

# Rams mauled by Mountain Lions

ATHENS — Concord University used a 13-hit attack en route to an 11-3 win over Shepherd University in West Virginia Conference baseball action at Anderson Field on Friday afternoon.

Keith Morrisroe went 2 for 5 with three RBI and a pair of runs scored to lead the Mountain Lions. Brooks Cullen, Randy Beard and Tyler Webb each added a pair of hits.

Junior third baseman Brian Collins continued to have a hot bat for the Rams with a 1-for-4 outing with a two-run home run. Sophomore first baseman Nathan Minnich went 2 for 5 with an RBI double, while senior outfielder Chris Szafran added a 2-for-3 effort.

Trey Smith (3-0) picked up the win for the Mountain Lions. Shepherd starter Paul Chenoweth (2-4) took the loss.

Shepherd fell to 10-15, while Concord improved to 14-2. The Rams return to action at 1 p.m. on Wednesday when they travel to Millersville for doubleheader.

## COLLEGE SOFTBALL

### Shepherd 1-5, Charleston 2-3

CHARLESTON — Shepherd University split West Virginia Conference doubleheader softball action at Charleston on Friday. The Golden Eagles posted a 2-1 win in Game 1, while the Rams gained the split with a 5-3 triumph in the nightcap.

No game details were available.

Shepherd moved to 19-7, 5-3 in conference action, while University of Charleston is now 15-16, 5-2. The Rams return to action at noon on Saturday when they travel to West Virginia State for a doubleheader.

# Rams split pair with Bobcats

Shepherd hands West Virginia Conference's best team its first league loss

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SHEPHERDSTOWN — The Shepherd Rams split a doubleheader Monday afternoon against the West Virginia Wesleyan Bobcats in a game between the West Virginia Conference's two best teams.

After winning the first game 5-1, the Rams couldn't hold on for the win in extra innings, losing 4-6 in Game 2.

## COLLEGE SOFTBALL

WV WESLEYAN 1-6

BOBCATS 26-8

SHEPHERD 5-4

RAMS 22-8

"I don't like to split (a doubleheader) or get swept, but I'll take the split today against this team," Wesleyan coach Steve Warner said.

The second game started with first baseman Dana Goguen getting the Bobcats out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning, knocking in second basemen Alex Whisner to start off the game.

Catcher Stephanie St. Peter grounded out in the fifth inning, but Wesleyan was able to add a run with right fielder Shelby Carlson crossing the plate to give the Bobcats a 2-0



Journal photo by Kara Godlesky

Shepherd's Kris Durham connects with a ball during a doubleheader on Monday in Shepherdstown. The Rams split with West Virginia Wesleyan, handing the Bobcats their first conference loss of the season.

lead in the top of the inning.

But the Rams finally got their bats swinging, quickly putting together three runs in the bottom of the fifth to take a 3-2 lead.

Courtnei Williams knocked in two runs with a deep double into center field, bringing in third baseman Chelsi Oals and

second baseman Cammie Orlandi to give the Rams a one-run lead.

Wesleyan tied the game in the sixth with Carlson knocking in center fielder Lexi Rodgers, which led to extra innings after neither team could score in the seventh. Goguen stepped up to the

plate with two runners on in the top of the eighth inning, and with one swing of the bat she gave the Bobcats a three-run lead, knocking a home run over the left field fence.

"I went up to the plate just wanting to get a hit, but I got a hold of it and hit it over the

fence," Goguen said.

"I told them I was going to throw the bats over the dug out if they didn't start hitting," Warner said with a laugh. "So I said, 'Please' in the second game and took the nice approach."

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The Rams were able to score one run in the bottom of the eighth with a throwing error allowing left fielder Bianca Biondillo to score, but Shepherd couldn't narrow the gap.

"I told them there wasn't anything to be ashamed of losing to a team that good," Shepherd coach Leslie Lopez said. "We worked our butts off. (There's) no reason to worry about losing to team like Wesleyan — everything can't go your way."

Shepherd moved to 22-8 overall, 8-4 in conference action, while West Virginia Wesleyan fell to 26-8, 9-1, picking up their first conference loss of the year.

"We did incredible today against the number one team in our region," Ram pitcher Nichole Pitcock said. "We proved we aren't just going to roll over when we play teams with better records."

Pitcock pitched into the fifth inning, facing 24 batters, allowing two runs on three hits, while walking four. Tricia Bettura (11-5) picked up the loss for the Rams, allowing four runs while striking out four in three-plus innings of work.

Kaitlyn Carey (12-3) picked up the win for the Bobcats, pitching all eight innings, allowing four runs, striking out seven and walking one.

## Fifteen Shepherd football signees

Shepherd has announced 15 more football signees for the 2010 season.

The latest signees included defensive lineman Christopher Wood from C.D. Hylton High in Woodbridge, Virginia; defensive back/wide receiver Tarrell Owens from Potomac Falls High; defensive back Andre Makell from Wise High in Maryland; offensive lineman Benjamin Laneue from North Carolina High; and defensive end

Joshua Labuhn from Heritage.

More of the latest announced signees included running back/defensive back Dontrewell Kelly from Suitland High; linebacker De'Ontre Johnson from Wise High; offensive linemen Kyle Gomez; wide receiver Amani Dixon from Marriotts Ridge High in Maryland; and wide receiver Trevon Butler from Wise High.

The last of the latest signees had running back A.J. Bonavita-

cola from Howard High in Maryland; defensive back Parris Baxter from DuVal High in Maryland; defensive back/running back Jabril Baldwin from Wise High; linebacker/defensive back Christopher Burg from Martinsburg High; and wide receiver David Arndt from Martinsburg High.

This group brings the number of Shepherd announced signees to about 26.

## Rams only bright spots at Concord were hitters Collins, Minnich

ATHENS -- In the opening game of a Thursday doubleheader against Concord, the Shepherd offense emerged from its deep sleep long enough to score nine runs in the first-game, 12-9 loss, but the Mountain Lions hounded Rams' pitchers in both games, even posting a more convincing 14-6 win in the nightcap.

The twin losses left the Rams with a five-game losing streak and a 10-14 overall record. Concord was 13-2 overall. The games did not count in WVIAC standings because the two teams are in different divisions of the league.

In the opener, Shepherd collected 12 hits off two Concord pitchers. Brian Collins ham-

mered a home run and double to drive in six runs with his three hits. Michael Lott also had three hits and scored three runs.

Nathan Minnich was 2-for-4, but the Rams were given only one walk by Concord pitchers.

Concord had 12 hits off two Shepherd pitchers -- starter Gerard Sokolis was roughed up for nine hits and walked three. He surrendered nine runs . . . five of which were earned as the Rams committed three errors in the seven-inning game.

Justin Byrd went three innings for the Rams, yielding three hits, a walk, and giving up three runs (all earned).

Sokolis and Byrd combined to only strike out two batters.

Sokolis was 2-1 after absorbing the loss.

In the nightcap, Shepherd did have 10 hits, but Concord shelled Rams' pitching for 14 runs with its nine hits, three walks, three hit batsmen, and the help of another five Shepherd errors.

Even after the Rams scored two times in the top of the first, the

Mountain Lions struck back for seven runs in their first two turns to take a 7-2 lead after only two innings.

Shepherd starter Pat Smith went two innings and allowed seven runs (four earned) on six hits while walking none. Trevor Appleby had a successful three innings when he allowed only one hit and one run.

It was Kenny Reisinger who suffered the most of any of the four Shepherd pitchers. Reisinger retired only one of the nine batters he faced. He hit three of those batters with pitches, allowed two hits and two walks . . . and six earned runs in his one-third of an inning. He was even charged with a wild pitch.

Aker went the distance for Concord in the three-hour 30-minute, seven-inning game. Aker improved to 4-1.

Minnich was 3-for-4 with a home run and two RBIs. Collins was 2-for-4 with two homers and three RBIs. Collins scored two runs. Tylor McCain went 2-for-2 to get his batting average back over the .200 mark.

## Homer-happy Rams sweep Elizabeth City

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**SHEPHERDSTOWN** — The Shepherd Rams picked up a doubleheader sweep against the Elizabeth City State Vikings, putting together a string of hits to win 14-9 in the night cap.

The Rams' offensive assault was led by first basemen Nathan Minnich, who powered his way to three home runs and six RBI in the Rams' second win of the day.

"It is the first time we had a doubleheader win in a long time, feels like forever," Shepherd coach Wayne Riser said.

The Rams won the first game 12-6 and didn't miss a beat from their first-game victory, scoring six runs to start the bottom of the first inning.

After Tyler Beard and Brian Collins avoided getting caught in a double play, Minnich ripped a ball deep over the right-field fence and over the Shaw Hall dormitory, giving the Rams a three-run lead with one swing of the bat.

"I had a little help from the wind, but I got behind those hits," Minnich said. "We played good finally. Hopefully, we can keep this up and make the conference tournament."

Derek Gunsell made his way to first on a throwing error. After Sean Zirkle walked, Chris Szafran singled to right field to score Zirkle. Pat Aragon and Tylor McCain both batted in runs to give the Rams a 6-0 lead at the end of the first.



Journal photo by Kara Godiesky

Shepherd baseball players congratulate Tylor McCain (23) after his home run against Elizabeth City Thursday at Fairfax Field.

Minnich added another run with a home run in the second, bouncing it off the wall of Shaw Hall this time, giving Shepherd its seventh run on the day.

Stephen Green got the Vikings' first run of the second game on a double to bring in Kermit Jackson.

Collins kept the Shepherd offense on a roll into the third, hitting a double to score Aragon and Beard to make it a 9-1 game.

The Vikings finally got their offense going in the fourth, starting with Justin Hooker hitting a single to score Kyle Meads.

Gustavo Arcia brought in two runs, and Green brought his second run of the day to make it a 9-5 game.

A fourth-inning rain storm delayed the game.

It didn't slow the Vikings, however. Elizabeth City scored three times, cutting Shepherd's lead to one run. Hooker scored, and Arcia drove in two runs.

"We didn't let them back into the game; they just hit their way back into it," Riser said.

The Rams quickly battled back in the fifth inning, with Minnich hitting his third and final home run of the day, also picking up his sixth RBI.

Shepherd added three more runs thanks to Aragon's RBI single and McCain's double to center, which scored two runs, putting the score at 14-8.

The Rams held on to the win, though they allowed one run in the seventh.

"We didn't do enough to put ourselves in a position to win," Vikings coach Terrance Whittle said. "We made errors that allowed Shepherd to capitalize. We made a valiant effort, but came up short."

# Shepherd

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## Shepherd Plays Lacrosse

Shepherd University now has a varsity women's lacrosse team.

The team started as a club sport in the 2008-09 academic year and this year became a varsity sport. The coach is **Tammy Butler**, who previously coached at **Hood College** in Frederick, Md.

Butler said that the team is starting from scratch — everything from equipment to traditions. Currently, the 18-member team is 2-7-0.

The coach said team members are volunteering in a local soup kitchen, hosting clinics and camps and getting connected with area youth clubs.

"We want our community involved and to provide services for the community," Butler said. "As we build the team, we want the members to be involved with service projects."