



MEN'S SOCCER

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2015 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Overall: 2-4 • MAC: 0-0 • Home: 2-1 • Road: 0-3

	AUG. 29	NAVY - L, 0-1 BROADCAST: ESPN3
	AUG. 30	SAN FRANCISCO - W, 6-0 BROADCAST: ESPN3
	SEPT. 4	AT MICHIGAN - L, 1-3
	SEPT. 7	AT #22 MICHIGAN STATE - L, 0-1 (OT)
	SEPT. 11	JAMES MADISON - W, 6-2 BROADCAST: ESPN3
	SEPT. 15	AT WRIGHT STATE - L, 1-3
	SEPT. 20	#18 GEORGETOWN - L, 1-3 BROADCAST: ESPN3
	SEPT. 26	UNC GREENSBORO - W, 1-0
	OCT. 3	AT ST. FRANCIS (PA.) - W, 3-2
	OCT. 6	AT VIRGINIA TECH - 7 P.M.
	OCT. 9	WESTERN MICHIGAN - 7:30 P.M. ★
	OCT. 13	PENN STATE - 7 P.M. BROADCAST: ESPN3
	OCT. 16	AT BUFFALO - 7 P.M. ★
	OCT. 20	AT PRINCETON - 7 P.M.
	OCT. 24	AT BOWLING GREEN - 1 P.M. ★
	OCT. 28	AKRON - 7 P.M. BROADCAST: ESPN3
	NOV. 3	PENN - 7 P.M. BROADCAST: ESPN3
	NOV. 6	NORTHERN ILLINOIS - 7 P.M. ★

★ denotes Mid-American Conference game

MATCH 10: WEST VIRGINIA (4-5-0) AT VIRGINIA TECH (4-4-1)

Tuesday, October 6, 2015 | 7 p.m. | Thompson Field | Blacksburg, Va.

FOLLOWING ALONG:

Live Stream	ESPN3, WatchESPN App
Live Stats	HokieSports.com
Twitter	@WVUMensSoccer @WVUSports

WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

Record (MAC)	4-5-0 (0-0-0)
NSCAA Ranking / RPI	N/A / 101
Head Coach (Years)	Marlon LeBlanc (10th season)
Record at WVU / Career Record	94-64-27 / 98-67-27
All-Time Program Record	441-364-89



WVU LEADERS

Goals	Ryan Cain (5)
Assists	Joey Piatczyc (10)
Points	Ryan Cain, Joey Piatczyc (10)
Shots	Ryan Cain (19)
Shots On Goal	Ryan Cain (8)

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

Record (Northeast Conference)	4-4-1 (0-0-0)
NSCAA Ranking / RPI	N/A / 53
Head Coach (Years)	Mike Brizendine (7th season)
Record at VT / Career Record	36-67-16 / 63-92-19
Series History vs. WVU	VT leads, 7-4



VT LEADERS

Goals	Merlin Baus (4)
Assists	Merlin Baus (4)
Points	Merlin Baus (12)
Shots	Ricardo John (28)
Shots On Goal	Ricardo John (16)

MEN'S SOCCER FACES ROAD TEST AT VIRGINIA TECH ON TUESDAY

The West Virginia University men's soccer team continues a string of three matches in seven days when it faces Virginia Tech on Tuesday, October 6 at 7 p.m. in Blacksburg, Va.

The Mountaineers (4-5-0) have won two in a row, including a 3-2 win at St. Francis (Pa.) on Saturday in cold, rainy conditions. The Hokies (4-4-1) look for their second home win of the season. Last year, WVU recorded a 3-0 win at home against VT.

Fans unable to cheer on the Mountaineers in person can watch a live stream on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app. Live stats can be found at HokieSports.com, while updates will also be available on social media by following and connecting with @WVUMensSoccer on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Tuesday night's match marks WVU's final match before Mid-American Conference play begins. The Mountaineers return home to host Western Michigan Friday at 7:30 p.m.

WVU is among the conference and national leaders in several categories. The Mountaineers are first in the Mid-American Conference and No. 2 nationally with 2.56 assists per game and 7th nationally, first in the MAC with 6.78 points per game. West Virginia is No. 16 in the country and first in the conference with a 2.11 scoring offense. Additionally, the Mountaineers rank No. 5 in the nation with 23 total assists.

Individually, sophomore Joey Piatczyc continues to lead the nation in assists. He is averaging 1.11 assist per game and is also first with 10 total assists. Piatczyc's 1.11 points per game also ranks No. 8 in the conference and his 10 total points is tied for ninth, along with teammate Ryan Cain.

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QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Morgantown, W.Va. (1867)
Enrollment	31,976
Nickname	Mountaineers
Colors	Old Gold (PMS 124) and Blue (PMS 295)
President	Dr. E. Gordon Gee (Utah, '68)
Director of Athletics	Shane Lyons (West Virginia, '87)
Conference	Mid-American (Men's Soccer)

TEAM HISTORY

First Year	1961
All-Time Record	441-364-89 (.543)
NCAA Tournament Appearances	12 (1966-68-71-72-73-81-92-2005-06-07-10-11)
NCAA Tournament Record	5-12 (.294)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Marlon LeBlanc (10th season)
Alma Mater	Penn State, '00
Record at WVU	94-64-27 (.586)
Career Record	98-67-27 (.585)
Assistant Coach	Mike Lapper (2nd season)
Alma Mater	Ohio State, '08
Assistant Coach	Scott Bowers (2nd season)
Alma Mater	Salisbury, '00

TEAM INFORMATION

2014 Record	11-7-1
2014 MAC Record	3-1-1
Lettermen Returning/Lost	19/5
Starters Returning/Lost	9/2
Newcomers	11

DICK DLESK SOCCER STADIUM

Year Opened	2004
Capacity	1,650
Pressbox Phone	304-293-6480
Surface	Grass

FOLLOWING THE MOUNTAINEERS

Website	WVUsports.com
Twitter	@WVUMensSoccer
Facebook	Facebook.com/WVUMensSoccer
Instagram	@WVUMensSoccer

MEDIA INFORMATION

MEDIA SERVICES

The West Virginia University athletic communications office will be available throughout the 2015 men's soccer season to accommodate any media requests. Following are some guidelines that assist media members in covering the West Virginia men's soccer team. Any additional questions should be directed to men's soccer contact Charlie Healy.

DURING THE WEEK

Any member of the media wishing to interview a student-athlete or member of the coaching staff during the week should contact West Virginia men's soccer contact Charlie Healy, via email (Charles.Healy@mail.wvu.edu) or by phone (304-293-2821), at least 24 hours in advance.

RECEIVING INFORMATION

Media members may receive men's soccer press releases, notes and more via e-mail. To be added to the e-mail list, please send your requests to Charles.Healy@mail.wvu.edu.

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WVUsports.com is the place for media and fans to go for the latest news, notes and more on the WVU men's soccer team. Player and coaching staff bios are available, along with updated season and game statistics following each match. The WVU men's soccer record book can also be found on WVUsports.com.

STATISTICAL COMPARISON

(NCAA/Conference Rankings in parentheses)



Overall Record	4-5-0	4-4-1
Versus Top 25	0-2-0	1-2-1
NSCAA National Rank	N/A	N/A
NSCAA Region Rank	N/A	N/A
W-L-T Percentage	0.444 (129/6)	0.500 (92/10)

Total Goals	19 (23/3)	16 (57/10)
Total Assists	23 (5/3)	9 (126/12)
Total Points	61 (16/2)	41 (77/10)
Scoring Offense	2.11 (16/1)	1.78 (50/8)
Shots Per Game	12.56 (87/4)	13.56 (60/6)
Shots on Goal Per Game	4.33 (144/6)	7.00 (15/4)

Saves Per Game	3.44 (115/2)	3.22 (134/2)
Save Percentage	.674 (158/6)	.674 (158/9)
Team Goals Against Avg.	1.66 (155/6)	1.49 (136/11)
Shutout Percentage	0.22 (110/5)	0.00 (183/12)
Shutouts	2	0
Goals Allowed	15	14

SCOUTING VIRGINIA TECH

Virginia Tech owns a 4-4-1 record, including an 0-3-1 mark in ACC play. The Hokies are coming off a 2-0 loss at No. 5 Clemson on Oct. 2. Its fourth ranked opponent of the season. VT beat then-No. 10 Xavier, 3-1 on the road, in the season's second weekend before a loss to No. 3 North Carolina and a 1-1 draw at No. 19 Louisville.

The Hokies are led by Mike Brizendine, in his seventh season. He owns a 40-71-17 record in Blacksburg after he spent five seasons as an assistant coach at Virginia Tech.

SERIES HISTORY VS. THE HOKIES

WVU is 4-7 all-time vs. the Hokies after a 3-0 win at home last season. The Mountaineers claimed the first matchup, 3-2 in 1963. Virginia Tech won the next two before WVU posted a 2-0 win in 1989. West Virginia also won a 4-1 match in 1994. In last year's win in the second weekend of the season, Mike Desiderio, Jamie Merriam and Andy Bevin notched goals for the Mountaineers. Bevin notched a pair of assists, while Francio Henry had one.

DATE	SITE	RESULT	SCORE
11/9/1963	H	W	3-2
10/18/1967	H	L	0-2
10/16/1988	A	L	2-3
9/12/1989	H	W	2-0
9/6/1992	H	L	0-1
9/29/1993	A	L	0-1
11/1/1994	H	W	4-1
10/24/2001	H	L	0-1
9/18/2002	A	L (2OT)	3-4
9/12/2004	A	L	0-1
9/4/2014	H	W	3-0

UP NEXT: VS. WESTERN MICHIGAN

WVU returns home to host Western Michigan on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium. The third match in seven days for the Mountaineers, it marks the beginning of Mid-American Conference play.

LAST TIME OUT: AT ST. FRANCIS (PA.)

WVU used a pair of highlight-reel goals and withstood two late scores to beat St. Francis (Pa.), 3-2, on a rainy, cold afternoon in Loretto, Pa. on Oct. 3. The Mountaineers became the first team this season to score on SFU's home pitch as the Red Flash allowed more than two goals in a match for the first time this season. WVU's goals came courtesy of Jamie Merriam, Jad Arslan and Tucker Stephenson. Joey Piatczyk assisted on the second two goals and now has a nation-best 10 assists on the year. In goal, freshman Alec Boerner had four saves to earn his second career victory.

2015 AWARDS BREAKDOWN

JOEY PIATCZYK

Top Drawer Soccer Team of the Week	Sept. 1
WVU Student-Athlete of the Week	Aug. 31

JAMIE MERRIAM

WVU Student-Athlete of the Week	Oct. 5
Senior CLASS Award - One of 30 Candidates	Sept. 3

RYAN CAIN

WVU Student-Athlete of the Week	Sept. 14
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TUCKER STEPHENSON

MAC Player of the Week	Sept. 28
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MAC REWARDS STEPHENSON

After his first career goal, the game-winner in WVU's 1-0 win over UNCG, freshman Tucker Stephenson was named the Mid-American Conference Player of the Week on September 28. Stephenson connected on a header at 83:40 for the only shot on goal of the match for the Mountaineers. He also had a team-high tying three shots in the contest.

Stephenson earned WVU's first MAC Player of the Week accolade of the season, and the fifth since the Mountaineers joined the league in 2012. Andy Bevin was named Player of the Week once in 2013 and 2014, while Ryan Cain and Jad Arslan also received the weekly award last season.

PIATCZYK THE RECORD BREAKER

In WVU's 6-0 win over San Francisco on Aug. 30, sophomore Joey Piatczyk posted a program-record four assists. In WVU history, 14 players had tallied three assists in a game, but Piatczyk became the first to record four helpers in a contest.

After the sophomore's record match, he was rewarded with several local and national honors. Piatczyk was named to the Top Drawer Soccer Team of the Week on Sept. 1, in addition to earning Student-Athlete of the Week accolades by WVU Athletics. He was also nominated for the Hero Sports Division I Men's Soccer Stud of the Week.

SENIOR CLASS AWARD CANDIDATE

Senior Jamie Merriam has been named a candidate for the Senior CLASS Award. He is one of 30 men's soccer student-athletes to be honored for excelling both on and off the field. Student-athletes are recognized for their achievements in four areas: community, classroom, character and competition.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School®, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

An All-MAC First Team honoree last season, Merriam has been a key component of WVU's success. Last season, he was second on the team in goals (9), points (23) and shots (49) and third in assists (5). He has been a leader on and off the field, and has impacted those who he connects with in the community. A Biometric Systems major, he begins his senior season with a 3.16 GPA and was named to the NSCAA Scholar All-East Region Second Team, the Academic All-MAC Team and the Academic All-Big 12 At-Large First Team as a junior in 2014.

RECORD BREAKDOWN

	OVERALL	MAC
Overall	4-5-0	0-0-0
Home	3-2-0	0-0-0
Road	1-3-0	0-0-0
Neutral	0-0-0	0-0-0
Day Games	3-3-0	0-0-0
Night Games	1-2-0	0-0-0
Games Following a Victory	1-2-0	0-0-0
Games Following a Loss	3-2-0	0-0-0
Games Following a Tie	0-0-0	0-0-0

Playing in Overtime	0-1-0	0-0-0
Playing in Double Overtime	0-0-0	0-0-0
Playing Ranked Opponents	0-2-0	0-0-0
Playing Unranked Opponents	4-3-0	0-0-0

In One-Goal Games	2-2-0	0-0-0
WVU Scores First	4-2-0	0-0-0
Opponent Scores First	0-3-0	0-0-0
Leading at Halftime	3-1-0	0-0-0
Trailing at Halftime	0-1-0	0-0-0
Tied at Halftime	1-3-0	0-0-0

Playing Televised Games	0-0-0	0-0-0
Playing in the Rain	1-0-0	0-0-0

Scoring 1-2 goals	1-3-0	0-0-0
Scoring Three Goals or More	3-0-0	0-0-0

Wearing White Jerseys	3-2-0	0-0-0
Wearing Blue Jerseys	1-1-0	0-0-0
Wearing Gold Jerseys	0-2-0	0-0-0

August	1-1-0	0-0-0
September	2-4-0	0-0-0
October	1-0-0	0-0-0
November	0-0-0	0-0-0

Monday	0-1-0	0-0-0
Tuesday	0-1-0	0-0-0
Wednesday	0-0-0	0-0-0
Friday	1-2-0	0-0-0
Saturday	2-0-0	0-0-0
Sunday	1-1-0	0-0-0

WVU SCORING BREAKDOWN

1st-15th minute	WVU 5, Opponents 1
16th-30th minute	WVU 1, Opponents 1
31st-45th minute	WVU 3, Opponents 1
46th-60th minute	WVU 4, Opponents 2
61st-75th minute	WVU 2, Opponents 3
76th-90th minute	WVU 4, Opponents 6
First Overtime	WVU 0, Opponents 1
Second Overtime	WVU 0, Opponents 0

WVU W-L-T BREAKDOWN

	WINS (4)	LOSSES (5)	TIES (0)
Goals	16 (4.00)	3 (0.60)	0 (0.0)
Assists	20 (5.00)	3 (0.60)	0 (0.0)
Shots	64 (16.0)	49 (9.8)	0 (0.0)
Shots on goal	21 (5.25)	18 (3.6)	0 (0.0)
Corner kicks	22 (5.5)	23 (4.6)	0 (0.0)
Saves	9 (2.25)	22 (4.4)	0 (0.0)
Fouls	60 (15.0)	69 (13.8)	0 (0.0)
Yellow/Red Cards	6/0	12/1	0/0
Allowed 0-1 goals	2	2	0
Allowed 2+ goals	2	3	0

WVU GAME WINNERS BY PERIOD

First Half	2
Second Half	2
First Overtime	0
Second Overtime	0

WVU HONORED FOR ACADEMICS

For the eighth consecutive year, WVU earned an NSCAA Team Academic Award for its team grade point average, the National Soccer Coaches Association of America announced on Wednesday. The Mountaineers were recognized as one of 306 men's teams to earn a 3.0 GPA or higher during the 2014-15 academic year. A total of 859 teams (306 men, 553 women) were honored by the NSCAA with a team GPA of 3.0 or higher. WVU is one of 211 schools to have both its men's and women's programs honored.

FACING THE MINIMUM

The West Virginia defense has provided plenty of help to the WVU goalkeepers in Marlon LeBlanc's first nine seasons.

Opponents have averaged fewer than 12 shots per game every year since 2007, and in seven seasons the opposition has averaged fewer than five shots on goal in a game.

In WVU's win over San Francisco on Aug. 30, the Mountaineer defense held the opposition to just three shots, none on goal. It marked the sixth time in program history West Virginia allowed no shots on goal and the 19th time an opposing team had three or fewer shots.

YEAR	AVG. OPP. SHOTS	AVG. OPP. SOG
2006	12.2	5.0
2007	11.1	4.2
2008	10.9	5.0
2009	9.8	4.7
2010	9.8	4.0
2011	9.2	4.0
2012	7.7	3.1
2013	11.2	4.2
2014	11.1	4.7
2015	10.2	5.1

TWO OR MORE = VICTORY

Since Marlon LeBlanc's arrival in 2006, the Mountaineers are 63-6-4 when they have scored at least two goals in a game. This year, they are 3-0-0, thanks to a pair of six-goal outings.

The first loss came to Akron in the second round of the 2011 NCAA tournament, while WVU also fell to Elon in 2013. While West Virginia suffered four defeats in 2014 when it scored at least two goals, the first came to No. 9 UC Irvine, 3-2, two came in overtime periods and three occurred away from home.

YEAR	RECORD
2006	11-0-1
2007	4-0-1
2008	2-0-0
2009	3-0-0
2010	10-1-0
2011	8-0-0
2012	7-1-0
2013	6-0-2
2014	9-4-0
2015	3-0-0

HOLDING THE LEAD

Making a difference down the stretch is important in every soccer match, and West Virginia continues to be one of the top nationally by holding on to early leads. Since Marlon LeBlanc took the coaching reins in 2006, WVU is 46-4-4 all-time when leading at halftime. In 2014, the Mountaineers were 5-0-1 when they led at the half. West Virginia is dangerous when the score is tied as well, holding a 43-31-19 advantage, including 6-3-0 in 2014.

HOME SWEET HOME

In the past six seasons, the WVU men's soccer team holds a 39-12-3 record at home, including 13-straight victories from 2010-11.

YEAR	RECORD
2010	10-1-0
2011	6-3-0
2012	8-1-0
2013	5-3-3
2014	7-2-0
2015	3-2-0

PACKING THE HOUSE

A big reason for WVU's success at home is the support of the Mountaineer fans at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium. Last year, West Virginia was second in the league with an average of 799 fans per game. A total of 7,194 fans filled the stands in 2014 in just nine home matches.

YEAR	HOME TOTAL	GAMES	AVG.
2006	8,334	12	695
2007	9,291	9	1,032
2008	10,957	11	996
2009	9,193	9	1,021
2010	11,522	11	1,047
2011	9,784	9	1,087
2012	7,008	9	779
2013	8,687	12	724
2014	7,194	9	799
2015	4,130	5	826

WVU'S HOUSE OF HORRORS

The Mountaineers own a 55-24-9 record at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium in Marlon LeBlanc's 10 seasons.

The Mountaineers have also continued to have great success against ranked opponents at home. WVU defeated No. 1 Connecticut, No. 13 Georgetown and No. 25 Xavier in 2011. In 2010, WVU won over No. 17 UNC Wilmington and earned a victory against No. 22 Notre Dame.

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
9/2/06	#19 Cal State Northridge	W, 2-1
9/23/06	#21 Seton Hall	W, 5-3
10/18/06	#6 Notre Dame	W, 2-1
9/30/07	#16 South Florida	L, 0-1 (2ot)
10/19/07	#1 Connecticut	W, 1-0
11/28/07	#25 Virginia	W, 1-0
10/15/08	#22 Ohio State	W, 1-0
10/21/08	#6 Maryland	L, 0-1
11/1/08	#19 Notre Dame	L, 0-1
9/4/09	#16 UC Santa Barbara	L, 0-2
9/25/09	#3 South Florida	W, 1-0 (ot)
9/3/10	#15 Monmouth	L, 0-1
9/5/10	#23 UNC Wilmington	W, 3-2
9/25/11	#21 South Florida	L, 1-2
10/8/11	#13 Georgetown	W, 1-0
10/18/11	#1 Connecticut	W, 2-0
11/17/11	#25 Xavier	W, 2-1
9/11/14	#9 UC Irvine	L, 2-3
9/20/15	#18 Georgetown	L, 1-3

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

TEAM	MAC	PCT.	OVERALL	PCT.
3. Northern Illinois	1-0-0	1.000	6-2-0	.750
1. Western Michigan	0-0-0	.000	6-1-2	.778
2. Akron	0-0-0	.000	7-2-1	.750
4. Bowling Green	0-1-0	.000	6-4-0	.600
5. Buffalo	0-0-0	.000	4-4-3	.500
6. West Virginia	0-0-0	.000	4-5-0	.444



NSCAA RANKINGS

September 29, 2015

TEAM	PTS.	PREV.	W-L-T
1 Creighton (21)	595	1	9-0-0
2 North Carolina (2)	578	2	7-0-1
3 Stanford	540	3	7-1-0
4 Coastal Carolina	522	5	6-0-1
5 Clemson	490	6	6-1-2
6 Wake Forest (1)	459	15	7-1-1
7 Notre Dame	431	14	6-2-1
8 Denver	413	12	7-0-1
9 Akron	403	9	5-2-1
10 Elon	359	8	8-1-0
11 Virginia	355	4	5-1-2
12 Old Dominion	326	16	5-1-1
13 Maryland	289	11	4-2-3
14 Florida International	283	24	6-2-0
15 Washington	222	10	4-1-3
16 Georgetown	212	25	5-2-2
17 South Florida	192	RV	6-2-0
18 UNC-Wilmington	171	22	6-1-1
19 South Carolina	155	NR	5-2-1
20 Xavier	147	RV	7-1-0
21 New Mexico	116	7	5-2-1
22 St. Francis College (N.Y.)	80	RV	7-1-2
23 Hofstra	75	18	6-2-0
24 Seattle	62	NR	7-2-0
25 Utah Valley	54	RV	7-2-0

Receiving Votes: New Hampshire (35), California (34), Syracuse (33), **Michigan** (30), Temple (21), Indiana (17), Kentucky (16), Oregon State (15), American (13), UC Santa Barbara (12), Boston College (8), Louisville (8), Saint Louis (7), North Carolina State (7), Southern Methodist (4), Butler (4), UNLV (3), Nebraska-Omaha (2), Columbia (2)

COLLEGE SOCCER NEWS TOP 30

September 27, 2015

TEAM	W-L-T	PREV.
1 Creighton	10-0-0	1
2 North Carolina	8-0-1	2
3 Stanford	8-1-0	3
4 Coastal Carolina	6-0-1	4
5 Clemson	8-1-2	6
6 Notre Dame	7-2-2	5
7 Virginia	6-1-2	7
8 Wake Forest	8-1-1	9
9 Denver	8-0-2	8
10 Akron	7-2-1	11
11 Old Dominion	6-1-1	10
12 Georgetown	6-2-2	12
13 Seattle	9-2-0	16
14 South Carolina	6-2-1	18
15 Xavier	7-3-0	15
16 Elon	8-2-0	13
17 Washington	5-2-3	17
18 UC Santa Barbara	7-3-1	28
19 Butler	6-0-3	29
20 Maryland	4-3-3	14
21 N.C. State	6-2-2	21
22 Hofstra	8-2-0	RV
23 Utah Valley	9-2-0	RV
24 UNCW	6-1-2	24
25 Michigan	5-2-2	25
26 South Florida	7-3-0	26
27 Syracuse	7-2-1	RV
28 Kentucky	6-2-1	RV
29 Southern Methodist	7-2-2	NR
30 Oregon State	7-3-0	RV

Receiving Votes: New Mexico, Indiana, UMBC, FIU, New Hampshire, **Penn State**, Saint Louis, California, Temple, Omaha, UCLA, Charlotte

WVU Opponents Listed in **Bold**

PACKING THE STANDS

With the help of the WVU Sports Marketing Department, the Mountaineers broke the single game attendance record in WVU men's soccer history on Sept. 4, 2009, against No. 16 UC Santa Barbara.

West Virginia had 1,786 come through the turnstiles against Hartford in the 2012 season opener, the fifth-highest ever to witness a men's game at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium.

Below are the top five men's home crowds in Dick Dlesk men's soccer history:

NO.	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE	YEAR
1.	UC Santa Barbara	2,938	2009
2.	Monmouth	2,209	2010
3.	Notre Dame	2,153	2007
4.	Binghamton	1,850	2011
5.	Hartford	1,786	2012

SPANNING THE GLOBE

The 2015 WVU men's soccer team features student-athletes from 13 states and six countries outside of the U.S., including Brazil, England, Germany, Jamaica, New Zealand and Canada.

STATE	COUNTRY
Georgia	Brazil
Illinois	Canada
Iowa	England
Kansas	Germany
Maryland	Jamaica
Massachusetts	New Zealand
Missouri	United States
Nevada	
Ohio	
Pennsylvania	
Texas	
Virginia	
West Virginia	

WVU VOTED SECOND IN MAC POLL

In a vote among the league's coaches, the WVU men's soccer team was picked to finish tied for second in the Mid-American Conference Preseason Poll.

Akron was voted to win the league, with three first-place votes. WVU and Western Michigan tied for second in the poll, as WMU received two first place votes and West Virginia one. Rounding out the preseason rankings were Bowling Green, Buffalo and Northern Illinois.

Akron also was predicted to win the tournament championship with three votes, while the Mountaineers received one vote and Western Michigan earned two votes.

SEASON PREVIEW

BY GRANT DOVEY

GOALKEEPERS

Going into the season, the goalkeeper position is once again up in the air, but LeBlanc believes that he has two No. 1s who can rotate based on the style of the opponent.

Redshirt freshman Alec Boerner returns for his second season with the program after sitting out last fall, and LeBlanc considers him one of the top shot blockers he has coached.

LeBlanc also brought in junior Daniel Diaz, who transferred from Yavapai College, and has some of the best footwork LeBlanc has seen. Diaz helped Yavapai to a 20-1-2 record last season and recorded a 0.32 goals-against average.

LeBlanc also brought in sophomore Stephen Banick from Wingate and freshman Konrad Dzedzic. Banick played in 20 games last season with a 0.94 goals-against average, posting a

14-5-1 record, while Dzedzic was invited to the U.S. U18 Men's National Team camp.

"We have some depth and quality at the goalkeeper position. It's been a point of issue with us the last few years," LeBlanc said. "We've had such a solid defense that gives up four shots or less per game. That's good for the defense, now we just have to keep the ball out of the net and we think we have some guys who will be capable of doing that."

DEFENSE

Three starters return on the backline in sophomore right back Louis Thomas and senior centerbacks Haydon Bennett and Francio Henry. The trio has played in 98 career games, starting 79 along the backline.

As a freshman, Thomas made an immediate impact, playing in 19 games with 17 starts, and recording six assists.

While the centerback position is solidified in Bennett and Henry, they will be joined by fellow senior in Zak Leedom, who has been a regular starter in the midfield but will move back to left back in 2015.

MIDFIELDERS

There are a number of options in the midfield this season due to the depth at the position with six players returning who have starting experience.

Junior Jack Elliott will move to a defensive midfield position after playing centerback in his first two seasons. Elliott has been a mainstay in the lineup with 38 games played and 33 starts.

Juniors Mike Desiderio and Christian Diaz each have starting experience and will be interchanged in the other defensive midfield role. Desiderio started 16 games last year with two goals and four assists, and has the ability to be a shutdown defender. Diaz has started 31 games during his first two seasons, including 12 in 2014, and can provide veteran leadership.

Senior Jamie Merriam will lead the offensive attack this season after registering nine goals and five assists in 2014, ranking second on the team and fifth in the conference in goals.

Senior Ryan Cain will aid Merriam in the goal-scoring department after finishing with four in 2014. Cain has spent the majority of his career with nagging injuries, but is fully healthy entering this season.

Piatczyc is back for his sophomore season after having a breakout campaign in 2014. Piatczyc played in 17 games with 14 starts, and was tied for the team lead with eight assists.

FORWARDS

The Mountaineers will be looking to fill the void left by All-American Andy Bevin, who scored a team-leading 13 goals last season en route to being named the MAC Player of the Year.

In addition to Merriam and Cain, LeBlanc feels like he has a number of guys who will take over that role. Sophomore Jad Arslan returns after scoring five goals in 2015, sophomore Jack Driscoll had a breakout performance in the spring season, sophomore Heath Honold joins the team from Wake Forest, junior Felix Angerer transferred from the University of the District of Columbia and freshman Tucker Stephenson has shown great promise.

"You throw in Jad Arslan, he can play anywhere. Tucker Stephenson can play in Joey's role," LeBlanc said. "Jack Driscoll had a breakout spring for us. He became really good at finding the goal. Heath Honold is a runner off the ball, similar to Andy Bevin in terms of his movement and wanting to find seams."



OVERALL STATISTICS

Name	GP-GS	Min	G	A	Pts	Sh	Shot%	SOG	SOG%	YC-RC	GW	PK-ATT	Corners
9 Cain, Ryan	6-6	453	5	0	10	19	.263	8	.421	0-0	1	0-0	0
15 Piatczyc, Joey	9-9	652	0	10	10	9	.000	0	.000	2-0	0	0-0	36
12 Merriam, Jamie	9-9	746	3	2	8	20	.150	7	.350	2-0	1	0-0	0
17 Stephenson, Tucker	9-4	524	2	2	6	9	.222	3	.333	1-0	2	0-0	8
10 Arslan, Jad	8-3	369	2	1	5	10	.200	4	.400	0-0	0	1-1	0
20 Larmond, Rushawn	8-2	226	2	0	4	6	.333	2	.333	0-0	0	0-0	0
6 Elliott, Jack	9-9	706	2	0	4	5	.400	3	.600	2-0	0	0-0	0
11 Leedom, Zak	9-9	763	0	4	4	4	.000	0	.000	3-0	0	0-0	0
14 Desiderio, Mike	9-7	546	1	1	3	6	.167	2	.333	2-0	0	0-0	0
16 Driscoll, Jack	8-2	303	1	0	2	4	.250	1	.250	1-0	0	0-0	0
8 Angerer, Felix	8-6	315	0	2	2	9	.000	3	.333	0-0	0	0-0	0
19 Honold, Heath	6-1	195	0	1	1	2	.000	1	.500	0-0	0	0-0	0
31 Gray, Zion	4-0	87	0	0	0	3	.000	1	.333	0-0	0	0-0	0
28 Cabral, Ivo	7-0	222	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0-0	0	0-0	1
2 Thomas, Louis	9-9	728	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	3-0	0	0-0	0
27 Libhart, Griffin	5-0	76	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
26 Bennett, Haydon	9-9	790	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	1-0	0	0-0	0
7 Diaz, Christian	2-2	113	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
24 Peprah, Michael	1-0	19	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
22 Hester, Colin	1-0	19	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
18 Boerner, Alec	6-3	379	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
4 Henry, Francio	5-3	287	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-1	0	0-0	0
0 Diaz, Daniel	6-6	437	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
Total	9	8985	19	23	61	113	.168	39	.345	18-1	4	1-1	-
Opponents	9	-	15	8	38	92	.163	46	.500	17-3	5	3-3	-

GOALKEEPER STATISTICS

Name	GP-GS	Minutes	GA	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Sho	Faced
0 Diaz, Daniel	6-6	436:39	8	1.65	14	.636	2	4	0	0/1	48
18 Boerner, Alec	6-3	378:53	7	1.66	16	.696	2	1	0	1/1	40
Total	9	815:32	15	1.66	31	.674	4	5	0	2	88
Opponents	9	815:32	19	2.10	20	.513	5	4	0	2	111

GOALS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	9	10	0	--	19
Opponents	3	11	1	--	15

TEAM STATISTICS

	WVU	Opp.
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	19-113	15-92
Goals scored per game	2.11	1.67
Shot pct.	.168	.163
Shots on goal-Attempts	39-113	46-92
SOG pct.	.345	.500
Shots/Game	12.6	10.2
Assists	23	8
CORNER KICKS	45	47
PENALTY KICKS	1-1	3-3
PENALTIES		
Fouls	132	85
Yellow cards	18	17
Red cards	1	3
ATTENDANCE		
Total	4130	3039
Dates/Avg Per Date	5/826	4/760
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

SHOTS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	50	62	1	--	113
Opponents	43	48	1	--	92

SAVES BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	17	14	0	--	31
Opponents	8	11	1	--	20

CORNER KICKS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	20	25	0	--	45
Opponents	23	23	1	--	47

FOULS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	57	74	1	--	132
Opponents	43	42	0	--	85



MATCH-BY-MATCH STATISTICS

4-5-0 OVERALL • 0-0-0 MAC • 3-2-0 HOME • 1-3-0 AWAY • 0-0-0 NEUTRAL

0-0-0 OVERTIME GAMES • 0-2-0 VS. TOP 25

	G	A	Pts	Sh	Shot%	SOG	SOG%	CK	YC-RC	PK-ATT
August 28, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.										
Navy	1	1	3	12	.083	7	.583	5	4-0	0-0
West Virginia	0	0	0	12	.000	4	.333	8	2-0	0-0
August 30, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.										
San Francisco	0	0	0	3	.000	0	.000	1	2-1	0-0
West Virginia	6	10	22	19	.316	8	.421	5	2-0	0-0
September 4, 2015 - Ann Arbor, Mich										
West Virginia	1	1	3	13	.077	5	.385	6	3-0	0-0
Michigan	3	3	9	14	.214	4	.286	7	2-0	0-0
September 7, 2015 - East Lansing, Mich.										
West Virginia	0	0	0	12	.000	5	.417	4	3-0	0-0
#22 Michigan State	1	0	2	13	.077	7	.538	13	2-0	1-1
September 11, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.										
James Madison	2	0	4	6	.333	4	.667	3	0-1	0-0
West Virginia	6	5	17	14	.429	7	.500	5	1-0	1-1
September 15, 2015 - Dayton, Ohio										
West Virginia	1	2	4	9	.111	3	.333	4	3-0	0-0
Wright State	3	1	7	12	.250	5	.417	1	4-0	0-0
September 20, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.										
Georgetown	3	1	7	16	.188	10	.625	7	0-0	1-1
West Virginia	1	0	2	3	.333	1	.333	1	2-1	0-0
September 26, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.										
UNC Greensboro	0	0	0	6	.000	3	.500	5	1-1	0-0
West Virginia	1	2	4	15	.067	1	.067	5	2-0	0-0
October 3, 2015 - Loretto, Pa.										
West Virginia	3	3	9	16	.188	5	.312	7	1-0	0-0
St. Francis (Pa.)	2	2	6	10	.200	6	.600	5	2-0	1-1
October 6, 2015 - Blacksburg, Va.										
West Virginia										
Virginia Tech										
October 9, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.										
Western Michigan *										
West Virginia										
October 13, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.										
Penn State										
West Virginia										
October 16, 2015 - Buffalo, N.Y.										
West Virginia										
Buffalo *										
October 20, 2015 - Princeton, N.J.										
West Virginia										
Princeton										
October 24, 2013 - Bowling Green, Ohio										
West Virginia										
Bowling Green *										
October 28, 2013 - Morgantown, W.Va.										
Akron *										
West Virginia										
November 3, 2013 - Morgantown, W.Va.										
Penn										
West Virginia										
November 6, 2013 - Morgantown, W.Va.										
Northern Illinois *										
West Virginia										

RESULTS BREAKDOWN

Date	Opponent	Result	Site	Attendance	Record	Streak
8/28	Navy	L, 0-1	Dick Dlesk Stadium	1,442	0-1	Overall: L-1, Home: L-1
8/30	San Francisco	W, 6-0	Dick Dlesk Stadium	597	1-1	Overall: W-1, Home: W-1
9/4	at Michigan	L, 1-3	U-M Soccer Stadium	1,003	1-2	Overall: L-1, Away: L-1
9/7	at #22 Michigan State	L, 0-1 (OT)	DeMartin Stadium	1,200	1-3	Overall: L-2, Away: L-2
9/11	James Madison	W, 6-2	Dick Dlesk Stadium	992	2-3	Overall: W-1, Home: W-2
9/15	at Wright State	L, 1-3	Alumni Stadium	776	2-4	Overall: L-1, Away: L-3
9/20	#18 Georgetown	L, 1-3	Dick Dlesk Stadium	728	2-5	Overall: L-2, Home: L-1
9/26	UNC Greensboro	W, 1-0	Dick Dlesk Stadium	371	3-5	Overall: W-1, Home: W-1
10/3	at St. Francis (Pa.)	W, 3-2	Stokes Soccerplex	60	4-5	Overall: W-2, Away: W-1
10/6	at Virginia Tech					
10/9	Western Michigan *					
10/13	Penn State					
10/16	at Buffalo *					
10/20	at Princeton					
10/24	at Bowling Green *					
10/28	Akron *					
11/3	Penn					
11/6	Northern Illinois *					

* MAC Match

Current Streak: W-2
 Longest Overall: W-2, L-2
 Longest Home: W-2, L-1
 Longest Road: W-1, L-3

MATCH-BY-MATCH LEADERS

Date	Opponent	Result	Goals	Assists	Shots	Saves
8/28	Navy	L, 0-1	---	---	Cain, Merriam (3)	Daniel Diaz (6)
8/30	San Francisco	W, 6-0	Jamie Merriam (2)	Joey Piatczyc (4)	Ryan Cain (4)	---
9/4	at Michigan	L, 1-3	Ryan Cain (1)	Joey Piatczyc (1)	Ryan Cain (3)	Daniel Diaz (1)
9/7	at #22 Michigan State	L, 0-1 (OT)	---	---	Jamie Merriam (3)	Daniel Diaz (6)
9/11	James Madison	W, 6-2	Ryan Cain (2)	Angerer, Arslan, Leedom, Stephenson (1)	Ryan Cain (4)	Alec Boerner (2)
9/15	at Wright State	L, 1-3	Ryan Cain (1)	Merriam, Piatczyc (1)	Jad Arslan (4)	Daniel Diaz (1)
9/20	#18 Georgetown	L, 1-3	Jack Elliott (1)	---	Elliott, Merriam, Piatczyc (1)	Alec Boerner (7)
9/26	UNC Greensboro	W, 1-0	Tucker Stephenson (1)	Merriam, Piatczyc (1)	Angerer, Stephenson (3)	Alec Boerner (3)
10/3	at St. Francis (Pa.)	W, 3-2	Merriam, Arslan, Stephenson (1)	Joey Piatczyc (2)	Jamie Merriam (6)	Alec Boerner (4)
10/6	at Virginia Tech					
10/9	Western Michigan *					
10/13	Penn State					
10/16	at Buffalo *					
10/20	at Princeton					
10/24	at Bowling Green *					
10/28	Akron *					
11/3	Penn					
11/6	Northern Illinois *					

Totals (Including ties)

Cain (2)
 Merriam (2)
 Stephenson (2)
 Arslan (1)
 Elliott (1)

Piatczyc (6)
 Merriam (2)
 Angerer (1)
 Arslan (1)
 Leedom (1)
 Stephenson (1)

Cain (4)
 Merriam (4)
 Angerer (1)
 Arslan (1)
 Elliott (1)
 Piatczyc (1)
 Stephenson (1)

Diaz (4)
 Boerner (3)

* MAC Match



ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	CL.
8	Felix Angerer	F	Jr.
10	Jad Arslan	MF/F	So.
30	Stephen Banick	GK	So.
26	Haydon Bennett	D	Sr.
18	Alec Boerner	GK	Fr.
28	Ivo Cabral	MF	Jr.
9	Ryan Cain	MF/F	Sr.
14	Mike Desiderio	MF	Jr.
7	Christian Diaz	MF	Jr.
0	Daniel Diaz	GK	Jr.
32	Mehmet Dogan	MF/D	Jr.
16	Jack Driscoll	F	So.
34	Konrad Dziejczic	GK	Fr.
6	Jack Elliott	MF/D	Jr.
31	Zion Gray	MF	Fr.
4	Franco Henry	D	Sr.
22	Colin Hester	MF	So.
19	Heath Honold	F	So.
13	Tolu Ibikunle	F	So.
20	Rushawn Larmond	F/MF	Fr.
11	Zak Leedom	MF	Sr.
27	Griffin Libhart	MF/D	Jr.
12	Jamie Merriam	MF	Sr.
25	Trevor Moon	D	So.
29	Michael Palanisamy	D	Fr.
24	Michael Peprah	D	So.
15	Joey Piatczyc	MF	So.
17	Tucker Stephenson	MF	Fr.
23	Austin Stout	MF	So.
2	Louis Thomas	D	So.
33	Lucas Wartella	F	Fr.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
0	Daniel Diaz	GK	6-1	185	Jr.	Las Vegas, Nev.	Legacy HS
2	Louis Thomas	D	6-0	170	So.	Houston, Texas	Lamar HS
4	Franco Henry	D	6-3	190	Sr.	St. Catherine, Jamaica	Dinthill Technical HS
6	Jack Elliott	MF/D	6-5	180	Jr.	London, England	Wilson's School
7	Christian Diaz	MF	5-11	170	Jr.	Houston, Texas	Cypress Falls HS
8	Felix Angerer	F	6-4	195	Jr.	Bayreuth, Germany	Graf-Munster Gymnasium
9	Ryan Cain	MF/F	6-0	180	Sr.	Paraparamu, New Zealand	Paraparamu Beach School
10	Jad Arslan	MF/F	5-7	150	So.	Roswell, Ga.	Roswell HS
11	Zak Leedom	MF	5-8	155	Sr.	Dublin, Ohio	Dublin Coffman HS
12	Jamie Merriam	MF	6-0	180	Sr.	Gaithersburg, Md.	Magruder HS
13	Tolu Ibikunle	F	5-9	185	So.	Wynnewood, Pa.	St. Joe's Prep HS
14	Mike Desiderio	MF	5-11	175	Jr.	Media, Pa.	Penncrest HS
15	Joey Piatczyc	MF	5-8	150	So.	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Lee's Summit HS
16	Jack Driscoll	F	6-0	175	So.	Virginia Beach, Va.	Cape Henry Collegiate School
17	Tucker Stephenson	MF	5-11	165	Fr.	Overland Park, Kan.	St. Thomas Aquinas HS
18	Alec Boerner	GK	6-3	175	Fr.	Midlothian, Va.	James River HS
19	Heath Honold	F	6-0	170	So.	Coon Rapids, Iowa	Coon Rapids-Baynard HS
20	Rushawn Larmond	F/MF	5-10	165	Fr.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Pottsgrove HS
22	Colin Hester	MF	5-10	160	So.	Camp Hill, Pa.	Camp Hill HS
23	Austin Stout	MF	5-7	160	So.	Jamison, Pa.	Central Bucks South HS
24	Michael Peprah	D	5-11	150	So.	Laurel, Md.	Reservoir HS
25	Trevor Moon	D	5-10	170	So.	Fairmont, W.Va.	Bridgeport HS
26	Haydon Bennett	D	6-2	185	Sr.	Chesterfield, Va.	Clover Hill HS
27	Griffin Libhart	MF/D	6-0	165	Jr.	Marietta, Pa.	Donegal HS
28	Ivo Cabral	MF	5-7	150	Jr.	Salvador, Bahia, Brazil	Preston HS (W.Va.)
29	Michael Palanisamy	D	5-8	145	Fr.	Scarborough, Ontario, Canada	Jean Vanier Catholic SS
30	Stephen Banick	GK	6-1	180	So.	Pickerington, Ohio	Pickerington HS North
31	Zion Gray	MF	5-7	150	Fr.	Snellville, Ga.	IMG Academy (Fla.)
32	Mehmet Dogan	MF/D	5-9	165	Jr.	Konstanz, Germany	Alexander von Humboldt Gymnasium
33	Lucas Wartella	F	6-0	160	Fr.	Great Barrington, Mass.	Monument Mountain Regional HS
34	Konrad Dziejczic	GK	6-0	170	Fr.	Schiller Park, Ill.	East Leyden HS

PRONOUNCIATION GUIDE

Felix Angerer	ang-ERR-er
Jad Arslan	ARZE-lin
Alec Boerner	BORE-ner
Ivo Cabral	EE-voh cuh-BRAWL
Mike Desiderio	dez-uh-DARE-ee-oh
Mehmet Dogan	meh-met DOE-gin
Konrad Dziejczic	JAY-jitz
Franco Henry	FRAN-see-oh
Heath Honold	HAHN-old
Tolu Ibikunle	TOE-lew eye-bih-KOON-lee
Rushawn Larmond	LAR-mond
Michael Palanisamy	pal-AH-na-sommy
Michael Peprah	PEP-ruh
Joey Piatczyc	pee-OTT-sick

STAFF

NAME	POSITION	ALMA MATER
Marlon LeBlanc	Head Coach (10th season)	Penn State (2000)
Mike Lapper	Assistant Coach (2nd season)	Ohio State (2008)
Scott Bowers	Assistant Coach (2nd season)	Salisbury (2000)
Phil Liversedge	Volunteer Assistant (1st season)	
Justin Facer	Operations Assistant (1st season)	

