Fairfax Field was officially given its name on November 17, 1923 in ceremonies as part of a football game between Shepherd and Potomac State. The field served both the Shepherd football and baseball programs until the football team relocated to Ram Stadium exclusively in 1960.

The field has served as a football practice field, an intramural field, and even a softball field over the years. That all changed when Wayne Riser took over as head coach of the Shepherd baseball program in 1991.

Riser transformed the multi-purpose field into one of the premier Division II baseball facilities in the East. Among the changes made under Riser are the construction of an outfield fence, dugouts, a press box, storage buildings, and the addition of a scoreboard and permanent seating. A turf maintenance plan was developed and implemented, which includes a state-of-the-art underground irrigation system. A work-in-progress, Fairfax Field is constantly undergoing changes and upgrades. This year a new storage facility building and bullpens were added in the left field corner. Other recent major changes include the addition of a new scoreboard in centerfield and a new batting cage complex with three additional cages.

The facility set a NCAA II North Atlantic Region attendance record in 1997 when Shepherd College hosted the regional tournament.

Memorable Moments

- Nov. 17, 1923 -- Fairfax Field is dedicated and named after Thomas Lord Fairfax, who was the first owner of the land where the field stands. It was a part of an enormous tract ceded him by the King of England.
- April 9, 1924 -- Wally Rhine went 5-for-6 and scored four runs to lead Shepherd to a 19-16 win over Pennsylvania State Forest Academy of Mont Alto.
- May 25, 1925 -- Lloyd Bishop strikes out 17 batters in Shepherd’s 6-5 win over Massanotan Military Academy.
- May 9, 1931 -- Cleland Bergdoll hits for the cycle to lift Shepherd to a 13-7 win over Massanotan Military Academy.
- April 15, 1940 -- Paul Miller hurls the first no-hit, no-run game in school history as Shepherd hands Shippensburg a 5-0 loss.
- April 22, 1955 -- Shepherd rallies from a 10-run deficit to edge Bridgewater, 13-12.
- November 12, 1955 -- The Shepherd football team completes a perfect season (8-0-0) with a 46-0 win over Newport News.
- April 3, 1962 -- Bill Funkhouser hurls the first complete game of the season in a 10-5 victory over Mt. Union.
- April 3, 1978 -- Joel Wilson hits a two-run homer in the seventh inning to lift the Rams to a 7-6 win over West Virginia Tech.
- April 28, 1983 -- Bret Hale’s RBI-single helps the Rams rally for a 4-1 triumph over Glenville.
- April 13, 1984 -- Tom Diehl homers in his first three at-bats to lead the Rams to an 11-2 win over York College.
- March 3, 1991 -- Wayne Riser makes his debut as head baseball coach of the Rams with a 6-1 win over Shenandoah.
- March 17, 1994 -- Kory Tucker and Eric Jones combine on a no-hitter in a five-inning 9-1 victory against Pitt-Johnstown.
- April 25, 1997 -- Shepherd posts a 6-2 win over Shippensburg in regular season home finale to improve its record to 31-3 on the year.
- May 16, 1997 -- Shepherd stages a dramatic five-run ninth inning rally to defeat Mansfield, 10-9, in the second game of the NCAA II North Atlantic Regional Tournament.
- Jan. 3, 2000 -- President Bill Clinton lands on Fairfax Field by helicopter as he arrives for the Shepherdstown Peace Talks.
- April 7, 2001 -- The Rams rally for a 3-2 win over eventual WVIAC champion Concord.
- April 27, 2002 -- Shepherd sweeps WVU-Tech (15-6, 5-2) as head coach Wayne Riser reaches the 250-win mark.