



MEN'S SOCCER

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2015 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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

	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 - 7 P.M.
	SEPT. 20	GEORGETOWN - 4 P.M. BROADCAST: ESPN3
	SEPT. 26	UNC GREENSBORO - NOON BROADCAST: ESPN3
	OCT. 3	AT ST. FRANCIS (PA.) - 7:30 P.M.
	OCT. 6	AT VIRGINIA TECH - 7 P.M.
	OCT. 9	WESTERN MICHIGAN - 7 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 6: WEST VIRGINIA (2-3-0) AT WRIGHT STATE (4-1-0)

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015 | 7 p.m. | Alumni Field | Dayton, Ohio

FOLLOWING ALONG:

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

WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

Record (MAC)	2-3-0 (0-0-0)
NSCAA Ranking / RPI	N/A / 155
Head Coach (Years)	Marlon LeBlanc (10th season)
Record at WVU / Career Record	92-62-27 / 96-65-27
All-Time Program Record	439-362-89

WVU LEADERS

Goals	Ryan Cain (4)
Assists	Joey Piatczyc (6)
Points	Ryan Cain (8)
Shots	Ryan Cain (16)
Shots On Goal	Ryan Cain (6)

WRIGHT STATE RAIDERS

Record (Horizon League)	4-1-0 (0-0-0)
NSCAA Ranking / RPI	N/A / 21
Head Coach (Years)	Bryan Davis (7th season)
Record at WSU / Career Record	47-61-9 / Same
Series History vs. WVU	WVU leads, 4-2-0

WSU LEADERS

Goals	Peguy Ngatcha (4)
Assists	Jackson Dietrich (3)
Points	Peguy Ngatcha (10)
Shots	Eric Lynch (14)
Shots On Goal	Peguy Ngatcha (8)

MOUNTAINEERS HEAD TO WRIGHT STATE TUESDAY

The West Virginia University men's soccer team takes to the road to face Wright State on Tuesday, September 15 at 7 p.m. in Dayton, Ohio.

The Mountaineers (2-3-0) will look to win their second consecutive match after a six goal output on Friday, while the Raiders (4-1-0) aim for their third win in a row.

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 WSURaiders.com, and updates will also be available on social media by following and connecting with @WVUMensSoccer on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Tuesday's matchup at Alumni Field in Dayton will be the seventh contest between the two teams. WVU holds a 4-2-0 edge, but all four wins have come in Morgantown. WSU's two wins came at home, in 1989 and 2000.

"We have great respect for a really good Wright State team," coach Marlon LeBlanc said. "We look forward to the challenge ahead in playing a good team on the road."

WVU is coming off a 6-2 victory over James Madison on Friday. The Mountaineers jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first 2:14 and never looked back. The JMU goalkeeper earned a red card early in the second minute, which helped jumpstart the WVU offensive attack.

Ryan Cain netted two goals in the match on four shots. The senior was rewarded by being named the WVU Student-Athlete of the Week, presented by University Apartments. It is the second Student-Athlete of the Week accolade for the men's soccer team after sophomore Joey Piatczyc earned the honor on August 31.

WVU is third in the country with 3.20 assist per game. The 16 assists on the year are also fourth in the NCAA and third in the Mid-American Conference. The Mountaineers are also eighth nationally and first in the conference in scoring offense at 2.60 and eighth in total goals with 13.

Individually, sophomore Joey Piatczyc is second in the nation with six assists on the season. Senior Zak Leedom's three assists is 15th in the NCAA and sixth in the MAC. Cain has four goals on the year, 15th nationally and second in the league.

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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	439-362-89 (.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	92-62-27 (.586)
Career Record	96-65-27 (.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	2-3-0	4-1-0
Versus Top 25	0-1-0	0-1-0
NSCAA National Rank	N/A	N/A
NSCAA Region Rank	N/A	9
W-L-T Percentage	0.400 (123/6)	0.800 (26/1)

Total Goals	13 (8/2)	10 (26/1)
Total Assists	16 (4/3)	10 (22/1)
Total Points	42 (6/3)	30 (25/1)
Scoring Offense	2.60 (8/1)	2.00 (24/1)
Shots Per Game	14.00 (49/4)	13.40 (67/2)
Shots on Goal Per Game	5.80 (61/4)	5.80 (61/3)

Saves Per Game	3.00 (132/3)	3.00 (132/7)
Save Percentage	0.682 (142/4)	0.833 (28/2)
Team Goals Against Avg.	1.38 (116/5)	0.60 (28/1)
Shutout Percentage	0.20 (102/4)	0.60 (20/1)
Shutouts	1	3
Goals Allowed	7	3

SCOUTING WRIGHT STATE

Wright State is 4-1 on the season, with shutout victories in its last two contests. WSU opened the year with a 2-0 win over Binghamton and a 2-1 victory against Cal State Fullerton in Columbus, Ohio. After a 2-0 loss at No. 17 Kentucky, the Raiders beat Cincinnati 3-0 and won at Eastern Illinois, 2-0 on Sept. 12.

SERIES HISTORY VS. THE RAIDERS

Tuesday will be the seventh meeting between WVU and WSU and the third match in Dayton. The Mountaineers' only two losses came on the road, 1-0 in 1989 and 2-0 in 2000. West Virginia won the last two contests, 3-0 in 2005 and 2-1 in 2013.

DATE	SITE	RESULT	SCORE
10/24/87	H	W	1-0
10/28/89	A	L	0-1
9/12/99	H	W (2 OT)	3-2
9/28/00	A	L	0-2
9/6/05	H	W	3-0
9/13/13	H	W	2-1

LAST TIME VS. WSU

In 2013, WVU posted a 2-1, comeback victory over WSU. The Raiders went ahead 1-0 in the 17th minute, but the Mountaineers responded with a goal by Andy Bevin in the 24th minute to tie the match. Majed Osman notched the game-winner for WVU in the 70th minute.

UP NEXT: VS. GEORGETOWN

West Virginia returns home to host Georgetown on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. It is the first of a two match homestand for the Mountaineers, as they host UNC Greensboro on Saturday, Sept. 26. Kickoff between WVU and UNC Greensboro has now been set for noon, before the 3 p.m. home football game.

LAST TIME OUT: WIN OVER JMU

The WVU men's soccer team posted a 6-2 win over James Madison on Sept. 11. The win was the second time this season WVU responded to a 1-0 loss with a six goal showing the following match. The Mountaineers jumped out with two goals in the first 2:14, thanks to an early red card on the JMU goaltender.

WVU played nearly the entire game with a man advantage after the JMU goaltender received a red card in the box at 1:07. Sophomore Jad Arslan took advantage on the PK to put WVU ahead, 1-0. One minute and seven seconds later, senior Ryan Cain netted his first goal of the game on a shot inside the box on the right side to put give West Virginia a 2-0 lead.

After JMU got to within one, West Virginia responded right back with a goal by Cain just 48 seconds later. Freshman Rushawn Larmond netted his second goal of the season at 38:28 to give the Mountaineers a 4-1 lead going into halftime. Junior Jack Elliott gave the Mountaineers a 5-1 edge at 55:00 when he scored his first goal of the year.

JMU scored in the 76th minute before WVU answered three minutes later. Credited as an own goal, Larmond sent a shot in off a free kick that deflected off of a James Madison defender into the back of the net.

PIATCZYC THE RECORD BREAKER

In WVU's 6-0 win over San Francisco on Aug. 30, sophomore Joey Piatcyc posted a program-record four assists. In WVU history, 14 players had tallied three assists in a game, but Piatcyc 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. Piatcyc 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, and voting is currently underway for that weekly honor.

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, Merriam 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.

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	9.6	5.5

RECORD BREAKDOWN

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

Games Following a Victory	0-1-0	0-0-0
Games Following a Loss	2-1-0	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	0-1-0	0-0-0
Playing Unranked Opponents	1-2-0	0-0-0

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

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

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

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

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

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

WVU SCORING BREAKDOWN

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

WVU W-L-T BREAKDOWN

	WINS (2)	LOSSES (3)	TIES (0)
Goals	12 (6.0)	1 (0.33)	0 (0.0)
Assists	15 (7.5)	1 (0.33)	0 (0.0)
Shots	33 (16.5)	37 (12.33)	0 (0.0)
Shots on goal	15 (7.5)	14 (4.66)	0 (0.0)
Corner kicks	10 (5.0)	18 (6.0)	0 (0.0)
Saves	2 (1.0)	13 (4.33)	0 (0.0)
Fouls	27 (13.5)	39 (13.0)	0 (0.0)
Yellow/Red Cards	3/0	7/0	0/0
Allowed 0-1 goals	1	2	0
Allowed 2+ goals	1	1	0

WVU GAME WINNERS BY PERIOD

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

TWO OR MORE = VICTORY

Since Marlon LeBlanc's arrival in 2006, the Mountaineers are 62-6-4 when they have scored at least two goals in a game. This year, they are 2-0-0 after 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	2-0-0

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 45-3-4 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 42-30-19 advantage, including 6-3-0 in 2014.

HOME SWEET HOME

In the past six seasons, the WVU men's soccer team holds a 38-11-3 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	2-1-0

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	3,031	3	1,010

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

WVU'S HOUSE OF HORRORS

The Mountaineers own a 54-23-9 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

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 1
Illinois	Canada 1
Iowa	England 1
Kansas	Germany 2
Maryland	Jamaica 1
Massachusetts	New Zealand 1
Missouri	United States 24
Nevada	
Ohio	
Pennsylvania	
Texas	
Virginia	
West Virginia	

FIRST TIME FOES

The Mountaineers will take on three new opponents in 2015. WVU will take on San Francisco and Michigan State in the first two weekends of the season and travel to Princeton on Oct. 20.



NSCAA RANKINGS

September 8, 2015

TEAM	PTS.	PREV.	W-L-T
1 Creighton (14)	583	3	4-0-0
2 Notre Dame (3)	573	5	3-0-1
3 North Carolina (1)	530	4	3-0-1
4 Maryland (4)	514	6	2-1-1
5 Virginia (2)	482	2	1-0-1
6 Washington	472	7	3-0-1
7 Coastal Carolina	432	11	3-0-1
8 UCLA	424	1	1-2-0
9 Clemson	391	9	3-0-1
10 Indiana	374	18	3-1-0
11 Maryland-Baltimore County	321	17	3-0-1
12 Oregon State	284	21	3-0-0
13 Stanford	261	16	3-1-0
14 Wake Forest	240	20	3-0-0
15 Kentucky	209	RV	2-0-0
16 Saint Louis University	186	14	2-0-0
17 Hofstra	174	RV	4-0-0
18 Providence	170	8	2-0-1
19 Denver	159	RV	3-0-1
20 Loyola Marymount	155	NR	4-0-0
21 American University	108	RV	4-0-0
22 Old Dominion	102	RV	2-1-0
23 Louisville	95	15	2-1-0
24 Bowling Green	88	RV	4-0-0
25 Georgetown	60	12	1-2-1

Receiving Votes: Akron (57), New Mexico (57), South Florida (52), Michigan State (48), Duke (44), Navy (33), California-Santa Barbara (24), Syracuse (24), Xavier (21), Nebraska-Omaha (18), California (13), Elon (7), North Carolina-Charlotte (4), Temple (3), Tulsa (3), Villanova (2), SMU (2), North Carolina State (1)

WVU Opponents Listed in **Bold**

COLLEGE SOCCER NEWS TOP 30

September 13, 2015

TEAM	W-L-T	PREV.
1 Creighton	5-0-0	1
2 Notre Dame	4-0-1	2
3 North Carolina	4-0-1	9
4 Stanford	5-1-0	6
5 Virginia	2-0-2	5
6 Coastal Carolina	4-0-1	12
7 Akron	4-1-0	22
8 Maryland	2-1-2	3
9 Oregon State	5-0-0	14
10 Clemson	3-1-1	8
11 Washington	2-0-1	10
12 Wake Forest	5-0-0	16
13 Louisville	3-1-1	13
14 Old Dominion	4-1-0	19
15 Indiana	3-2-0	11
16 Saint Louis	2-1-0	15
17 Denver	4-0-1	20
18 Georgetown	2-2-1	27
19 California	3-1-0	24
20 Michigan State	3-2-0	18
21 UMBC	3-1-1	17
22 Syracuse	3-1-1	25
23 New Mexico	3-1-1	RV
24 Elon	5-0-0	RV
25 Xavier	3-2-0	26
26 Connecticut	2-0-3	RV
27 Loyola Marymount	5-1-0	RV
28 UC Santa Barbara	2-2-1	22
29 Duke	4-0-1	RV
30 American	5-1-0	29

Receiving Votes: Penn State, Charlotte, UNCW, UCLA, Providence, Kentucky, Hofstra, FGCU, San Diego, N.C. State, Brown, **Bowling Green**, San Diego State, U.C. Irvine, South Florida, Nebraska Omaha, Utah Valley, Furman, Oakland

WVU Opponents Listed in **Bold**

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

TEAM	MAC	PCT.	OVERALL	PCT.
1. Western Michigan	0-0-0	.000	5-0-0	1.000
2. Bowling Green	0-0-0	.000	5-1-0	.833
3. Akron	0-0-0	.000	4-1-0	.800
4. Northern Illinois	0-0-0	.000	3-1-0	.750
5. Buffalo	0-0-0	.000	3-3-1	.500
6. West Virginia	0-0-0	.000	2-3-0	.400

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 WVU 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	5-5	363	4	0	8	16	.250	6	.375	0-0	1	0-0	0
15 Piatczyc, Joey	5-5	339	0	6	6	4	.000	0	.000	1-0	0	0-0	23
12 Merriam, Jamie	5-5	395	2	0	4	10	.200	4	.400	1-0	1	0-0	0
20 Larmond, Rushawn	4-0	73	2	0	4	2	1.000	2	1.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
10 Arslan, Jad	5-1	214	1	1	3	5	.200	2	.400	0-0	0	1-1	0
14 Desiderio, Mike	5-5	329	1	1	3	4	.250	2	.500	2-0	0	0-0	0
11 Leedom, Zak	5-5	403	0	3	3	2	.000	0	.000	1-0	0	0-0	0
16 Driscoll, Jack	4-2	161	1	0	2	4	.250	1	.250	0-0	0	0-0	0
6 Elliott, Jack	5-5	347	1	0	2	2	.500	2	1.000	2-0	0	0-0	0
17 Stephenson, Tucker	5-1	279	0	2	2	5	.000	1	.200	0-0	0	0-0	4
8 Angerer, Felix	4-2	118	0	2	2	5	.000	3	.600	0-0	0	0-0	0
19 Honold, Heath	5-1	141	0	1	1	2	.000	1	.500	0-0	0	0-0	0
31 Gray, Zion	3-0	80	0	0	0	3	.000	1	.333	0-0	0	0-0	0
28 Cabral, Ivo	4-0	125	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0-0	0	0-0	1
2 Thomas, Louis	5-5	397	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	2-0	0	0-0	0
27 Libhart, Griffin	3-0	59	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
26 Bennett, Haydon	5-5	456	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
18 Boerner, Alec	3-0	109	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
4 Henry, Francio	4-3	278	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
0 Diaz, Daniel	5-5	347	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
Total	5	5013	13	16	42	70	.186	29	.414	10-0	2	1-1	-
Opponents	5	-	7	4	18	48	.146	22	.458	10-2	3	1-1	-

GOALKEEPER STATISTICS

Name	GP-GS	Minutes	GA	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Sho	Faced
0 Diaz, Daniel	5-5	346:39	5	1.30	13	.722	2	3	0	0/1	37
18 Boerner, Alec	3-0	108:53	2	1.65	2	.500	0	0	0	0/1	10
Total	5	455:32	7	1.38	15	.682	2	3	0	1	47
Opponents	5	455:32	13	2.57	16	.552	3	2	0	2	70

TEAM STATISTICS

	WVU	Opp.
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	13-70	7-48
Goals scored per game	2.60	1.40
Shot pct.	.186	.146
Shots on goal-Attempts	29-70	22-48
SOG pct.	.414	.458
Shots/Game	14.0	9.6
Assists	16	4
CORNER KICKS	28	29
PENALTY KICKS	1-1	1-1
PENALTIES		
Fouls	69	40
Yellow cards	10	10
Red cards	0	2
ATTENDANCE		
Total	3031	2203
Dates/Avg Per Date	3/1010	2/1102
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

GOALS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	7	6	0	-	13
Opponents	3	3	1	-	7

SHOTS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	34	35	1	-	70
Opponents	25	22	1	-	48

SAVES BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	8	7	0	-	15
Opponents	7	8	1	-	16

CORNER KICKS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	14	14	0	-	28
Opponents	14	14	1	-	29

FOULS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	27	41	1	-	69
Opponents	22	18	0	-	40



MATCH-BY-MATCH STATISTICS

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

0-0-0 OVERTIME GAMES • 0-1-0 VS. TOP 25

	Score	G	A	Pts	Sh	Shot%	SOG	SOG%	CK	YC-RC	PK-ATT
August 28, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.											
Navy	1	1	1	3	12	.083	7	.583	5	4-0	0-0
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	12	.000	4	.333	8	2-0	0-0
August 30, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.											
San Francisco	0	0	0	0	3	.000	0	.000	1	2-1	0-0
West Virginia	6	6	10	22	19	.316	8	.421	5	2-0	0-0
September 4, 2015 - Ann Arbor, Mich											
West Virginia	1	1	1	3	13	.077	5	.385	6	3-0	0-0
Michigan	3	3	3	9	14	.214	4	.286	7	2-0	0-0
September 7, 2015 - East Lansing, Mich.											
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	12	.000	5	.417	4	3-0	0-0
#22 Michigan State	1	1	0	2	13	.077	7	.538	13	2-0	1-1
September 11, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.											
James Madison	2	2	0	4	6	.333	4	.667	3	0-1	0-0
West Virginia	6	6	5	17	14	.429	7	.500	5	1-0	1-1
September 15, 2015 - Dayton, Ohio											
West Virginia											
Wright State											
September 20, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.											
Georgetown											
West Virginia											
September 26, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.											
UNC Greensboro											
West Virginia											
October 3, 2015 - Loretto, Pa.											
West Virginia											
St. Francis (Pa.)											
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					
9/20	Georgetown					
9/26	UNC Greensboro					
10/3	at St. Francis (Pa.)					
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-1
 Longest Overall: W-1, L-2
 Longest Home: W-2, L-1
 Longest Road: L-2

MATCH-BY-MATCH LEADERS

Date	Opponent	Result	Goals	Assists	Shots	Saves
8/28	Navy	L, 0-1	---	---	Ryan Cain, Jamie 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)	Five with 1	Ryan Cain (4)	Alec Boerner (2)
9/15	at Wright State					
9/20	Georgetown					
9/26	UNC Greensboro					
10/3	at St. Francis (Pa.)					
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 (1)

Piatczyc (3)
 Angerer (1)
 Arslan (1)
 Leedom (1)
 Stephenson (1)

Cain (4)
 Merriam (2)

Diaz (3)
 Boerner (1)

* 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)	

