

# SARA CREE FIELD



Sara Cree Field was officially given its name on April 14, 2018 in a ceremony in between games of a doubleheader between Shepherd and Concord. The field has served as the home of the Shepherd softball program since 1990. The field is named after Shepherd physical education administrator Dr. Sara H. Cree, who served at Shepherd from 1940-72. She was inducted into the Shepherd Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994.

Prior to finding a home at Sara Cree Field, Shepherd played home games at Sharpsburg (Md.) Elementary School, a field where the Butcher Center now stands, and in the Fairfax Field outfield.

A work-in-progress, Sara Cree Field is constantly undergoing changes and upgrades. A Nevco electronic scoreboard was added in center field in 2002. In 2009 the field underwent a much-needed facelift. The project included installation of new bleachers with seating of 197 with a 49-seat chairback VIP seating section and a new press box. Other upgrades include installation of warning track and bullpens, dugout upgrades and protective fencing, infield renovation, new foul poles and an irrigation system installation. A new outfield fence was installed prior to the 2020 season.

## Memorable Moments

- March 13, 1990 – Shepherd christens its new field with a 6-5 victory over Eastern Mennonite. Leslie Miller and Teresa Taylor each had a pair of hits, while Kelli Summers, Miller, and Taylor each drove in two runs. Amy Ferruccio went the distance to gain the win.
- March 16, 1991 – Kelli Summers went 5-for-6 with two triples in a 16-12 loss to Messiah to set a record for most hits in a game and most triples in a game. Summers led NCAA II and set a Shepherd season mark with 15 triples in 1991. Her 23 career triples are also a school mark.
- April 16, 1991 – Shepherd scored 30 runs on the day on 23 hits in a sweep over Willson College. The Rams posted a 10-0 win in game one and added a 20-1 victory in the nightcap. Kim Wivell tossed a one-hitter in game one.
- March 21, 1998 – Becca Hofman records a perfect game in a 9-0 win over Shenandoah in game one and the Rams added a 9-1 victory in the nightcap to gain the sweep.
- April 6, 1999 – Katie Allnutt tosses a no-hitter as Shepherd sweeps Columbia Union (8-0, 15-0).
- March 17, 2006 – Shepherd outslugs Bridgewater for a 16-15 win in game one. The Rams added a 1-0 victory in the nightcap.
- April 1, 2006 – Tiffany Jones and Rebekah Walsh toss back-to-back no-hitters to lead Shepherd to a doubleheader sweep of West Virginia Tech. Shepherd had an 8-0 win in game one and added an 18-0 win in the nightcap.
- March 29, 2009 – Erica Snoddy throws a perfect game in a 17-0 win over Concord in game one. The Rams add a 10-2 triumph in the nightcap.
- April 11, 2010 – Tricia Bettura and Brooke Stambaugh teamed for a no-hitter in a 12-0 win over Bluefield State in game one of a doubleheader. The Rams added a 5-2 win in the nightcap.
- April 27, 2010 – Shepherd reached the 30-win mark with a doubleheader sweep of Davis & Elkins. The Rams posted a 21-2 win in game one and added a 4-0 triumph in the nightcap. Nicholas Pitcock belted a grand slam and fanned nine to lead Shepherd to the game two win.
- April 30, 2017 – Shepherd swept the University of Charleston (6-5, 6-2) in conference doubleheader action to finish the regular season as MEC North Champions. Kaitlyn Konopka went 4-for-4 and scored the game-winning run in game one.
- April 14, 2018 -- The Shepherd softball field is officially named Sara Cree Field in a ceremony in between games of a doubleheader against Concord. The Rams recorded a 3-0 win in game one and added an 11-4 win in the nightcap.
- March 27, 2019 – Taylor Stocks fired a no-hitter as Shepherd recorded an 8-0 win over Millersville in game one. The Rams added a 4-1 triumph in the nightcap.
- April 21, 2023 – Nicole Purtell had five hits on the day and set Shepherd records for most hits in a season (72) and most hits in a career (262). Shepherd gained a 13-1 win in game one and added an 8-0 win in the nightcap.