BY BEN CUELL
FOR THE JOURNAL

SHEPHERDSTOWN — Even with some pitching struggles and challenges throughout the contests, Shepherd's offense lifted the Rams past the University of Charleston in a West Virginia Conference doubleheader Sunday in Shepherdstown.

Shepherd's Tiffany Farmer drew a bases-loaded walk in extra innings to score freshman Jess Mason and lift the Rams to a 5-4 win in Game 1.

The Rams won 3-1 in Game 2 behind a 2-for-2 outing by Chelsie Oals and a strong effort on the mound by Brooke Shambaugh to remain undefeated in conference play.

During the first inning, both pitchers didn't allow the ball to get out of the infield and only issued a combined one walk.

At the start of the second inning, Pitcock found herself struggling, but her teammate picked her up during her challenges.

With an opening walk in the inning, Charleston's Samantha Macias bunted to move Samantha Herndon to second base. Sierra Curley then hit a shot to left field to score Macias for a 1-0 lead.

Pitcock hit a Charleston batter to place runners in scoring position. Then with the defense of shortstop Courtni Williams, Shepherd got out of an early challenge.

"Nichole (Pitcock) is a very strong mental player," Lopez said. "We never need to say something to her, and she is always able to bounce back fairly quickly."

Rossman then shut down the Rams in the bottom of the inning with three consecutive strikeouts.

Following a tough second inning, Pitcock recovered nicely with one strikeout and two groundouts in the third.

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Rams

The Rams' offense exploded in the bottom of the inning. Cammie Orland had a double to right field. Farmer doubled to score Orlandi and tie the game 1-1.

Oals hit a monstrous shot to left field that stayed inside the park, scoring Farmer and giving the Rams a 2-1 lead.

In the fourth inning, both pitchers produced shutout efforts. At the top of the fifth, Shepherd's infield helped Fitzko's cause by making outstanding defensive plays.

The Rams opened their lead in the fifth by advancing runners and playing smart. Bianca Biondillo doubled and Farmer walked to set the stage. Then with a strong hit toward the Charleston shortstop, Oals brought in Biondillo, and the Rams gained a 3-1 advantage.

Shepherd loaded the bases, and Amber Dudek singled in another run for a 4-1 lead.

The Eagles managed to place runners on second and third base in the sixth. Curley tied the game for the first time since the third inning with a three-run home run.

Shepherd and Charleston fought to regain the lead but great pitching pushed the game into extra innings.

In the eighth, the Rams made quick work of the Eagles. Shepherd loaded the bases to set up Farmer, who drew a walk to bring the final tally.

In Game 1, Orlandi and Farmer each went 2 for 2 and Oals added a pair of hits to lead the Rams. Curley led the Golden Eagles with a 2-for-2 effort.

During Game 2, Oals sparked the Rams' offense, going 2 for 2 with a pair of runs scored.

After Shepherd took an early lead, Stambaugh shut down the Golden Eagles.

In the sixth, Dudek broke a 1-1 tie with a two-run double. Amber Jarvis led the Golden Eagles with a 2-for-3 outing.

"In order to remain highly ranked in the WVC, we just have to take it one day at a time and one game at a time," Lopez said. "We've got to practice hard and make some adjustments when needed."

Shepherd improved to 19-8 overall and 8-0 in conference play, while Charleston fell to 14-16, 2-3.
SHEPHERD MEN'S GOLF: The Shepherd University men's golf team placed 12th in a 13-team field at the WVIA C Southern Regional at Edgewood Country Club. Concord University took team honors with a two-day total of 599 (+31). Junior Chris Gilkey (Arundel) fired a 159 to finish in a tie for 20th place to pace the Rams.
Shepherd University football schedule announced

Shepherd University head football coach Monte Cater recently announced the 2011 Ram football schedule. The 11-game slate includes six home contests.

The Rams open the season at home against rival Shippensburg on Sept. 3 for the Great Valley Classic/Ram Gridiron Club Day. Other home games include Seton Hill (Sept. 17 — Hall of Fame Weekend/Military Appreciation Day), Charleston (Sept. 24), West Liberty (Oct. 15), West Virginia State (Oct. 22 - Homecoming) and Bowie State (Oct. 29 — Senior Day). All home games will have a noon kickoff.

For information on season tickets log on to www.shepherdbook.com or call 304-876-5219.

2011 Shepherd Football Schedule

- September
  3 Shippensburg - 12 p.m.
  10 @ St. Joseph's (IN) - 12 p.m.
  17 Seton Hill - 12 p.m.
  24 Charleston - 12 p.m.

- October
  1@Concord - 1 p.m.
  8 @WV Wesleyan - 12 p.m.
  15 West Liberty - 12 p.m.
  22 WV State (Homecoming) - 12 p.m.
  29 Bowie State - 12 p.m.

- November
  5 @ Glenville State - 12 p.m.
  12 @ Fairmont State - 1 p.m.

—from staff reports
THE NASH MASHER

Huiter homers
Rams to win

BY NATE MACZUK
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

SHEPHERDSTOWN - Nash Huiter came up big for the Shepherd University Rams time and time again.

There is little or no room for defeat in league play with the Rams wanting precisely close to missing the postseason, and his contribution was big in walk that fine line.

Huiter's final at bat with West Liberty in a West Virginia Conference doubleheader split with West Liberty on Saturday.

The Shepherd junior broke a 3-3 tie with his third home run of the game to lift the Rams to an 8-7 win in the nightcap at Fairfax Field.

Huiter went 4 for 5 with three home runs, a double and six RBIs. It was the first time in his career he posted three home runs in one contest. He now has six on the season.

Aaron Scoville went 4 for 6 with an RBI, Nathan Munn went 2 for 2 and Morgan Lane added a pair of hits and an RBI to pace the Rams' attack.

West Liberty posted a 12-4 win in Game 1 to split the day's action.

Shepherd, which is in sixth place of the WVC's North Division, improved to 10-14 overall and 6-11 in conference play, while West Liberty fell to 9-22-7-8.

"This is a huge win for us, especially losing the first game," Huiter said. "I had some good knocks today. The last one was needed."

Injured Collins makes
return to view victory

BY NATE MACZUK
JOURNAL SPORTS WRITER

SHEPHERDSTOWN - Brian Collins was happy to get out of the house and see his team play again on Saturday at Fairfax Field.

It has been two weeks since Collins' standout college baseball career at Shepherd University came to an abrupt and premature end.

The Shepherd senior suffered a season-ending injury in the Rams' game against Wheeling Jesuit two weeks ago.

"I went sliding in to try to break up a double play and my cleat got caught in the dirt," Collins said. "I dislocated my ankle and broke my fibula."

Collins had surgery the following morning.

"There are two plates and eight screws in there," he said. "They said I'm going to be out eight to 12 weeks - can't put any weight on it."

Collins was having another spectacular season. A threat at the plate and a force on the mound, he was batting .366 with 18 RBIs and had just pitched his best game.

"He had just had his best outing of the year on the mound against DAE, and the next weekend he broke his leg and his career is over," Shepherd coach Wayne Roper said. "It was tragic. It was just a senseless situation - never been involved in anything like that."

"I made the best of it while I was here," Collins said. "It is shocking that it ended that way, but I've just got to be here when I can to support the guys and finish up classes. I'll be student-teaching at the fall and getting my teaching job."

Go with life, I guess."

Collins was put in a fracture cast on Friday and made it out of the house for the first time to see his team win a 13-inning affair, 8-7, against West Liberty on a Nash Hitter gene-ending home run Saturday.

"I almost left in the ninth inning because it's freezing cold," Collins said. "This is the first time I've been out of the house besides doctors appointments in two weeks. And I just wanted to be here and try to show some support."

"Nash's home run was awesome. Fantastic, not that it was his first, but he hit the ball when I slid and broke my leg."

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See COLLINS C6

Journal photo by Tim Archibald

Senior Brian Collins saw his career end recently after he broke his leg.
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We didn't get out of here. It was a good time. I just
helped the team out.

"That was the best feeling
we've had all year. Hopeful-
ly, this will carry on for the
rest of the season."

"Thank goodness," Sheep-
head coach Wayne Riser said.
"It is the first time we've
won on the good end of
one, the first time we've had
some fun for a while, the first
time we've had a chance to
smile.

Shepherd pitcher Justin
Byrd earned the win in eight
innings of relief to improve
his record to 2-0. He gave up
eight runs on five hits while
earning runs on three hits.

West Liberty's Robbie
Stewart took the loss for
the Hilltoppers in relief. He
earned runs on an error by
Paul Ioviello who started for
the Rams. He went five
innings, giving up five earned
runs on nine hits while
striking out seven and walking
one.

Byrd earned a save on four
hits. Ioviello started for the
Hilltoppers. He went 1.1
innings, giving up two
earned runs on nine hits.

Shepherd started fast, bat-
ing around the first inning
and scoring five runs. Hitter
had a three-run home run,
and last year's state champ
in the eighth.

Ioni advanced to third on
a Hitter double and tried to
score when the Hilltoppers'
relay got by third baseman
Josh Nagel. But Nagel made
what Riser called an "ESP-
N high point spotlight play," sliding
to get the ball along the fence
and blindly throwing over the
Hitter to first baseman
Lutz, forcing the game
play.

From there, Byrd and
Stewart battled back and forth
until Hitter homered with one-out in the 10th.

"I felt real comfortable
today," Hitter said. "I
really felt I could handle
the situation."

"I'm just proud of the way
we played," Riser said.
"From the eighth inning on, we
played well. We

Collins

FROM PAGE C1

To come here today and he has a
day like this, it's pretty special.

Hitter was equally happy to see his
career and create Collins with prov-
ing the emotional boost that lifted
Shepherd.

"I was so happy to see him," Hut-
ter said. "I was looking at Visiting
him in the game. That's where we
were, because he was here."

With a young baseball and a pair
of injuries already sidelining Mike Lott
and Trey Appleby, no one under-
stands the confidence of this team.

"Where we are at the start of the
game," Riser said. "Some of the
players are out of shape this
season, which is the case for Collins
as a whole. They've been working
towards the end goal.

"But we're getting close to
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Rams prove No. 1 rank
Shepherd first team to sweep Yellow Jackets

BY SPENCER LEATHERMAN
FOR THE JOURNAL

SHEPHERDSTOWN — The Shepherd University Rams became the first team to sweep the West Virginia State Yellow Jackets this season. Shepherd won 1-0 in the opener and 6-5 in the nightcap of a West Virginia Conference doubleheader on Sunday.

Rams pitcher Nickolas Pisolock and West Virginia State’s Kelsey Lorraine traded impressive innings. Pisolock held the Yellow Jackets scoreless in the top of the fourth inning. But Lorraine was unable to keep her scoreless effort alive as Tiffany Parmer drove in Pisolock on a single to left field in the bottom half, accounting for the only scoring during Game 1.

Shepherd’s Nicholas Pisolock delivers a pitch during the Rams’ first game against West Virginia State on Sunday in Shepherdstown. Shepherd swept the doubleheader, winning 1-0 and 6-5.

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Minnich, Scoville lift Shepherd
Rams step up, win pair in weekend series against Hilltoppers

BY BEN GOTO
FOR THE JOURNAL

SHEPHERDSTOWN - Shepherd is looking for players to step up in a big way.

Whether it is from the batter’s box or from the pitching mound, Shepherd coach Wayne Riser will keep watching until he finds what he is looking for.

Fortunately for Riser and the Rams, Nathan Minnich and Aaron Scoville brought their A-game this weekend. Both players were key to sweeping the series against West Liberty.

By powering through the Hilltoppers’ pitching, Minnich and Scoville helped the Rams to an 8-3 victory in the first game.

The Rams went 2-1-1 in the weekend series, improving to 11-1-1 overall and 7-1-1 in West Virginia Conference play.

“Minnich is the type of player that can carry your team and, without a doubt, when he plays well, we are successful,” Riser said. “Scoville does a good job for us, and he has a very bright future.”

Minnich went 3 for 3 with a pair of singles and a home run, and Scoville went 2 for 4 with four RBIs to pace the Rams.

Shepherd also secured the series sweep with a 9-2 win over West Liberty on Sunday.

Shepherd’s Tristan Sayer delivers a fastball during the Rams’ game against West Liberty on Sunday in Shepherdstown. Shepherd won 8-5.

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**Shepherd lacrosse ends three-game skid**

Carra scores five goals, Tippett adds four in another home win for Rams

**BY BEN GIBSON**

**FOR THE JOURNAL**

**SHREDBERGTON - The Shepherd Rams ended a three-game losing streak with a 21-14 victory over the Urbana Blue Knights in a MACC conference game.** The Rams had a 33-17 shot advantage as they scored on seven of their 11 goals,While Carra scored five goals, and sophomore Krista Tippett added four to pace the Rams' attack.

"When we were scoring, it's a big advantage," Carra said. "After we scored, it felt better for us to make goals and score on the Blue Knights."

The Rams outscored the Blue Knights 13-2 in the first half, where the Blue Knights had outscored the Blue Knights 10-7 in the first half. Sophomore Nicole Festa and Tippett alternated the next four goals to give the Rams a 9-0 lead over the Blue Knights.

Festa coated her two more scores to give Shepherd a big lead in the first half. The Rams quickly took the lead as Carra scored on three goals in the first six minutes of play. Shepherd freshman Jenna Beene added a goal and led the Rams with 19:18 remaining in the first half.

Freshman Christina Ferrara and Tippett alternated the next four goals to give the Rams a 9-0 lead over the Blue Knights.

Festa scored her second goal of the game to give Shepherd a 13-2 lead at halftime.

**Lacrosse**

Coming out of the locker room, the Rams extended their lead with two goals early in the second half before sophomore Maddy Sullivan scored four goals in the second half to give the Rams a 19-13 lead at 5:09 left in the second half of the game.

Junior Sydney Elmer scored the Rams' final goal with 9:09 left in the game.

**Shepherd**

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After moving two innings of shutout baseball, West Liberty opened the scoring in the first. Trent Chapman tripled. Gabe Hatcher doubled to bring home Chapman for a 1-0 lead.

Rams answered with a run in the bottom of the inning. Derick Guinni advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt and a wild pitch. Scoville brought him in to cut West Liberty's advantage to 1-0.

In the sixth inning, West Liberty scored two runs on a sacrifice bunt and a wild pitch. Scoville brought him in to cut West Liberty's advantage to 2-1.

West Liberty scored another run in the fourth inning to regain a two-run lead, but the Rams turned up the offensive heat in the bottom of the fifth inning.

After a single by Aaron Lee, junior center fielder to score Lee, Morgan Louthy added another run, and Jake Cook singled to center to score Louthy, giving the Rams the 3-0 lead. Shepheard's first lead at 4-3.

In the sixth inning, West Liberty scored a run with a sacrifice fly. The Rams tied the score in the top of the seventh, but when the Mountaineers were not able to score, the Rams turned up the offensive heat in the bottom of the fifth inning.

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Shepherd’s Hutter shows off hitting power

BY ERIC JONES
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SHEPHERDSTOWN – Somebody had to end the madness during Shepherd’s extra-inning affair with West Liberty.

The Rams were up six runs, then let the Hilltoppers tie the game in the seventh to prolong Game 2 of a doubleheader, one that was supposed to only go seven innings.

The winning hit could’ve been expected to come from one of Shepherd’s more experienced, more renowned hitters. That wasn’t the case.

Instead, it came from a solid, but lesser-known hitter, junior outfielder Nash Hutter. And it came in the form of a solo home run in the bottom of the 13th to give the Rams a much-needed win over West Liberty.

The hit also capped a career day for Hutter, which included a three-home run performance.

For his performance, he’s been named The Journal/Gold’s Gym Athlete of the Week (April 3-April 9).

The win over the Hilltoppers was necessary to keep Shepherd’s postseason hopes alive, and it was a victory that could have and should have been taken by the Rams well before the 13th inning.

The Rams left 14 runners on base, including nine in scoring position.

That set up the chance for Hutter to be a hero, and he followed through on that opportunity.

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Hutter

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In the final inning, Hutter came to the plate with one out and smacked the gamewinning home run to left field off West Liberty’s Robbie Stewart.

The solo blast was the third home run of the game for Hutter, who also had a three-run home run in Shepherd’s five-run first inning and a two-run shot in the fourth inning as the Rams extended their lead to 7-1.

Beside the three home runs, Hutter’s career day also included six RBI.

In the first game of the doubleheader, Hutter also led the Shepherd with two hits and two RBI, bringing his two-game total to six hits and eight RBI.
Ram women stumble, fall to second

BUCCHANNON — Shepherd University dropped part of goal to 2-43/4 State in West Virginia conference softball play on Thursday. The Bobcats earned a 5-3 win in Game 1 and added an 8-4 win in the eighth to edge Shepherd's 12-game winning streak and deepen the Rams' first-in-second in the conference standings.

Junior Emily Wallen (6-4, 7) scattered five hits in Game 2 and went 2-for-4 while two runs scored in the Rams' win.

Junior Ashley Balch (6-5, 10) scattered five hits in Game 2, 6-16-1.

Junior Ashley Balch (7-5, 2 R), 2 RBIs, homed run.

The match was scoreless until the top of the sixth inning in the Rams' 6-16-1.

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