MEN'S BASEBALL

Mount Olive 9, Shepherd 1


Nicky Brown, Steve Kozak, Joe Cook, Philip Powell and Ryan Harju added hits for the Rams (12-11).

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Shepherd 6-18, Ohio Valley 3-3

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. — Mia Zappacosta drove in three runs for Shepherd in the second game of its doubleheader sweep of Ohio Valley in West Virginia Conference action.

Megan Zahnow and Charla Wacker each added two hits for the Rams, who took advantage of seven Ohio Valley (2-9, 0-7) errors to win the nightcap.

Shepherd scored five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to come from behind and win the first game. Brooke Small and Zappacosta each had two hits to pace the Rams (15-7, 9-0).
Zahnow keeps Rams at peak

Shepherd sweeps lowly Ohio Valley.

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SHEPHERDSTOWN — If the Shepherd softball team had continued to play like it did in the first game of its doubleheader with Ohio Valley Friday, Rams coach Dave Trail wasn’t going to let his team forget it.

Fortunately for him, his players don’t want to fill their heads with memories of losses.

Junior second baseman Meghan Zahnnow ripped a two-out, two-run single in the sixth inning to give the Rams, undefeated in the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, a 4-3 lead against Ohio Valley, winners in the conference.

Shepherd would go on to win 6-3, avenging what would have been an embarrassing loss to the Lady Scots. The Rams played more like they thought they should in the second, winning a mercy-rule-shortened 18-3 game in five innings.

“It would have been,” said Trail when asked if the loss would have been a setback to the team. “(In doubleheaders) my philosophy has always been you sweep the teams you’re supposed to beat and you split with the good ones.”

“That’s how you become one of the good ones.”

Shepherd has clearly established itself as an elite team in the WVIAC this year, as the Rams im-

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proved to 15-7 overall, 9-0 in the conference. Ohio Valley is 2-9, 0-4.

Trail said he definitely feels Zahnnow is one of the good ones.

“She’s a dependable hitter,” he said. “When you ask her to do something, she does it well.”

Zahnnow said even though she’s been in plenty of pressure situations before, she was still nervous.

“I was just saying to myself, ‘I’ve got to get a hit, I’ve got to get a run in,’” she said.

She gave Shepherd the lead, and when Mia Zappacosta (2 for 2, two RBI) and Brooke Small (2 for 4, two RBI) followed with RBI doubles for a 6-3 lead, pitcher Shannon Leighty (4-0) had more than enough to work with. Leighty gave up the only hit she would allow in the seventh as part of three innings of relief, but that was the only damage done.

Zahnnow said it was important for the Rams to sweep Ohio Valley, not just because Shepherd wanted to remain undefeated but because they know they shouldn’t lose to teams like Ohio Valley.

But pulling games out is nothing new for Shepherd. In its last two doubleheaders against conference foes, Shepherd has routed its opponent in one game and managed to pull out a close victory in the other.

“We played the second game the way we should have played the first,” she said. “We tend to play one game really well and have one interesting game. That first game was our interesting game.”

The second was definitely not, but it was certainly enjoyable for Shepherd. The Rams scored five runs in the first, five in the third and seven in the fourth, taking advantage of 10 walks, seven errors and one hit batters. Shepherd needed just eight hits to score 18 runs.

Ohio Valley coach Heather Oblisk said the disappointment of blowing a 3-0 lead in the first game definitely carried over to the second.

“Our pitcher had trouble getting the ball over the plate, and I think our defense got back on their heels,” she said. “Things just snowballed from there.”

That’s the way Trail likes it.

“We want to score early and keep piling on,” he said. “You can’t lay down on anybody. Nobody comes in and lets you win.”

Shepherd, which hosts Concord at noon today and Salem International at 1 p.m. Sunday, was led in the second game by Jenn Canby, (three runs, two RBI); Zahnnow (2 for 2 with a triple, four runs and an RBI); Small (three runs); Jamie Griffin (two runs); Julie Scherpf (two runs, two RBI); Leighty (1 1/3 innings for the win, double, two RBI); and Charlie Wacker (2 for 3 with two runs, a double and an RBI).

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Shepherd baseball

SHEPHERDSTOWN — The Mount Olive baseball team defeated Shepherd 9-1 Friday at Fairfax Field.

Josh Carter’s two-run single keyed a five-run inning for the Trojans. Stephen Nordan hit a three-run home run in the fifth inning and Jordan Arnold hit a solo shot in the fifth.

Santos Estremera and Anthony Williams each had two hits for Mount Olive (21-22).

Ryan Harju had a double as part of a six-hit attack for the Rams (12-11).

Shepherd plays Fairmont State in a doubleheader at 1 p.m. today.
AREA ROUNDDUP

Red-hot Rams softball sweeps Concord

SHEPHERDSTOWN — Shepherd University’s softball team continued its impressive early-season run by sweeping Concord 8-0 and 11-1 at home Saturday.

The Rams (17-7 overall, 11-0 West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) have won 17 of their last 19 games.

Sophomore pitcher Mia Zappacosta tossed a one-hitter in the first game to even her record at 3-3. Zappacosta had five strikeouts and did not allow a walk.

Martinsburg’s Jenn Canby and teammate Stephanie Sims each went 2 for 3 and drove in a pair of runs.

Canby and Berkeley Springs’ Megan Zahnsw each went 3 for 3 in the second game. Canby also scored three runs.

Former Martinsburg standout Jamie Griffin led the Rams with a pair of RBI and hit her team-best fifth home run of the season — a two-run blast in the third inning.

Sims notched the win from the mound. She struck out three in the complete-game effort.

Shepherd baseball

FAIRMONT — Fairmont State swept Shepherd 12-6 and 11-3 in a West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference baseball doubleheader Saturday afternoon.

The Rams, who dropped to 12-13, 6-2 WVIAC, lost their sixth straight. Fairmont (9-16, 2-3 WVIAC) will go for the sweep at 1 p.m. today.

Shepherd’s downfall against Fairmont appeared to be defense, usually a strength for the Rams. Shepherd committed seven errors in the first game and five in the second.

Nick Simmons led the Falcons with two hits and two runs in the first game, while Ryan Lucas scored twice.

Shepherd was led by David Toth, who went 3 for 4 with two RBI, and Collin Brown, who was 2 for 3. Steve Kozak and Joe Cook had two hits each.

In the nightcap, Nick Pleyo had two RBI and scored twice for the Falcons. Mike Miskanin added three runs.

Brown led the Rams with three hits. Starter Scott McCormick took the loss.
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Shepherd 8-11, Concord 0-1

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. — Mia Zappacosta threw a one-hitter, while Jenn Canby and Stephanie Sims each had two hits to lead Shepherd to a doubleheader sweep of Concord.

Zappacosta fanned five and did not surrender a walk for the Rams (17-7, 11-0). Canby, Sims and Julie Scherpf drove in two runs each.

Jamie Griffin launched a two-run home run to highlight a 10-run third inning for Shepherd in the second game. Canby and Megan Zahnrow each had three hits and Charla Wacker added two. Wacker and Brook Small each drove in two runs.

Stacy Miller, who had the lone hit for Concord (4-14, 1-11) in the first game, added two hits in the nightcap.
COLLEGE BASEBALL

Fairmont 16, Shepherd 5

FAIRMONT, W.Va. — Fairmont State came up with 10 runs in the fifth and sixth innings to overpower Shepherd University Sunday in a WWAC game.

The Falcons scored seven in the fifth and three in the sixth as part of a 17-hit attack against five Shepherd pitchers.

Collin Brown had two hits while scoring a run and driving in another to lead the Rams (12-14, 6-3) while Dirk Webb, of Hedgesville, W.Va., added two hits and two RBI.
Shepherd soccer

SHEPHERDSTOWN — Jamie Ritchie and Baboucarr Cham won co-most valuable player honors and shared most-improved player honors for the Shepherd men's soccer team.

Ritchie scored eight goals and had three assists to earn first-team all-West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors, while Cham was an honorable mention all-WVIAC choice after rejoining the team at midseason and helping the Rams yield just four goals in 11 games.

Sophomore forward Richard Smith was named the team's offensive player of the year after scoring eight goals with five assists, while fullback Ian Newman was named the defensive player of the year for the team.

Smith earned second-team all-league honors and Newman first as Shepherd established a school record with nine shutouts and four straight shutouts.

Sean Holland won the coaches award and Darrell González was named rookie of the year for the Rams (11-5-4).

Shepherd football

SHEPHERDSTOWN — Shepherd University's football team will wrap up spring practice with an intrasquad scrimmage 1 p.m. Saturday at Ram Stadium.

— Staff reports
COLLEGE BASEBALL

Mansfield 10-2
Shepherd 7-7

MANSFIELD, Pa. — Collin Brown went 3-for-4 to help Shepherd University beat Mansfield in the second game of a doubleheader, ending the Rams' nine-game losing streak.

Jameson Jarvis and Nicky Brown added two hits apiece for the Rams in the win.

In the opener, Ryan Brady belted a two-run homer for the Rams (13-15) while Collin Brown, Joe Cook and Jerry Jubb each added a pair of hits.
Mt. Olive Completes Three-Game Sweep

By Bob Madison

Pitching is the lifeblood of baseball. Some say it is 75 percent of the game, many others judge its importance as high as 90 percent.

"Good pitching stops good hitting", the saying goes.

Nobody needs to say what bad pitching does... or what pitchers without enough control the have low walk totals do to their team's chances.

Shepherd was in a predicament of sorts when it faced Mt. Olive in the third game of a three-game series last Friday at Fairfax Field.

The Rams were saving their most-effective pitchers for a weekend conference series with Fairmont.

In the previous day's doubleheader, the Rams had used their fourth and fifth starters. The times were troubling enough -- Shepherd was in the throes of a four-game losing skid -- without the additional burden of seeing the Trojans and their winningest pitcher, Justin Staatz.

It was an all-freshmen battery for the Rams with Dirk Webb pitching and Craig Martin catching.

And Webb season's total showed only two innings pitched.

Webb had little command. He walked two batters in the first... but escaped. He walked three more in the second... and couldn't escape because he also allowed four hits.

Mt. Olive scored five runs in the second inning and then added three more off Webb before he departed, trailing by eight runs.

The Trojans methodically completed their road-trip, three-game sweep of the Rams by silently marching through the late innings toward a 9-1 win.

Webb had struggled mightily through four base-runner filled innings. He left after seeing 13 of the 23 batters he faced reach base against him.

All eight of the runs against Webb were earned.

Shepherd could take little solace in the five innings provided by relievers Tim Biser, Chris Anderson, and Josh Bowers.

Spotting a team eight runs is not the formula chosen by Connie Mack or John McGraw or even Shepherd coach Wayne Riser for breaking a growing losing streak.

Shepherd would manage just six hits off Staatz, a 6-foot-6, 245-pound righthander with enough control and 84-mph fastballs to deaden the Rams’ bats.

The Rams’ only run came when Joe Cook, Philip Powell, and Bowers strung together three singles in the seventh to keep Shepherd from being shut out.

As Hall of Fame manager Leo Durocher often said in his many solilouques for the media: "There is no defense for the base on balls".

Shepherd's losing streak was at five (it would gain further momentum with three losses at Fairmont, and it proved that pitching is at least 75 percent of the game... and that there is no defense for the base on balls.
FAIRMONT -- Shepherd's "Lost Weekend" continued unabated when host Fairmont rallied repeatedly against five Rams' pitchers to deal the Northern Division leaders a 16-5 loss.

Fairmont had swept the Rams in a conference doubleheader on Saturday.

After Shepherd took an early 3-0 lead in the top of the first, Fairmont posted four runs in its half of the second to take a 4-3 lead against Shepherd starting pitcher Scott Koscielniak.

The Rams rallied for two more runs in the fourth to take a fleeting 5-4 lead... but then the Fighting Falcons chased Koscielniak. Reliever Chris Anderson was relieved in Fairmont's seven-run fifth inning.

Anderson was relieved by Todd Coder in the fifth-inning uprising. Coder had to give way to Tim Biser in the sixth as Fairmont took a 14-5 lead by plating three more runs.

Biser was replaced by Josh Bowers in Fairmont's two-run seventh inning.

The Falcons had 16 hits. Koscielniak had to absorb the loss, his second against four wins.

The loss was Shepherd's eighth straight overall and left the Rams with a 12-14 record.

Shepherd is 6-3 in the WVIAC, while Fairmont improved to 3-3 in the conference and 10-16 overall.

Shepherd had nine hits with outfielder Collin Brown and freshman Dirk Webb each collecting a pair of safeties. Webb had two RBIs and Brown drove in a run and also scored once. Shepherd had nine hits.
High-Riding Shippensburg Downs Lady Rams in Softball Twinbill

SHIPPENSBURG (Pa.) - Once-beaten Shippensburg quietly ended Shepherd’s 14-game women’s softball winning streak by sweeping a doubleheader from the Lady Rams. The scores were 5-2 and 9-1 as the Lady Red Raiders jumped their impressive overall record to 26-1. Shepherd was 14-7 overall.

The Lady Rams’ winningest pitcher, Karen Burnette, took the loss in the opener as Shippensburg rallied for four runs in the fifth inning to snap a 1-1 tie. Burnette was 4-2.

Caitlin MacPherson improved her record to 3-0 by pitching six innings.

Shepherd had six hits in the opener and Shippensburg had seven off Burnette and Shannon Leightly, who came on to pitch in the sixth.

Brooke Small drove in the Lady Rams’ first run and Stephanie Sims scored the second run after she singled and finally scored on one of Shippensburg’s two first-game errors.

In the nightcap, Shippensburg scored twice in the second to take a 2-0 lead against Shepherd starting pitcher Mia Zappacosta.

The Lady Red Raiders had a 5-0 lead before Shepherd punched across its lone run in the top of the sixth.

When Shippensburg plated four runs in the sixth off Shepherd relief pitcher Maggie Smith, who had replaced Zappacosta in the three-run Red Raider fourth, the game was ended on the eight-run mercy rule.

Shepherd’s only run in the nightcap was scored by Meghan Zahn, who had singled in front of Alyssa Rowe’s RBI single.

Shepherd collected six hits in the second game, while Shippensburg had eight hits off the combined efforts of Zappacosta and Smith.

Shepherd also committed three errors. Zappacosta’s record was 2-3 with the loss, which was Shepherd’s second since its season-opening trip to North Carolina.
Stranded — Not on an Island, But on Base

By Bob Madison

Frustration thy name is abbreviated as LOB . . . "left on base".

Shepherd needed just one run in any of the extra innings it played in a loss to Mt. Olive, a mind-straining process that saw the Trojans an 8-6 winner in 12 innings . . . and the game was scheduled to go only seven innings as the nightcap of a doubleheader.

When the Rams' Collin Brown drilled a solo homer in the last of the seventh, Shepherd was back even at 3-3 after trailing for most of the gray-clouded afternoon.

Shepherd relief pitchers Chris Anderson and Scott Koscielnik proceeded to blank the visiting Trojans in innings eight and nine . . . but the Rams couldn't get the one run needed to gain a split of the Thursday afternoon games.

Finally, in the Mt. Olive 12th, another Shepherd relief pitcher, Austin Bowie (after his two shutout innings) faltered badly and the Trojans scored the five runs it took to get a win that swept the Rams.

Shepherd could have given itself a split of the two games in the first extra inning -- the eighth.

With the bases loaded and just one out, Mt. Olive drew its outfield in and did the same with its infielders.

But Shepherd pinch hitter Matt Noll struck out and outfielder Jerry Jubb did the same.

The three base runners left stranded meant the Rams had an "LOB" column that had nine Shepherd faces there.

Neither team could do any run-damage in innings nine, ten, and eleven. In the Shepherd 11th, Noll had a one-out single but Jubb bunted into a 1-6-3 double play . . . and the game rode on into the 12th.

Bowie, normally Shepherd's "closer", trotted out to begin his third inning of duty. He couldn't carbon-paper his first two scoreless innings and the Trojans jumped his deliveries for five runs when the first six hitters in the frame all reached base.

The damage could have been minimized, but Bowie's throwing error on an attempted sacrifice bunt not only prolonged the misery but was added as one of the five runs.

After Bowie threw away Anthony Williams' bunt, he walked two straight men to force in a run.

Mt. Olive was just happy to finally score (taking a 4-3 lead) after being without any runs since the seventh. But the Trojans would be giddy after Bowie gave up Stephen Nordan's two-run single to right and Josh Carter's RBI single to center.

Mt. Olive had an 8-3 lead with five 12th-inning runs. And there were no outs.

Trojans' pitcher Bryan Corbett, who had come on in the fourth, hit into a double play and Bowie finally reached the safety of his dugout by getting an innning-ending ground out.

Five Mt. Olive runs. Those runs seemed to be enough against a team that also hadn't scored since the seventh.

Those runs were barely enough. Shepherd would actually have the tieing run at first when the game ended on Noll's ground out to shortstop.

Three Shepherd runs came across as Collin Brown began the belated rally with a bunt single and went to second on Nicky Brown's single off the leaping second baseman's glove.

David Toth lived on the shortstop's error as Collin Brown scored a run Shepherd could have used to end the game an hour before.

Jamison Jarvis drilled a run-scoring double to the base of the fence in right and Ryan Harju lined an RBI single.

It was an 8-6 game and Shepherd had base runners at first and third with two outs when Noll was retired by Corbett.

In all, Shepherd stranded 11 runners in much the same beastly scenario as had been seen in the day's opener.

The loss in the nightcap meant a four-game skid for the Rams and a second straight Fairfax Field loss, after opening the year with eight consecutive wins on the home grounds.

"LOB" was the most important column when searching for answers in the box score.

Not the 13 hits nor the 20 base runners the Rams had.

There were few clutch hits . . . and none in extra innings until the 12th . . . when Shepherd was behind by five runs.
Run-Support Lacking;
Rams Fall, 5-2

By Bob Madison

Shepherd had not lost even one game at its home with the snug outfield fences. Fairfox Field had been “bbery berry” good to the Rams, who had an 8-0 home-field record coming into a doubleheader against Mt. Olive College from the state of North Carolina.

The doubleheader was a mid-week date against a non-conference opponent... meaning the Rams wouldn't begin any games with one of the their first-in-the-rotation starters, who would be saved for WVIAC foe Fairmont on the weekend.

Shepherd hadn't played at all since suffering a run-drought. The doubleheader loss at Slippery Rock where it scored just one run in 14 innings.

The dearth of runs would continue against the Trojans, who brought an 18-22 record from the Terhool state.

Even though it had 14 baserunners in the seven-inning game, Shepherd suffered a third straight loss... falling, 5-2, when it stranded nine people, four in the last two innings when any sort of scratch hit could have at least brought the Rams a ta and extra innings.

Standing baserunners is going to happen when your team has 12 home runs and just 48 extra base hits in 602 official at-bats and 690 plate appearances.

Those “offensive” figures were carried into the Mt. Olive game by the Rams.

So, nobody should have been too surprised when Shepherd's Dirk Webb grounded out to shortstop to leave the bases loaded in the first inning.

The Rams' lefthanded starter Travis Mumaw had to be burdened with a 2-1 loss in his previous pitching performance against Slippery Rock.

Mumaw would not get any better run support against Mt. Olive.

But he did have some excellent defensive support as outfielders Jerry Jubel and Joe Cook made either a diving catch or an over-the-shoulder grab after a long run to keep Trojans off base.

But Mumaw and the run-thirty Rams were down, 1-6, after four innings.

Josh Bowers had stranded two runners in the Shepherd fourth when Mumaw went out to face the Trojans in the fifth.

Mumaw had lost his bats over the Trojans. He wouldn’t survive the inning... watching as Dustin Richardson lofted a 300-foot homer just over the hitter-friendly fence in leftcenter... and then being lifted after walks to two of the next three batters.

It was still just a 2-0 game when reliever Austin Bowie inherited a two-out, two-run situation from Mumaw.

In Mumaw’s 4.2 innings, he allowed only three hits and four walks.

Bowie couldn’t retire any of the first three batters he saw. He was touched for a single, a two-run single and a walk as the Trojans’ lead doubled to four runs.

Finally, in the Shepherd ninth, the Rams were able to score twice... but needed more from an inning that had Ryan Brady’s double, and singles from David Toth, Webb, and Ryan Harju.

Webb had an RBI, but Shepherd still trailed, 4-1.

Josh Bowers faced Mt. Olive reliever Brett Williams with the bases loaded and just one out.

But Williams induced Bowers to hit into an inning-ending, rally-killing infield double play.

Shepherd's four hits had been welded into just one run... and the inning ended with the Rams behind by three runs.

After seeing its third pitcher, Todd Odier, make a poor throwing error that was turned into another run by the Trojans, Shepherd had three outs left and needed four runs just to get even.
Ladies Sweep Concord

Shepherd remained unbeaten in the WVIAC with a pair of mercy-rule abbreviated women's softball wins over visiting Concord.

The Lady Rams kept their conference record spotless with 8-0 and 11-1 wins over the Lady Mountain Lions.

Shepherd was 11-0 in the WVIAC and 17-7 overall. Concord was 1-11 in the WVIAC and 4-14 overall.

Mia Zappacosta was the opening game's winning pitcher, limiting Concord to one hit in the five-inning game.

Zappacosta struck out five and did not allow any walks.

After going scoreless in the first two innings, Shepherd was able to plate eight runs in the next three innings.

Shepherd had nine hits, including two each by Jennifer Canby and Stephanie Sims. Canby, Sims, and Julie Scherpf all had two RBIs.

Sims was the recipient of Shepherd's 12-hit offensive attack in the nightcap. The Lady Rams plated 10 runs in the explosive third inning to provide the firepower to end the second game after 4 1/2 innings.

Jamie Griffin had a two-run home run in the 10-run third inning.

Canby and Megan Zahnow each contributed three hits to the Lady Rams' 12-hit attack. Wacker chipped in with two more hits and Brooke Small had two runs batted in.

Sims improved her record to 3-1 as she spaced four Lady Mountain Lion hits and was helped by Shepherd's errorless defense.

Concord's Stacy Miller had two of Concord's four hits. It was Miller who had Concord's only hit in the opener.
Shepherd Softball Splits

A typical late-game rally kept the Shepherd women's softball team unbeaten in the WVIAC as the Lady Rams scored three runs in the sixth inning to earn a come-from-behind, 4-3, win over visiting Salem in the first game of a league doubleheader.

Salem was able to deal the Lady Rams their first conference loss with a well-pitched, 2-1, second-game win.

Shepherd was 12-1 in the WVIAC and 18-8 overall, while the Lady Tigers were 4-6 in the conference and 6-20 overall.

Shepherd's opening-game winning rally was fueled by Mia Zappacosta's double. Zappacosta scored the first run in the three-run rally when Brooke Small ripped an RBI double.

Small advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored to give the Lady Rams a 3-2 lead on Julie Scherpf's sacrifice fly.

Alyssa Rowe drew a walk and scored the inning's third run on Stephanie Sims' single.

Karen Burnette went the distance for Shepherd in notching her fifth win of the campaign against only two losses.

Burnette allowed six hits. Small and Zappacosta each had two doubles.

The nightcap saw Shepherd plate its only run in the first. Pitcher Shannon Leighty was scored on in the third and the game was 1-1 into the Salem fifth where the Lady Tigers scored again to take a 2-1 lead.

Kelly Sharp, who had a solo homer in the first game, came in to pitch for the Lady Tigers in the fourth and posted shutout innings until the end to earn the win.

Charla Wacker had two of Shepherd's six hits in the nightcap, but without enough run support Leighty dropped her first game against four previous wins.
Unspoiled Record Disappears

FAIRMONT -- When Shepherd came to Fairmont for a three-game WVIAC baseball series, the Rams carried an unbeaten 6-0 league record with them.

The Rams are unbeaten in the WVIAC no more.

Fairmont roughed up Shepherd's No.1 and No.2 pitchers and swept the Rams, 12-6 and 10-3 in a doubleheader played on Saturday.

The twin losses gave Shepherd a 6-2 conference mark to go along with its 12-13 overall record. Fairmont was 2-3 in the WVIAC with the wins and improved to only 9-16 overall.

The losses meant Shepherd had dropped seven straight games since an earlier eight-game win streak.

Shepherd played poorly in the field in both games, committing five errors in losing by six runs in the opener and then being guilty of four more fielding errors in the nightcap loss.

The Falcons and Rams traded scoring rallies in the first three innings of the opener.

Shepherd scored twice in its half of the first only to see Fairmont get a run back in the last half of the first.

Shepherd went ahead, 5-1, in the second but Fairmont fired back with two more runs against Rams' starter Tony Magnanelli in the second.

Shepherd held a short-lived, 5-3 lead after two innings.

The Rams actually held a 6-3 lead when Fairmont batted in the fifth.

The Falcons rallied again, this time for three more runs to knot the count at 6-6 after five innings.

Shepherd reliever Austin Bowie was reached for six more runs in the Fairmont fifth.

Bowie would take the loss, moving his record to 1-2.

Both teams banged out 10 hits.

The Rams had a 3-for-4 game from David Toth, who drove in two runs. Collin Brown (the leading Shepherd hitter) had two hits and Steve Kozak and Joe Cook both collected two hits as well.

Shepherd started Scott McCormick in the second game.

Shepherd had the early-game lead again, taking a 3-1 advantage when Fairmont hit in the third.

Fairmont plated four runs off McCormick in the third to assume a 5-3 lead.

Shepherd couldn't counterattack, scoring for the final time in the third.

The Falcons scored five more times in the fifth as Todd Codder replaced McCormick as Shepherd's pitcher.

Again, both teams collected 10 hits.

Collin Brown was again Shepherd's leading hitter, getting three hits.
Lady Rams Sweep Scots

Shepherd continued unbeaten in the WVIAC women's softball standings by sweeping a doubleheader by scores of 6-3 and 18-3 from visiting Ohio Valley last Friday in Shepherdstown.

The Lady Rams were 9-0 in the WVIAC and 15-7 overall, while the Lady Fighting Scots were 0-4 in the conference and 2-9 overall.

Shepherd had to rally in the late innings of the opener to preserve their unblemished conference record.

Ohio Valley led, 3-0, after four innings against Shepherd starting pitcher Megan Hall.

Shannon Leighty came on to pitch for the Lady Rams in the fifth. She inherited a three-run deficit.

But the Lady Rams scored twice in the fifth and then rallied for four more runs in the sixth to avoid their first WVIAC loss. The twin rallies made a winner of Leighty, who improved her record to 4-0.

Meghan Zahnor's two-out, two-RBI single in the sixth gave Shepherd its first lead at 4-3.

Mia Zappacosta and Brooke Small followed Zahnor's clutch hit with RBI hits to increase the Shepherd lead to 6-3.

Zappacosta went 2-for-2 with two runs driven in and Small added two hits and two RBIs.

Leighty pitched three innings, allowing just one hit and giving the Lady Rams the chance to rally for another comeback conference win.

Shepherd had eight hits in the opener.

The Lady Rams drubbed the Lady Fighting Scots in the second game as they used eight Ohio Valley errors and eight hits to score in all four innings of the mercy rule-abbreviated game.

Freshman Maggie Smith was credited with the pitching win as she went three innings before giving way to Leighty in the fourth.

Shepherd scored five times in the first, five times in third, and then added seven more runs in the fourth.

Ohio Valley pitching walked 10 Shepherd batters and hit another Lady Ram.

Jennifer Canby had two RBIs and scored three runs in the nightcap. Zahnor was 2-for-2 with a triple while scoring four runs and driving in one run. Small scored three runs. Charla Wacker added two hits, two runs scored, an RBI and a double. Julie Scherpf added two runs scored and two RBIs. Jamie Griffin scored twice. And Leighty drove in two runs and had a double.
MEN'S BASEBALL
Shepherd 4-10, St. Vincent 5-7

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. — Nicky Brown and Joe Cook each had three hits in the nightcap as Shepherd University split a doubleheader with St. Vincent.

Ryan Brady and Steve Kozak each drove in three runs for the Rams, while Josh Bowers added a pair of hits.

Kozak had three hits for the Rams (14-16) in the first game, while Brown and Brady each had two hits.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
Alderson-Broaddus 8-7
Shepherd 0-0

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. — Casie Waskey pitched a pair of two-hit shutouts as Alderson-Broaddus swept a WVIAC doubleheader from Shepherd University (18-10, 12-3).

COLLEGE GOLF
Shepherd finishes fourth

SLIPPERY ROCK, Pa. — David Bradshaw fired a one-over 71 to lead Shepherd University to a fourth-place finish in the 16-team Slippery Rock Tournament at Oakview Golf Course.

Shepherd finished with 309, six strokes behind champion Millersville. Millersville's Scott Mickelwright was the tournament medalist with a 69.

Spencer Byrd carded a 76 for Shepherd, while Brian Snow had a 77 and Trevor Hedges and Jesse Hoffman each shot 85.