



# 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:		
	AUG. 30	SAN FRANCISCO - W, 6-0
BROADCAST:		
	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:		
	SEPT. 15	AT WRIGHT STATE - L, 1-3
	SEPT. 20	#18 GEORGETOWN - L, 1-3
BROADCAST:		
	SEPT. 26	UNC GREENSBORO - W, 1-0
	OCT. 3	AT ST. FRANCIS (PA.) - W, 3-2
	OCT. 6	AT VIRGINIA TECH - L, 0-2
	OCT. 9	WESTERN MICHIGAN - 7:30 P.M. ★
BROADCAST:		
	OCT. 13	PENN STATE - 7 P.M.
BROADCAST:		
	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:		
	NOV. 3	PENN - 7 P.M.
BROADCAST:		
	NOV. 6	NORTHERN ILLINOIS - 7 P.M. ★
BROADCAST:		

★ denotes Mid-American Conference game

### MATCH 11: WEST VIRGINIA (4-6-0) VS. WESTERN MICHIGAN (6-1-2)

Friday, October 9, 2015 | 7:30 p.m. | Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium | Morgantown, W.Va.

#### FOLLOWING ALONG:

Tickets	WVUGAME.com, 1-800-WVU-GAME
Live Stream (Free)	WVUSports.com (DJ Jamiel, Caroline Szwed)
Live Stats	WVULiveStats.com
Twitter	@WVUMensSoccer   @WVUSports

#### WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

Record (MAC)	4-6-0 (0-0-0)
NSCAA Ranking / RPI	N/A / 101
Head Coach (Years)	Marlon LeBlanc (10th season)
Record at WVU / Career Record	94-65-27 / 98-68-27
All-Time Program Record	441-365-89

#### WVU LEADERS

Goals	Ryan Cain (5)
Assists	Joey Piatczyc (10)
Points	Ryan Cain, Joey Piatczyc (10)
Shots	Jamie Merriam (24)
Shots On Goal	Jamie Merriam (9)

#### WESTERN MICHIGAN BRONCOS

Record (MAC)	6-1-2 (0-0-0)
NSCAA Ranking / RPI	N/A / 85
Head Coach (Years)	Chad Wiseman (3rd season)
Record at VT / Career Record	23-17-3 / 76-42-13
Series History vs. WVU	WVU leads, 1-0-2

#### WMU LEADERS

Goals	Nick Wysong (4)
Assists	Edu Jimenez (5)
Points	Nick Wysong (12)
Shots	Sean Conerty (24)
Shots On Goal	Sean Conerty (8)

### MOUNTAINEERS RETURN HOME TO OPEN CONFERENCE PLAY FRIDAY

The West Virginia University men's soccer team returns home to host Western Michigan in its Mid-American Conference opener on Friday, October 9, at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium. Match time has been pushed back 30 minutes to 7:30 p.m.

The Mountaineers (4-6-0) are undefeated against the Broncos (6-1-2) since WVU joined the MAC in 2012. West Virginia has finished in the top two in the conference in two of its first three seasons in the league.

General admission tickets are \$5, while tickets for youth and senior citizens are \$3. Groups of 10 or more can purchase tickets for \$2 each. Tickets can be purchased at the DDSS ticket office or in advance at WVUGAME.com. Admission is free for WVU students with a valid ID.

Fans unable to cheer on the Mountaineers in person can watch a live stream on WVUSports.com, presented by CityNet. DJ Jamiel and Caroline Szwed will be on the call. Live stats can be found at WVULiveStats.com, and updates will also be available on social media by following and connecting with @WVUMensSoccer on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

"One of the neat things about the MAC is that there's no predetermined site," WVU coach Marlon LeBlanc said of the conference tournament. "The [conference championship] host is the winner of the regular season. This year, we get the benefit of playing three of our MAC games at home and two of them on the road, so the idea is to take maximum points from your home games."

"Western Michigan is doing pretty well. They're a good team, well-coached and they're winning games. Even though we do have some non-conference games intertwined, the idea is that you try and win your conference game-by-game."

WVU is among the conference and national leaders in several categories. The Mountaineers are first in the Mid-American Conference and No. 19 nationally with 6.10 points per game and eighth nationally, third in the MAC with 2.30 assists per game. West Virginia is No. 10 in the country and third in the conference with 23 total assists.

Individually, sophomore Joey Piatczyc continues to lead the nation in assists. He is averaging 1.00 assist per game and is also first with 10 total assists. Senior Zak Leedom is seventh in the MAC with four total assists and eighth with 0.40 assists per game. Freshman Tucker Stephenson's two game-winning goals rank fourth in the conference, while senior Ryan Cain is fifth in the league with five goals and ninth, along with Piatczyc, with 10 total points.

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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	441-365-89 (.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	94-65-27 (.586)
Career Record	98-68-27 (.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.

### WVUSPORTS.COM

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	4-6-0	6-1-2
Versus Top 25	0-2-0	0-0-0
NCAA National Rank	N/A	N/A
NCAA Region Rank	N/A	N/A
W-L-T Percentage	0.400 (143/6)	0.778 (16/1)

Total Goals	19 (33/3)	15 (76/5)
Total Assists	23 (10/3)	21 (16/4)
Total Points	61 (23/4)	51 (52/5)
Scoring Offense	1.90 (31/2)	1.67 (61/4)
Shots Per Game	12.60 (85/4)	15.00 (31/3)
Shots on Goal Per Game	4.50 (137/6)	6.00 (50/3)

Saves Per Game	3.20 (138/2)	2.33 (191/6)
Save Percentage	.653 (175/5)	.875 (4/1)
Team Goals Against Avg.	1.69 (160/6)	0.32 (2/1)
Shutout Percentage	0.20 (123/5)	0.78 (2/1)
Shutouts	2	7
Goals Allowed	17	3

## SCOUTING WESTERN MICHIGAN

Western Michigan enters the weekend with a 6-1-2 record. The Broncos opened the year with five consecutive wins before a pair of ties, a loss and a win in their last four games. WMU's last contest came on Saturday, Oct. 3, a 1-0 win over St. Mary's. On the road, Western Michigan is 2-0-1, with wins over IPFW and IUPIU and a 0-0 tie at Detroit.

The Broncos are coached by Chad Wiseman, in his third season. A 2009 WMU graduate, Wiseman owns a 76-42-13 record in seven seasons as a head coach and a 23-17-7 mark at Western Michigan.

### SERIES HISTORY VS. THE BRONCOS

WVU is 1-0-2 vs. Western Michigan. All three meetings have occurred since the Mountaineers joined the Mid-American Conference for the 2012 season. The first two matches ended in a draw, 1-1 in 2012 and 0-0 in 2013 in Morgantown. Last season, West Virginia earned a 2-1 victory in Kalamazoo, Mich.

In the final game of the 2014 regular season, Jamie Merriam and Jad Arslan each scored in the second half to give WVU a 2-1 win at WMU. With the score tied at 1-1 in the 86th minute, Mike Desiderio sent a shot in from 25 yards out that hit off the crossbar. Arslan was there and dove in for the rebound, and his header went over the reach of the Western Michigan goaltender.

DATE	SITE	RESULT	SCORE
9/29/2012	A	T (2OT)	1-1
10/26/2013	H	T (2OT)	0-0
11/8/2014	A	W	2-1

## UP NEXT: VS. PENN STATE

WVU two match homestand continues on Tuesday, Oct. 13 when the Mountaineers welcome Penn State to Morgantown. The non-conference matchup will begin at 7 p.m.

## LAST TIME OUT: AT VIRGINIA TECH

WVU's two match winning streak ended with a 2-0 loss at Virginia Tech on Tuesday evening. Playing the second of three matches in the span of seven days, WVU was held scoreless despite having six shots on goal. Senior Jamie Merriam had two shots on goal, both within the first eight minutes of each half. Sophomores Jack Driscoll and Jad Arslan and freshman Tucker Stephenson also had a first-half shot on goal. Junior Jack Elliott posted a shot on goal after intermission. Freshman Alec Boerner made his fourth consecutive start and allowed two goals and had one save in 71 minutes before junior Daniel Diaz came in and played the final 19 minutes.

## 2015 AWARDS BREAKDOWN

### JOEY PIATCZYC

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 UNGC, 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.

## PIATCZYC 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.

## 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.

## RECORD BREAKDOWN

	OVERALL	MAC
Overall	4-6-0	0-0-0
Home	3-2-0	0-0-0
Road	1-4-0	0-0-0
Neutral	0-0-0	0-0-0
Day Games	3-3-0	0-0-0
Night Games	1-3-0	0-0-0

Games Following a Victory	1-3-0	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	4-4-0	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	0-4-0	0-0-0
Leading at Halftime	3-1-0	0-0-0
Trailing at Halftime	0-1-0	0-0-0
Tied at Halftime	1-4-0	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	1-2-0	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	1-1-0	0-0-0
November	0-0-0	0-0-0

Monday	0-1-0	0-0-0
Tuesday	0-2-0	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 3
61st-75th minute	WVU 2, Opponents 4
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 (6)	TIES (0)
Goals	16 (4.00)	3 (0.50)	0 (0.0)
Assists	20 (5.00)	3 (0.50)	0 (0.0)
Shots	64 (16.0)	62 (10.3)	0 (0.0)
Shots on goal	21 (5.25)	24 (4.0)	0 (0.0)
Corner kicks	22 (5.5)	26 (4.3)	0 (0.0)
Saves	9 (2.25)	23 (3.8)	0 (0.0)
Fouls	60 (15.0)	86 (14.3)	0 (0.0)
Yellow/Red Cards	6/0	15/1	0/0
Allowed 0-1 goals	2	2	0
Allowed 2+ goals	2	4	0

## WVU GAME WINNERS BY PERIOD

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

## 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	9.9	4.9

## 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 43-32-19 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
1. Western Michigan	0-0-0	.000
2. Akron	0-0-0	.000
4. Bowling Green	0-1-0	.000
5. Buffalo	0-0-0	.000
6. West Virginia	0-0-0	.000



## NSCAA RANKINGS

October 6, 2015

TEAM	PTS.	PREV.	W-L-T
1 Creighton (24)	10-0-0	600	1
2 North Carolina	8-0-1	551	2
3 Stanford	8-1-0	547	3
4 Coastal Carolina	6-0-1	517	4
5 Clemson	8-1-2	497	5
6 Wake Forest	8-1-1	482	6
7 Notre Dame	7-2-2	439	7
8 <b>Akron</b>	7-2-1	435	9
9 Denver	8-0-2	389	8
10 Virginia	6-1-2	369	11
11 Old Dominion	6-1-1	364	12
12 <b>Georgetown</b>	6-2-2	302	16
13 Elon	8-2-0	236	10
14 Hofstra	8-2-0	229	23
15 South Carolina	6-2-1	215	19
16 Oregon State	7-3-0	180	NR
17 Washington	5-2-3	176	15
18 South Florida	7-3-0	165	17
19 Seattle	9-2-0	144	24
20 Kentucky	6-2-1	124	NR
21 Butler	6-0-3	116	NR
22 Syracuse	7-2-1	108	NR
23 Utah Valley	9-2-0	93	25
24 Xavier	7-3-0	80	20
25 Maryland	4-3-3	68	13

**Receiving Votes:** North Carolina-Wilmington (61), Florida International (59), California Santa Barbara (52), New Mexico (38), New Hampshire (33), North Carolina State (29), St. Francis (Brooklyn) (27), **Michigan** (24), Indiana (21), SMY (10), Temple (6), Boston College (5), Boston University (5), Louisville (3), California (1)

## COLLEGE SOCCER NEWS TOP 30

October 5, 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 <b>Akron</b>	7-2-1	11
11 Old Dominion	6-1-1	10
12 <b>Georgetown</b>	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 <b>Michigan</b>	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 Dziedzic. Banick played in 20 games last season with a 0.94 goals-against average, posting a

14-5-1 record, while Dziedzic 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	10-10	733	0	10	10	9	.000	0	.000	2-0	0	0-0	39
12 Merriam, Jamie	10-10	836	3	2	8	24	.125	9	.375	2-0	1	0-0	0
17 Stephenson, Tucker	10-5	614	2	2	6	11	.182	4	.364	1-0	2	0-0	8
10 Arslan, Jad	9-3	416	2	1	5	11	.182	5	.455	0-0	0	1-1	0
6 Elliott, Jack	10-10	796	2	0	4	7	.286	4	.571	3-0	0	0-0	0
20 Larmond, Rushawn	9-3	237	2	0	4	6	.333	2	.333	0-0	0	0-0	0
11 Leedom, Zak	10-10	842	0	4	4	5	.000	0	.000	4-0	0	0-0	0
14 Desiderio, Mike	10-7	611	1	1	3	8	.125	2	.250	3-0	0	0-0	0
16 Driscoll, Jack	9-2	332	1	0	2	5	.200	2	.400	1-0	0	0-0	0
8 Angerer, Felix	9-7	353	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	8-0	253	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0-0	0	0-0	1
2 Thomas, Louis	10-10	818	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	10-10	880	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	1-0	0	0-0	0
7 Diaz, Christian	3-3	164	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	2-0	38	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
18 Boerner, Alec	7-4	450	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	7-6	456	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9976</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>.151</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>.357</b>	<b>21-1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>-</b>
Opponents	10	-	17	10	44	99	.172	49	.495	18-3	6	3-3	-

## GOALKEEPER STATISTICS

Name	GP-GS	Minutes	GA	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Sho	Faced
0 Diaz, Daniel	7-6	455:32	8	1.58	14	.636	2	4	0	0/1	49
18 Boerner, Alec	7-4	450:00	9	1.80	17	.654	2	2	0	1/1	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>905:32</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1.69</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>.653</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>95</b>
Opponents	10	905:32	19	1.89	26	.578	6	4	0	3	124

## GOALS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	9	10	0	--	19
Opponents	3	13	1	--	17

## TEAM STATISTICS

	WVU	Opp.
<b>SHOT STATISTICS</b>		
Goals-Shot attempts	19-126	17-99
Goals scored per game	1.90	1.70
Shot pct.	.151	.172
Shots on goal-Attempts	45-126	49-99
SOG pct.	.357	.495
Shots/Game	12.6	9.9
Assists	23	10
CORNER KICKS	48	51
PENALTY KICKS	1-1	3-3
<b>PENALTIES</b>		
Fouls	149	104
Yellow cards	21	18
Red cards	1	3
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	4280	3706
Dates/Avg Per Date	5/856	5/741
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

## SHOTS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	55	70	1	--	126
Opponents	46	52	1	--	99

## SAVES BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	17	15	0	--	32
Opponents	11	14	1	--	26

## CORNER KICKS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	21	27	0	--	48
Opponents	24	26	1	--	51

## FOULS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	67	81	1	--	149
Opponents	53	51	0	--	104



## MATCH-BY-MATCH STATISTICS

4-6-0 OVERALL • 0-0-0 MAC • 3-2-0 HOME • 1-4-0 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
<b>August 28, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.</b>										
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
<b>August 30, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.</b>										
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
<b>September 4, 2015 - Ann Arbor, Mich</b>										
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
<b>September 7, 2015 - East Lansing, Mich.</b>										
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
<b>September 11, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.</b>										
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
<b>September 15, 2015 - Dayton, Ohio</b>										
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
<b>September 20, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.</b>										
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
<b>September 26, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.</b>										
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
<b>October 3, 2015 - Loretto, Pa.</b>										
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
<b>October 6, 2015 - Blacksburg, Va.</b>										
West Virginia	0	0	0	13	.000	6	.462	3	3-0	0-0
Virginia Tech	2	2	6	7	.286	3	.429	4	1-0	0-0
<b>October 9, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.</b>										
Western Michigan *										
West Virginia										
<b>October 13, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.</b>										
Penn State										
West Virginia										
<b>October 16, 2015 - Buffalo, N.Y.</b>										
West Virginia										
Buffalo *										
<b>October 20, 2015 - Princeton, N.J.</b>										
West Virginia										
Princeton										
<b>October 24, 2013 - Bowling Green, Ohio</b>										
West Virginia										
Bowling Green *										
<b>October 28, 2013 - Morgantown, W.Va.</b>										
Akron *										
West Virginia										
<b>November 3, 2013 - Morgantown, W.Va.</b>										
Penn										
West Virginia										
<b>November 6, 2013 - Morgantown, W.Va.</b>										
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	1,142	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	L, 0-2	Thompson Field	667	4-6	Overall: L-1, Away: L-1
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: L-1  
 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	L, 0-2	---	---	Jamie Merriam (4)	Alec Boerner (1)
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)**

\* MAC Match

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

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

Merriam (5)  
 Cain (4)  
 Angerer (1)  
 Arslan (1)  
 Elliott (1)  
 Piatczyc (1)  
 Stephenson (1)

Boerner (4)  
 Diaz (4)



## 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 Dziedzic	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 Dziedzic	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 Dziedzic	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)	

