Lauber is third in rebounds on Shippensburg University men's basketball team

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WEST YORK-- West York graduate Dane Lauber, coming off the bench, scored 18 points and added eight rebounds in his Shippensburg University’s Dec. 7 basketball loss to Shepherd University.

The junior guard started only two of his team’s eight games and is still third on the men’s team in rebounds with 40.

-- MIKE NORTRUP
Todd Stanford's column on boys basketball: Guards of a feather


Jan. 06—As the ball floated into the air for the tipoff of Tuesday night's Mifflinburg/Shikellamy clash, the two opposing guards stood shoulder to shoulder.

And rightfully so.

Waiting for the tip to be contested were the Wildcats’ Zac Hoy and the Braves’ Tyler Pratt, two of the best guards in the Heartland Athletic Conference. Although neither player would have a great night by their lofty standards, the HAC-I battle ultimately came down to a duel between the two. With his team trailing 41-40 in the final seconds, Pratt started to back Hoy down in the paint, but Hoy swiped the ball away and Mifflinburg ultimately got possession en route to a 43-40 win.

The two teams will meet again on Jan. 29 and possibly again in the District 4 playoffs.

But I don’t want to use this space to handicap any future matchups between the Wildcats and Braves. No, I want to talk about both Pratt and Hoy and point out how well they’re both doing at continuing traditions at their respective programs. Both teams have had some great guards in recent years. Mifflinburg had Brad Musser, Tim Devaney and, more recently, Keith Fogel.

On the Shikellamy side, there’s been the Moyer brothers, Nick and Brad, Kyle Snyder and Brantley Osborne.

Pratt, a 5-foot-9 junior, and Hoy, a 5-10 senior, are both making their cases to join those respective pantheons — a fact that pleases both of them.

'(The Muszers and Fogels) live on my street,' says Hoy, whose father, Eldon, has coached Mifflinburg for 14 seasons now. 'I’d watch them (playing pickup games) and try to pick up things from each person.'

Hoy had plenty of opportunity to do just that, as he was the team statistician when he was younger.

'(Fogel) was a lot more athletic than I was,' says Hoy, who considers himself more like Musser. '(Musser) was more fundamental. But you try to use pieces from everyone. (Fogel) was really quick, and (Musser) was more like a true point guard.'

Like Musser and Fogel, Hoy has also scored more than 1,000 career points. He hit the milestone in a win over Loyalsock last month, with both Musser and Fogel in the stands watching.

When asked if he thinks he’s done a good job following in the Mifflinburg guard tradition, Hoy takes a pass.

'That’s for other people to decide,' he says. 'I’m just trying to do what I know works for me. ... The pullup jumper is my thing: it’s what I do well.'

Like Hoy, Pratt knows the great guards who have gone before him. As a kid, he idolized the Moyer brothers. He even plays with them and Andrew Brown (a Shikellamy grad who played with the Moyer’s and is now an assistant with the program) in a men’s league during the offseason.

'I definitely think they’ve been the biggest impact on me,' says Pratt, who should close in on 1,000 career points next year. 'Going through middle school and seeing them play ... it makes me want to get (a title) for myself, but also for those guys.' (Shikellamy’s one District 4 championship was in 1979.)

Pratt currently learns at the feet of Snyder, now a volunteer assistant coach for the Braves. But he’s also in frequent contact with Osborne, who plays at Division II Shepherd University in West Virginia. Pratt was a freshman on the varsity the year Osborne was a senior.

'Being able to see him every day in practice, we would always go after each other,' Pratt says. 'We would go after each other every day. Off the court it was a completely different story. We were like brothers.'

When asked which former Shikellamy player he most emulates, Pratt names a trio.

'I want to be as fast as Nick (Moyer) was and I want to be able to shoot like Brad (Moyer),’ he says, ‘with a little Brantley mixed in.'
Seven Rams earn regional honors

BROOKEVILLE, Ill. — Seven members of the Shepherd University football team have been named to the 2010 Don Hansen NCAA Division II All-Super Region I squad. Junior running back Tommy Addison (Germantown, Md./Quince Orchard), senior fullback Bobby Humphries (Frederick, Md./Thomas Johnson), and sophomore corn- back Keon Robinson (Fairfax Station, Va./Lake Braddock) earned first-team honors. Senior offensive lineman Steve Bailey (Laytonsville, Md./Damascus), senior linebacker Brian Taylor (Elkridge, Md./Long Reach) and senior return specialist Deante Steele (Woodbridge, Va./Potomac) were second-team selections, while senior tight end Dominique Jones (San Diego, Calif./San Mateo) was a third-team choice.

Addison led the Shepherd ground attack as he rushed 239 times for 1,670 yards and 19 touchdowns. He added seven receptions for 60 yards. He rushed for 100 yards or more in nine games. Humphries, who helped key the Ram running game with his superb blocking, rushed 13 times for 117 yards and a pair of touchdowns. He added nine receptions for 105 yards.

Steele recorded 10 interceptions on the year, including two that were returned for touchdowns. His 10 interceptions are the most in NCAA II this year, while his .71 average ranks him fourth nationally. He also had 16 kickoff returns for a 21.0 average and nine punt returns for a 9.7 average. Robinson was sixth on the team in tackles with 65 with a team-best 59 solo tackles. He added 11 pass breakups, three forced fumbles and a fumble recovery.

Bailey, a first-year starter for the Rams, keyed the offensive line play for the Rams and helped pave the way for Addison and the Shepherd running game.

Taylor had a team-best 87 tackles with 48 solos. He has added five passes defended, three interceptions, two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and a blocked kick.

Steele, who recently participated in the Cactus Bowl, had a 20.8 kickoff return and a 9.7 punt return average. He earned West Virginia Conference Special Teams Player of the Week honors after his NCAA II record 116th career kick return touchdowns keyed a Shepherd win over West Liberty.

Jones, playing his first year for the Rams, had 34 receptions for 403 yards and tied a Shepherd single-season mark with nine touchdown catches.

The Rams had a record-setting year with a 13-2 overall mark. The Super Region One and WVC champions, Shepherd became the first conference team to reach the NCAA Division II football national semifinals. The Rams lost to Delta State.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Carly Janzen scored 10 points for Harpers Ferry in its eighth-grade loss to Musselman on Monday.

— Staff reports
Shepherd women overpowered in second half

VIENNA -- Shepherd's four-point halftime lead over the Ohio Valley women quickly disintegrated in the second half. With the Lady Fighting Scots outscoring the Lady Rams by 20 points after intermission, Shepherd stumbled badly over the game's later stages to fall, 78-62, in a WVIAC game.

With the loss, Shepherd had its six-game winning streak snapped.

The Lady Rams were 6-2 in the WVIAC and 3-4 overall, while Ohio Valley improved to 5-3 in its eight conference games and was 8-3 overall.

The game's complete reversal of form in the second half was forged when Ohio Valley went 15-for-39 (38.5 percent) from the field and Shepherd was reduced to a 8-for-31 (25.8 percent) shooting.

After outrebounding the Lady Rams, 26-17, in the first half the board-pounding Lady Fighting Scots outrebounded Shepherd by another nine-rebound margin in the second half.

Ohio Valley was credited with a 52-34 rebounding edge.

The first five minutes of the second half became critical when Ohio Valley outscored the Lady Rams, 12-2, to move to a 45-39 lead.

Shepherd's final lead of the evening came at 46-45, but then Ohio Valley surged through an 18-5 scoring spree that sent it ahead, 63-51, with only 7:15 remaining.

The Lady Rams never got closer than within 10 points of the Ohio Valley lead after that.

Shepherd's cold-shooting from the field in the second half was complicated by its 1-for-10 showing from three-point range.

Getting outrebounded by 18 was most costly to Shepherd's chances. But the 12-2-for-16 showing from the foul line and the 17 turnovers were also detrimental.

Ohio Valley relied heavily on its second-half shooting from the field because it was ordinary in other areas with 25 turnovers, 20 personal fouls against it, and dealing with Shepherd's 13 steals as compared with its seven steals.

Shepherd's Jerica Hewett scored 19 points and was 8-for-16 from the field. Emily Daniel scored all 10 of her points in the first half.

Four of the six Shepherd reserves -- Alex Tamez, Jinyse Brown, Hannah Safren, and Katie Biggs -- were a combined 2-for-16 from the field.

Amber Avery scored 18 points and claimed 13 rebounds for the Lady Fighting Scots. Danae Beavers scored 21 points. Kendra Benedict added 15 points and 10 rebounds while Alana Auld scored 12 points.

The loss kept Shepherd in fifth place in the WVIAC race.
Daniel paces Shepherd women’s win vs. Bobcats

BUCKHANNON -- The Shepherd women’s basketball team outrebounded host West Virginia Wesleyan by 19 and clipped the host Mountaineers 68-57 Monday night in a WVIAC game between two of the top five teams in the league.

The Lady Rams improved their record and went to 7-2 in the conference and 9-4 overall while the Lady Bobcats dipped to 4-2 in the far-flung league and 6-3 overall.

Shepherd held a 38-31 lead at the half.

Neither team shot well from the field.

The Lady Rams went 25-for-65 (36.5 percent) from the floor and the host Lady Bobcats went 25-for-66 (37.9 percent).

One of Shepherd’s biggest advantages was its overwhelming 54-35 rebounds advantage. Emily Daniel paced Shepherd’s rebounding advantage with 12. Shelby Fayak added 11 rebounds as did point guard Jerica Hewett. Carrie Saunders also had seven rebounds. Jamie Kaufman had 12 of the Lady Bobcats’ rebounds.

Daniel was Shepherd’s leading scorer with 19 points as she went 6-for-12 from the floor and made 6-of-8 free throws. Saunders added 14 points on 5-of-9 field goal tries and Fayak also scored 14 points, going 7-for-15 from the field. Starting guard Jenn Prine scored 12 points on 4-of-7 shooting.

However, besides those four double-figure scorers the other Lady Rams went a combined 3-for-22 from the field. Hewett had seven assists. Shepherd made only 11-of-18 free throws.

West Virginia Wesleyan had three players score in double figures, including Brianna Welch (15), Lydia Brodinebaugh (13), and Jamie Kaufman (10).

Kaufman had 12 rebounds while the other four Lady Bobcats starters combined for only 14 rebounds between them.

Shepherd’s early lead was 6-0, but then the Lady Rams fell back, 15-14, with 13:00 left in the first half. Shepherd then was able to outscore the Lady Bobcats, 23-13, over the next 12 minutes to move to their seven-point halftime lead.

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VIENNA -- After a low-scoring first half in which home-standing Ohio Valley and Shepherd were tied, the Fighting Scots and Rams came out firing in the second half.

Ohio Valley totaled 55 points in the second half and held off a smallish, late-game Shepherd surge to post an 85-80 WVIAC win on Saturday.

Ohio Valley made 55.6 percent of its second-half field goal attempts while the Rams were making 51.5 percent of their tries.

It was Ohio Valley that could ignite its offense first in the second half. The Fighting Scots led by seven points before Shepherd made a late bid and was behind only 82-80 with nine seconds to play.

With the score even at 43-43 with 12:19 remaining, Ohio Valley went on a 14-6 scoring run to forge ahead at 57-49 with 8:15 showing.

The two teams would combine for 39 points in the last 8:15 of free-scoring play.

Ohio Valley’s Jordan Brooks made 3-of-4 free throws in the waning moments to finally hold off the Rams.

The game had been tied at 30-30 at the half.

The win boosts Ohio Valley to 4-4 in the conference and 4-6 overall. Shepherd dipped to 2-6 in the league and 5-7 overall.

Shepherd’s Chad Moore registered a game-high 20 points on 8-of-12 shooting from the floor. Reserve guard Marcus Pilgrim scored 14 points with Dave Karlson adding 12 points and Brantley Osborne notching 11 points.

Reserve Kendall Allison led Ohio Valley with 18 points with Jordan Brooks posting 16 points, David White contributing 15 and reserve Micahulls adding 12 points.

The Rams made just 41 percent of their first half, but covered to make 17-of-33 second-half shots. Ohio Valley only had 21 first-half shots in scoring its 30 points. The Fighting Scots made over 50 percent of their field goal attempts in both halves.

Shepherd was badly outshot from the free throw line where it converted 14-of-17 tries as compared with Ohio Valley’s 31-of-38 attempts.

The rebounding was nearly even with Ohio Valley claiming 32 misses and Shepherd 29.

The teams combined for 105 points in the second half.

Shepherd women outlast Glenville in important WVIAC game

Staying steady near the top of the WVIAC women’s basketball standings, Shepherd was able to deal one of its chief rivals for any possible conference honors a defeat last Wednesday at the Buckler Center.

Glenville came to Shepherd’s arena with an unbeaten league record while the host Lady Rams had but one WVIAC loss.

In a game with an up-tempo pace and pep rally with physical play, Shepherd outlasted the tournament coach Burke Kerckhove, 74-63, to remain in the league lead and move their record to 9-1 in the WVIAC and 8-3 overall.

The Rams, who used Kerckhove’s plan-based substituting tactics and were whistled 25 fouls for personal fouls and were just 7-11 for a technical foul, were also 6-1 conference games.

Glenville was 6-4 overall.

Sneaky shooting (5-for-29) from three-point range hurt the Pioneers, who were just 34-of-94 (36.6 percent) from the field.

Combining Glenville’s matters was with its eight rebounders and it might be difficult to find a reason as to why the Pioneers had by only nine points.

The Rams was Shepherd combined with two总会 and the constant full court pressure defense designed by Kerckhove.

In the up-and-down, Schneller-paced game many were the clashes between opposition players.

Shepherd was mostly able to score enough against the constantly pressuring Glenville defense, especially in the first half when the Lady Rams made 9 of 16 field goals and Fayak also scored 14 points, going 7-for-15 from the field. Starting guard Jenn Prine scored 12 points on 4-of-7 shooting.

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Shepherd made its last eight free baskets with Hannah Sabatini, Jerica Hewett, and Prine converting everything they shot.

From the foul line, Shepherd finished 25-for-30 with Sabatini going 7-for-10, Hewett 6-for-6, Prine 4-for-5, Emily Daniel 4-for-5, and Kaufman 6-for-10.

Glenville finished with 20-of-33 shooting from the foul line.

Of Shepherd’s 16 rebounds, point guard Hewett hauled down 10. Daniel claimed 12 rebounds and Shelby Fayak collected 11 rebounds.

Sabatini scored a career-high 22 points, two fewer than Prine’s season-high 24 points. Hewett added 14 points, Daniel 10 points, and Biggs had her 10th five-point effort.

Terrie Wilson had 13 points for Glenville, Woodmoore added 18 points and Autumn Davis added 17 points. Reserve LaTonya Harrison added 13 points.

The Lady Rams’ 33 misses were well spaced out. Sabatini, Prine, and Fayak all being credited with five assists. Woodmoore had four of Glenville’s 12 assists.

Shepherd’s 30 turnovers kept it from maintaining more distance between itself and the Pioneers. Glenville’s 48.7 percent shooting led by chance consistency.

And although it left the floor with 12 assists and 12 turnovers, Shepherd was near the top of the WVIAC standings with a 10-3 record in league competitions.

West Liberty was ahead of the pack with a 12-2 record rating.
Ram women topple A-B

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SHEPHERDSTOWN — The Shepherd University Rams offense was able to go into overdrive to defeat the Alderson-Broaddus Buccaneers 76-60 in a physical game at the Butcher Center Thursday night.

The game began with a back-and-forth struggle to get the lead in the first half, causing the game to be tied four times.

Rams' Senior guard Jerica Hewett scored the game's first point with a jumper that was answered quickly with a 3-pointer by Amanda Peoples.

After trading buckets, Alderson-Broaddus' Erica Brooks hit a 3-pointer to tie the game at 10-all with 12 minutes, 51 seconds remaining in the half.

An 2-2 Rams' run at the 11:38 mark gave Shepherd a six-point lead, but the Buccaneers answered with an 8-2 run of their own to tie the game at 20-20 with 8:42 remaining.

The game was tied a third time at 30-all with 1:26 to go in the half as the Buccaneers erased a four-point Shepherd lead at the 3:16 mark.

Hewett tied the game at 33-33 with a one and-1 free throw, and then made the back end to give Shepherd a one-point lead going into the half.

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The Battlers kept the game close in the first half with their 3-point shooting, as they shot 30 percent from long range. The Rams found that to be the one thing that needed to be stopped in order to increase the lead.

"At halftime, we reviewed what we were supposed to do and had found out that we had to stop them from making 3s," Hewett said. "We needed to get a hand in the shooter's face to make them miss."

The Rams held Alderson Broaddus to 3-for-16 shooting from beyond the arc in the second half and were able to step up defensively and increase the lead.

After a 3-pointer by Ashley Prince tied the game at 36-36 (the fifth time in the contest), a jumper by Hewett with 19:13 to go in regulation gave Shepherd the back advantage— one it didn't lose the rest of the half.

After having the lead cut to six points with 12:53 to go in regulation on a pair of Britney Shriver free throws, the Rams went on a 20-6 run, forcing the Shepherd lead to 20 and putting the game out of reach for the Battlers.

Shepherd coach Melanie Ford was pleased with how the Rams rebounded and were able to get to the free throw line in the second half through the post game of Jumye Brown and the speed of Alex Tamez.

"We were able to take the ball to the basket and get to the foul line," she said.

"Jumye showed a lot of strength near the basket, and Alex showed moments where her quickness was unable to be contained by their defense."

Shepherd was led in the second half by Hewett.

She scored 15 of her 21 points in the second half. She came into the game as a defensive liability with 6:54 to go in the game but was not pulled.

"I have a big bruise on my hip from falls in games earlier in the season," she said.

"I was able to play through the pain and lead the team the best I could despite being shaken up at the brief moment."

Hewett also showed the bruises from the black eye suffered earlier in the season, and a player for each side had been pulled because of blood.

Ford has expected the usual bumps and bruises that West Virginia Conference basketball brings.

"This physical play is what the WVC brings," she said. "Blood and tears are bound to appear at any given moment, but we have to play well in those situations."