SHEPHERD BEATS BOWIE STATE 38-17 IN SNOW STORM

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Six Inducted Into Clarke County High School Hall of Fame

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Five athletes and one coach were inducted into the Clarke County High School Hall of Fame during the home football game Friday evening against George Mason. The Hall of Fame was launched in 1990, and inducts new members each year. This year's class continues to honor those making outstanding contributions to the Eagles’ sports programs.

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The 2011 inductees are:

Gary Elsea, class of 1960, is being honored for his excellence in football, baseball, and track. He lettered in football for three years and earned an All-District selection as an end his senior year. He
lettered in baseball and track for two years. He coached youth league football in Clarke County for seven years, umpired Little League baseball for ten, and has been a member of the Winchester High School Officials’ Association for eighteen years, officiating at numerous area freshman, j.v., and varsity football games, including Regional and State play-off assignments.

Marty Bearden Profitt, also from the class of 1960, played in all sports available for females at the time: hockey, softball, and basketball in all four years in her high school career and lettered in all three. She continued playing softball, both area fast pitch and slow pitch teams, for another twenty-five years. Her athletic activities were more than a decade before Title IX elevated the importance of female sports.

Larry Allison, a graduate of Johnson-Williams High School in 1960, was a star in football, basketball, and baseball, lettering in all three all four years in school. He starred on the school’s football team as a linebacker and receiver and was selected All-Area his senior year. In basketball he starred as a shooting forward as the team advanced to the State Finals; he was selected to the All-Region team post-season. In baseball he was a four-year starter at third base and was a solid hitter; the team also advanced to State Finals.

Nancy Merriman, class of 1990, excelled in cross country and track, lettering four years in cross country and three in track. Her freshman year she finished third in Districts, third in Regionals, and fourth place at States. Her team won Districts, Regionals, and States, becoming the first girls’ State champion team at Clarke. In her sophomore year she again made the All-District and All-Region B teams as her team for the second time won Districts, Regionals, and States. Her junior year for the third time she was a member of the All-District, Region B and State team as she placed third in Bull Run, fifth in Region B, and 15th at States. She closed out her cross country career with a second place Bull Run finish. In track she placed in the 1600 at Districts her freshman year while her team was District champions for the third straight year. As a sophomore, she took second in the 3200 at Districts, fourth at Regionals, and tenth at States. Her points helped her team take the fourth straight District title, their second Region B title, and finish as State runner-ups. Her senior year she finished third in the 1600 and sixth in the 800 at Districts. Again, her team was District champs. She followed that up with a fourth place finish in the 1600 at Regionals. Because of her academics and success as an athlete, she was awarded an Eagles Athletic Association scholarship. Each year in school she was recognized by the VHSL for Academic Excellence. She continued her running career while a student at Christopher Newport University, and as All-Conference athlete in both sports and several times was selected as athlete-of-the-week in Dixie conference. After graduation she was an assistant cross country coach for one season, coached track and cross country at Johnson-Williams Middle School for three years, and served as a volunteer track coach at Clarke County.

Nakia Morgan, a graduate in 1993, starred in both football and basketball. He was a four-year starter on the football team, leading the team in tackles his junior and senior years. He was Bull Run All-District defensive lineman his junior year, Bull Run All-District linebacker his senior year, and selected on the All-Region team both years. His final season the team went 10-0. His basketball achievements included being a three-year letterman and leading rebounder his sophomore, junior, and senior years. He was the starting center on the 1993 Bull Run District champion team.

Longtime coach Chris Parker will also be inducted. In his 29th year of coaching, 20th at Clarke County, he has coached both football and baseball. He took over as Clarke’s head football coach in 2000. From 2007 to 2010, his teams were District champions. 2007, ’09, and ’10 his teams were Region B semifinalists, and in 2008 they made it to Region B finals, losing to eventual State Champion Gretna. In 2007 – 2010 he was Bull Run District football coach of the year. Other accolades include being named Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation “Coach of the Week” and having his team win the Eagles Athletic Association sportsmanship award in 2007 and ’09. He has also fostered younger football players by sponsoring Eagle football camps and clinics.
He was head varsity baseball coach for eight years, relinquishing this position to become head football coach. His team’s best year was 2000 when they won the Bull Run District championships, made it to Region B finals, losing to Strasburg, and went all the way to State semifinals, again losing to Strasburg. This earned him Winchester Star Baseball Coach of the Year.

Parker also coached at James Wood and Hedgesville High schools and served as an assistant football coach and chief football recruiter at Shepherd University, after graduating from there.
SU volleyball downed by WJU

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WHEELING, W.Va. - Shepherd University dropped a 3-0 decision to conference frontrunner Wheeling Jesuit in WVIAC volleyball action at Wheeling Jesuit on Saturday afternoon. The Cardinals gained a 25-14, 27-25, 25-12 victory.

Sophomore middle hitter Melani Lewis (Bay Shore, NY/Brentwood) led the Rams with nine kills, while senior setter Lauren Jeschelnik (Huntingtown, MD/Huntingtown) recorded team-highs of 20 assists and nine digs.

Allissa Ware had 12 kills and seven digs to lead Wheeling Jesuit.

Shepherd falls to 15-14, 8-5 in conference play, while Wheeling Jesuit improves to 27-3, 13-0. The Rams return to action on Tuesday when they host Wilmington for a 6 p.m. match.
Shepherd volleyball downs West Liberty

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Junior outside hitter Kasey Mercier (Baltimore, MD/Mount de Sales Academy) led the Rams with 12 kills, nine digs, and four blocks. Sophomore middle hitter Melani Lewis (Bay Shore, NY/Brentwood) recorded 10 kills, while junior outside hitter Lauren Gardner (Clarkson, MI/Clarkson) had eight kills and 10 digs.

Senior setter Lauren Jeschelnik (Huntingtown, MD/Huntingtown) recorded 36 assists.

Shepherd improves to 15-13, 8-4 in conference play, while West Liberty falls to 8-16, 3-10. The Rams returned to action on Saturday when they travel to Wheeling Jesuit for a 1 p.m. match.
Damascus player to sign with Shepherd University by Kent Zakour

Staff Writer

Damascus High School senior girls basketball player Kristina Prange is scheduled to announce her college decision Nov. 10, according to longtime coach Steve Pisarski. The 6-foot forward is expected sign her National Letter of Intent with Division III Shepherd (W.Va.) University at 2:45 p.m. that day in the school’s Hornets’ Nest room.

Prange scored 290 points (11.6 point per game average) last season, including a season-high 23 against Clarksburg on Jan. 14. The Swarmin’ Hornets went 19-6 and lost to eventual state champion Frederick, 68-57, in the Class 3A West Region final.

“She was our leading scorer last year and perhaps the best offensive rebounder we’ve ever had,” Pisarski said. “She plays had all the time. We just finished our fall league and she scored 25 in our final game. I know she is excited.”
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COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Shepherd 3, Glenville State 0

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W.Va. — Shepherd University swept Glenville State 25-9, 25-14, 25-20 in a WVIAC match to give Sarah Smith her 100th career victory as head coach.

Lauren Jeschelnik, Kasey Mercier, Meg Kenny and Lauren Wilkins each had six kills, Sara Michael had 24 assists and seven digs and Taylor Belella had nine digs for the Rams (17-15, 9-5).

MacKenzie Willneff had eight kills and seven digs for Glenville State (6-25, 2-12).
SSAC denies exemption request

Applemen, Eagle volleyball teams will be shorthanded for state tourney

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MARTINSBURG - Any chance of volleyball players from Musselman and Hedgesville ruled ineligible earlier this week to compete in the pending state volleyball tournament proved to be like a serve of the ball into the net:

It went nowhere.

That means both teams, including the defending state Class AAA champion Applemen, will be shorthanded when they begin play Friday in the Charleston Civic Center Coliseum.

Written appeals by both schools to the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission for an "exemption" were denied on Wednesday, according to Don Dellinger, an assistant superintendent for Berkeley County Schools.

The players, some 10 in total from the two schools, participated in a tryout for the Potomac Elite Volleyball Club on Sunday in violation of in-season rules against participating in a non-school team of the same sport.

As a result, they are ineligible to play in the state tournament.

Musselman qualified as the seven-time Region II champion and Hedgesville as the runner-up.

The Applemen are scheduled to play South Charleston in the quarterfinals at about 11 a.m. Friday, while the Eagles must wait until the final quarterfinal match to take on George Washington.

"This is a horrible situation for our students," Dellinger said.

Reading from a prepared statement, he continued, "It is our belief that our students and schools were not trying to gain a competitive advantage, and we're not certain the students clearly understood the rules. However, it is our responsibility that rules are understood and a method is in place to share them. Unfortunately, clear communication did not occur."

Dellinger said one of the schools discovered Tuesday morning that a single player had participated in the tryout, but a subsequent investigation determined more athletes were involved.

Board and school administrators, athletic directors and coaches met with players and their parents before delivering the stark news, Dellinger said.
“It’s awful,” Dellinger said. “No matter how you look at it, it gives you a sick feeling in your stomach.

“When we agree to participate as a member of an organization, part of that is to follow the rules.”

The rule against double participation is not a new one, but “was revised for clarification purposes,” Dellinger explained, adding that principals and athletic directors were reminded of the rule during summer meetings and coaches received notice during their annual rules clinic in July.

“The rule has been around forever,” Dellinger said.

The amended rule added tryouts and fundraising as banned activities while still in-season with a high school team.

It was passed by the WVSSAC Board of Control — which are the principals of the member schools — and sent to the West Virginia Board of Education. After a 30-day period for comment, it was voted on by the state board. After another period of comment, it became law when the secretary of state signed off on it.

Dellinger labeled the situation a “miscommunication.”

Gary Ray, the executive director of the WVSSAC, agreed that the rule is cut-and-dried, though he did feel bad for the girls involved.

“Anytime you’re dealing with someone’s child, it’s difficult,” he said.

He said the WVSSAC had been in contact with both Musselman and Hedgesville.

“We’ve addressed some concerns,” Ray said.

Ray would not reveal the ineligible players, saying, “that’s up to the school to take care of that,” nor did he know the actual number.

While three players from Musselman are ineligible, the number for Hedgesville is either six or seven, though Dellinger did not know for sure in either case.

Dellinger said that he thought officials for the Potomac Elite Volleyball Club were unaware of the situation, too.

“I’m sure if they knew the rule, that wouldn’t have happened,” Dellinger said.

Potomac Elite is directed by Sarah Smith, the volleyball coach at Shepherd University.

An email message sent to her was returned with a message that she was “out of the office” until Monday as her Shepherd team participates in the West Virginia Conference volleyball tournament.

Her automated message did leave an email address for another party if Potomac Elite was the email subject.

No response was received from that address by presstime.

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Rams comb for wins
Shepherd plans a hair-raising hoops season
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SHEPHERDSTOWN - If nothing else, Shepherd coach Justin Namolik jokes that his Rams could be the "all-hair team."

Marcus Pilgrim and Brantley Osborne are sporting long-hair looks this season, and there's, of course, Namolik and his wavy locks.

The two players heard about it when the Rams faced Duquesne in an exhibition game last week.

"Hey, No. 1 (Pilgrim), cut your hair," Namolik said he heard.

This much, Namolik also knows: He will be coaching what is truly his team during his third season as head coach and fourth when you include his interim season.

Each of the players, none of whom are seniors, were recruited by Namolik.

"Chemistry is one of our strengths," Namolik said Wednesday during the team's media day.

That's because Namolik's plan for building his program was to do it with four-year players and build continuity that way, rather than scour junior college teams for players.

"I've seen other teams at Shepherd succeed that way," Namolik said.

"These are all my guys. I'm really excited about it."

The Rams open play at 8 p.m. Friday by hosting Virginia State in the Clarion Hotel Tip-Off Classic and follow that with a game against Bowie State at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Shepherd went 13-16 a season ago, a four-game improvement over the previous season.

"I'd like to see us go another four games this year," Namolik said.

"There were so many close games we lost (last season)."

He's hoping to change that obviously.

That comes from consistency, which he thinks his team possesses with nine returning veterans.

He's looking for leadership from his captains Chad Moore and Aeron Spencer, both juniors, and steady production from five or six players.

Namolik calls the 6-foot-5 Moore a "stat-stuffer."

Moore, another member of the all-hair team, averaged a team-best 17.4 points per game last season.
Spencer will run the team at the point and is being looked more for his ability to finish drives to the basket. Pilgrim and Stefan Pierson will back up Spencer.

Osborne returns to the team as its shooting guard after a tremendous freshman season in which he led the nation from 3-point range, knocking 47 percent of his tries. He also shot 49 percent from the field overall and 87 percent from the foul line.

"He was almost a 50-40-90 guy," Namolik said. "Only a handful of guys in the NBA are capable of doing that."

As if Namolik is promoting Osborne for the pro league, he's allowing his shooter to fire from anywhere.

Newcomer Eric Savage and Sal Conti will be in reserve at shooting guard.

Sidney McCray is looked at as the starter at small forward and Moore at the strong forward. Moore also led the team in rebounding and steals, while McCray will be looking to improve his 5.3 ppg average.

Malik Dauda and Justin Bryan, a graduate of Jefferson, are the backups.

Namolik had hoped to be able to use Musselman graduate Morgan McDonald some at forward, targeting him for at least 20 minutes per game, but he is being redshirted after suffering a severe knee injury that will require a grueling recovery of six to eight months.

The biggest question mark is at center where McDonald could've played some.

Chauncey Burgazli is a 6'10" freshman who "needs to become more physical and aggressive," and sophomore Kirk Hairston, a 6'7" pivotman from Martinsburg who didn't play basketball last season, has been a "pleasant surprise."

The Rams were projected to finish ninth in the 16-team West Virginia Conference.

"We've been picked in the middle of the pack, and we've finished in the middle of the pack," Namolik said. "The only thing that can change that is what we do on the court."

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Rams reach volleyball semifinals

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From staff reports

CHARLESTON - Shepherd University recorded a 3-0 win over West Liberty in an early match and added a 3-1 triumph over West Virginia Wesleyan in the quarterfinals in West Virginia Conference Volleyball Tournament action at the Charleston Catholic Athletic Complex on Thursday.


The Rams were led by 13 kills and .476 attack percentage from sophomore middle hitter Meg Kenny against West Liberty.

Sophomore right side/middle hitter Melani Lewis accounted for 10 kills in the win.

Senior setter Lauren Jeschelnik notched 36 of her team's 45 assists. Freshman defensive specialist Taylor Belella had 13 digs, while junior outside hitter Lauren Gardner and junior outside hitter Kasey Mercier each had 11.

Mercier had 14 kills, Kenny posted 12, while Gardner tallied 11 more to lead the Rams against Wesleyan. Jeschelnik had 41 assists, eight digs and three aces, while Lewis added nine kills.

Belella and senior setter/defensive specialist Sara Michael each had 11 digs.

Shepherd improved to 19-15 overall.

The Rams return to action on today when they take on top-seeded Wheeling Jesuit in the semifinals at 2 p.m.

Three members of the Shepherd volleyball were also named to the 2011 All-WVC Volleyball Team. Kenny gained first team honors, Lewis earned second team accolades, and Gardner was an honorable mention selection.

Kenny leads the Rams in kills (249), kills per set (2.39) and attack percentage (.310). She has also added 75 blocks, 79 digs, 22 aces, and three assists.

Lewis paces the Rams in blocks (89) and blocks per set (0.89). She has added 204 kills, 36 digs, eight assists, and six aces.

Gardner leads the team in digs (306) and digs per set (2.68). She has added 225 kills, 33 blocks, 23 aces, and 22 assists.
Rams defeat Glenville State

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Shepherdstown Chronicle

GLENVILLE - Shepherd University handed Glenville State a 37-20 setback in WVIAC football action at Glenville on Saturday.

Shepherd took a 7-0 lead with 12:03 left in the first quarter when junior wide receiver Larry Lowe (Stafford, Va./Brooke Point) intercepted a Tanner Collins pass on a fake punt and returned it 45 yards for a touchdown. Senior kicker Eric Dobratz (Woodbridge, Va./Potomac) added the extra point.

The Pioneers cut the lead to 7-3 when Colston Bayless connected on a 36-yard field goal.

Junior quarterback Bobby Cooper (Davidsonville, Md./South River) scored on a three-yard run with 7:37 left in the first quarter to increase the Shepherd lead to 14-3.

The Rams took a 21-3 lead minutes later when junior linebacker Dominique Dixon (Westover, W.Va./University) returned an interception 30 yards for a score.

The Pioneers answered back when Darold Hughes raced 34 yards for a score with 29 seconds left in the first quarter to cut the deficit to 21-10.

Dobratz connected on 34-yard field goal with 11:23 left in the second quarter to increase the lead to 24-3.

Hughes connected with Jordan Griffin on a four-yard scoring pass with 8:51 left in the half to cut the lead to 24-17.

Dobratz added a 24-yard field goal with 2:12 left and added a 31-yarder with three seconds remaining in the half to give the Rams a 30-17 advantage at the break.

Bayless nailed a 35-yard field goal for the Pioneers with 10:48 left in the third quarter to cut the lead to 30-20.

Sophomore running back Kenny Williams (Elgin, Ill./Eastern Illinois) scored on a three-yard plunge with 6:43 left in the game to complete the scoring.

The score was set up by a fumble recovery by senior outside linebacker Chris Patton (Mt. Airy, Md./Urbana) at the Glenville 34-yard line.


Senior running back Tommy Addison (Germantown, Md./Quince Orchard) rushed for a game-high 90 yards on 16 carries for the Rams. Williams added 85 yards on 20 carries. Joe Mesadieu rushed 18 times for 74 yards to lead the Pioneers.

Senior wide receiver Nikkolai Norrell (Richmond, Va./Hermitage) led all receivers with nine catches for 90 yards.

Shepherd totaled 349 yards of total offense while Glenville State had 210.

Sophomore defensive lineman Mike Franklin (Elkridge, Md./Long Reach) recorded 11 tackles and senior outside linebacker Dominic Tolson (Forestville, Md./Central/St. Pauls) added seven (all solo) to pace the Shepherd defense. Terry Reese had 12 tackles to lead the Pioneers.

Shepherd improves to 8-2, 5-2 in WVIAC action, while Glenville State drops to 4-6, 4-3. The Rams return to action next Saturday when they travel to Fairmont State for a noon contest.