Shepherd baseball camp
Shepherd College baseball coach Wayne Riser will host his Ram Baseball Preseason Camp starting in January 2004.

The hitting and pitching camp will start Jan. 11 and take place on five consecutive Sundays. Each camper will pick between hitting or pitching.

Current Shepherd baseball players will be assisting with instruction. Cost is $150. Each participant will receive a T-shirt.

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Shepherd baseball signs two more

SHEPHERDSTOWN — Shepherd baseball coach Wayne Riser announced two players have signed letters of intent to play for the Rams in 2005.

Chris Anderson, a first baseman, and Timothy Biser, a pitcher, both of Hagerstown Community College, signed. Shepherd has already signed Hedgesville pitcher Dirk Webb.

Anderson, a Middletown, Md., High graduate, was a four-year letterwinner for the Knights. The 6-foot-2, 220-pounder earned was a key member of the Region XX Champion team at HCC in 2003.

Biser, a 6-foot, 205-pound lefty, was a two-year letterwinner at Thomas Johnson, Md. He posted a 4-1 record with a 3.89 ERA as a member of that championship team.
COLLEGE BASEBALL

Rams announce signees

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. Va. — Shepherd College announced that Chris Anderson, Timothy Biser and Dirk Webb have signed letters of intent to play baseball for the Rams in 2005.

Anderson was a four-year letterwinner for Middletown and will pitch and play first base for the Rams. He was also a key member of the Region XX Champion team at Hagerstown Community College last year.

Biser, a Thomas Johnson graduate, posted a 4-1 record with a 3.89 ERA as a member of the same HCC championship team last year.

Webb was a four-year letterwinner and a two-time all-state selection for Hedgesville.
Rams in Stroudsburg Tourney

The next stop for the Shepherd men's basketball team is Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, where the Rams will see Bentley (Massachusetts), Southern Connecticut State, and the host East Stroudsburg Warriors in a two-day tournament.

Shepherd will be paired with Bentley in Friday's first round, while East Stroudsburg plays Southern Connecticut State.

Bentley was 17-12 a year ago and returns two starters from that team.

The Falcons don't boast of great size or quickness, but play a cerebral style of controlled basketball that has given 12-year coach Jay Lawson a career mark of 203-136 prior to this season.

Southern Connecticut State went 9-18 in 2003 and East Stroudsburg was 8-18 in coach Jeff Wilson's first year at the university.

Shepherd takes a 1-3 record to Stroudsburg, having beaten Columbia Union and lost to Bloomsburg, Shippensburg, and Pfeiffer College.

These two tournament dates will be Shepherd's last games before a two-week break that will see the players take their final exams for the first semester.

The Rams' next outing following the East Stroudsburg tournament will be on Saturday, December 20 when they will entertain Division III Hood College from Fredericksburg in a 2 p.m. game.

Ron Rheinhardt may return this weekend after missing the first four games with a broken leg. Rheinhardt started three games during the 2002-2003 season and finished the year with 142 points and a 5.1 points per game scoring average.

Shepherd has usually started Mark Jennings, Brady Catlett, Danley Shank, Essa Imoisi, and injury-plagued Ross Mitchell.

Mark Bressan started at point guard in Shepherd's latest loss at Shippensburg when Mitchell had an ankle problem.

The Rams will not play their first WVIAC game until January 3 when they host Davis & Elkins at the Butcher Center.

Late Rally Saves Shippensburg

Shippensburg, with a number of freshmen in its starting lineup, fell behind visiting Shepherd in the first half, but outscored the Rams by some 14 points in the second half to get a 79-72 men's basketball victory that improved its record to 3-1.

Shepherd was 4-3 after getting outscored, 49-35, in the second half of the NCAA Division II game in Shippensburg.

The Rams didn't shoot well, especially in the second half, and finished with a 26-for-63 showing from the field.

With Ross Mitchell, who started Shepherd's first three games, injured and unable to play, Mark Bressan took over at point guard and scored 15 points on 5-of-7 from the field and 3-of-5 from the foul line.

The Rams converted 17-of-24 free throws . . . but that wasn't enough to overcome a 5-for-15 showing on three-point attempts as well as a 6-for-16 showing from Mark Jennings, a 2-for-7 night from Danley Shank, a 2-for-6 game from center Jaakko Koivula, a 2-for-6 showing from starter Essa Imoisi, and 3-for-10 from starter Brady Catlett.

Shippensburg, even though outrebounded, 43-32, by the Rams, went 30-for-62 from the field and had fewer turnovers to notch its third win in four games.

The Rams still led, 67-60, with about six minutes to play. Shippensburg then went on a 19-6 tear to pull out the win in the last few minutes.

David Levatter scored 19 points, freshman Charles Jones (a non-starter) scored 18 points, freshman Chuck Davis had 15 points, and guard Marcus Hudson (St. Maria Goretti High) totaled 10 assists for the winning Red Raiders.

Shepherd's double-figure scorers were Jennings (17), Bressan (15), and Chad Myers (10). Myers did not start the game.

Shippensburg had 19 assists, while the Rams had 10.

Shepherd will face Bentley in the first round of the East Stroudsburg Tournament tomorrow night in a return to Pennsylvania. The Rams will play either host East Stroudsburg or Southern Connecticut State in their Saturday game in the tournament.
Consolation Win Leaves Lady Rams With 2–4 Record

Shepherd's women's basketball team split its two games in the Catawba (North Carolina) Tournament last Friday and Saturday.

The Lady Rams lost in the first round to Virginia Union, 92-82, as the teams traded baskets and Shepherd went 12-for-26 on its three-point field goal attempts to stay close.

The loss shaved Shepherd into Saturday's consolation game with a 1-4 record.

Shepherd actually held a 40-36 lead at the half, but Virginia Union exploded for 56 points in the run-run second half to get the win.

Virginia Union placed four players in double figures with three of them scoring 20 points or more.

The Lady Panthers went 33-for-80 from the field, including 3-of-10 on three-point tries. They were 23-for-30 from the foul line.

Shepherd was 28-for-76 from the field and made 14-of-16 free throws but its highest point total of the season wasn't enough.

Cassie Murray led the Lady Rams in scoring for the first time this season with her 17 points, but she was just 6-of-13 from the field.

Lindsay Stewart scored a season-high 16 points, going 2-for-5 on three-point tries, 5-for-10 from the field overall, and making all four of her free throws.

Casey Landrum scored 13 points and made all five of her free throws.

In the third-place consolation game, the Lady Rams tripped Virginia State, 73-71.

The Lady Rams trailed, 39-31, at the half and outscored the Lady Trojans by 10 points in the second half to improve their record to 2-4 overall.

Shepherd continued its effective free throw shooting by making 20-of-25 foul shots.

The Lady Trojans were 11-for-15 from the foul line.

Shepherd was 5-of-17 on three-point attempts while Virginia Union was 6-of-10.

Shepherd had 39 rebounds and Virginia Union 33 as Cassie Murray and Gaynell "Nippy" Reese both claimed eight missed shots for the Lady Rams.

Cassie Murray again paced Shepherd's scorers with her season-high 24 points on 9-of-20 from the field.

Reese tossed in 19 points, going 5-for-8 from the field and a perfect 8-for-8 from the free throw line.

Ashley van Norden gave Shepherd three scorers in double figures with her 14 points on 5-of-7 from the field and 2-of-3 from the foul line.

The Lady Rams face WVIAC foe Davis & Elkins on Saturday at the Butcher Center at 2 p.m. This will be Shepherd's last home game before a January 8 date against West Virginia Wesleyan.
Reese Nets 19, But Lady Rams Fall to Raiders

Shepherd’s Lady Rams were the equal of Shippensburg in the second half of their women’s basketball game last Tuesday, but the 10-point deficit the team faced at halftime proved to be too much to overcome and the Lady Red Raiders grabbed a 78-71 win on their home floor.

The loss left Shepherd with a 1-3 record to take to the two-day Catawba (North Carolina) Tournament last weekend.

Shippensburg had a 2-1 record following the win.

Shippensburg led, 39-29, at the half.

Starter Anna Lashway missed the game for the Lady Rams.

Shepherd didn’t shoot well overall -- going just 24-for-62 on all its field goal attempts and only 3-for-13 on its three-point tries.

Shippensburg was 23-for-53 overall, but made 6-of-10 three-point tries.

Shepherd was 21-for-30 from the free throw line, while the Lady Red Raiders were 26-for-34. Danielle Murray and Ashley van Norden fouled out for the Lady Rams.

Gayeill “Nippy” Reese led all Shepherd scorers with her 19 points, the senior’s career high in scoring.

Reese was 7-for-12 from the field and 4-of-5 from the foul line.

Danielle Murray had 11 points before fouling out, but made only 5-of-12 field goal attempts.

A third Shepherd player in double figures was Casey Landrum, who scored 10 points and made all four of her free throws.

Shippensburg claimed 42 rebounds and Shepherd had 36. Danielle Murray had 11 rebounds for the Lady Rams.

Both teams were whistled for 25 personal fouls in the game.

Emily Swingler paced the Shippensburg scorers with her 20 points. Katie Bray added 19 points.

Shepherd was guilty of 17 turnovers, while Shippensburg had 23 turnovers.

Shepherd never got closer than five points of the Shippensburg lead in the second half.

Shepherd Events

Shepherd will honor former men’s basketball coach Bob Starkey on Saturday, December 20, before the beginning of the Shepherd-Hood College non-conference game.

Prior to the 2 p.m. beginning of the men’s game, Starkey will be recognized as Shepherd’s all-time winningest coach. In his 20 years as Shepherd’s men’s coach from 1988 through 1988, Starkey had a record of 360-203 and posted numerous 20-win seasons, once winning 33 games in the 1978-79 season.

Former Shepherd players who were members of Starkey’s teams will attend and Hood College is coached by former Starkey player Tom Dickman.

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Each individual camper will select whether he wants to be a part of the pitching or hitting camp.

Riser and some of his 2004 baseball players will be the camp’s instructors. The cost per camper is $150. Every camper will receive a t-shirt.

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Carrie Kunkel fires a jumper from the foul line. Shepherd is 2-4 in the early going.
Shepherd women sign 4 for hoops

SHEPHERDSTOWN — The Shepherd's women's basketball team has signed four players to letters-of-intent for next year.

Laura Hinkins, a 6-foot center-forward from York, Pa., was the YAIAA Division I player of the year for 2002-2003 when she averaged 17 points, 9.8 rebounds, 4.1 blocks, 2.8 assists and 1.6 steals per game.

Molly Land, a 5-11 guard from Hope, Ind., is Hauser High School's all-time leading scorer. She averaged 17.6 points and hit 45 percent of her 3-point shots last year.

Michelle Van Dyke, a 5-11 forward from Williamsburg, Va., averaged 15.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game last year.

Nylia Zamora, a 5-7 guard from Miami, Fla., is a first-team all-Dade County selection.