 win in No. 1 doubles, Al Starlings and Lesko had an 8-6 victory at No. 2, while Kent Thomas and David Leonard added an 8-6 triumph at number three.

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