



# 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	GEORGETOWN - 4 P.M. BROADCAST:
	SEPT. 26	UNC GREENSBORO - NOON
	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:
	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 7: WEST VIRGINIA (2-4-0) VS. NO. 18/RV GEORGETOWN (2-2-2)

Sunday, September 20, 2015 | 4 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)	2-4-0 (0-0-0)
NSCAA Ranking / RPI	N/A / 157
Head Coach (Years)	Marlon LeBlanc (10th season)
Record at WVU / Career Record	92-63-27 / 96-66-27
All-Time Program Record	439-363-89

#### WVU LEADERS

Goals	Ryan Cain (5)
Assists	Joey Platczyc (7)
Points	Ryan Cain (10)
Shots	Ryan Cain (19)
Shots On Goal	Ryan Cain (8)

#### NO. 18/RV GEORGETOWN HOYAS

Record (Big East)	2-2-2 (0-0-0)
NSCAA Ranking / RPI	N/A / 78
Head Coach (Years)	Brian Wiese (10th season)
Record at WSU / Career Record	104-61-24 / Same
Series History vs. WVU	GU leads, 12-5

#### GU LEADERS

Goals	Alex Muyl (3)
Assists	Alex Muyl, Brandon Allen (3)
Points	Alex Muyl (9)
Shots	Alex Muyl (14)
Shots On Goal	Alex Muyl (7)

### MOUNTAINEERS HOST NO. 18/RV GEORGETOWN SUNDAY

The West Virginia University men's soccer team hosts its first ranked opponent of the season on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 4 p.m., when it welcomes No. 18/RV Georgetown to Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium.

The Mountaineers (2-4-0) look to extend their home winning streak to three matches as they face their second ranked opponent of the year. WVU takes on the Hoyas (2-2-2) for the second time since 2011, the last matchup between the two teams as Big East Conference foes.

"Georgetown is one of the best teams in the country, they're a lot of peoples' favorites to go to the national championship this year," WVU coach Marlon LeBlanc said. "We'll have our work cut out for us with a very, very good team, but at the end of the day, we determine our success based on our performance."

"We've gotten into a better place in terms of our consistencies and our attacks, we're creating a lot more opportunities and we are putting ourselves in situations to score more goals. We're doing a better job defensively."

Sunday is a "Dollar Day," and all tickets and select concession items are available for \$1 each. Tickets can be purchased in advance at WVUGAME.com or 1-800-WVU GAME. Admission is free for WVU students with a valid ID.

Additionally, the WVU racecar will be outside of the stadium on Sunday, and Mr. Twister will be doing face painting & balloon animals. Sunday is a WVU soccer doubleheader, as the No. 4/7 WVU women's team faces Florida Gulf Coast at 1 p.m.

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.

Due to the Morgantown Marathon on Sunday, several parking changes will be in place. Fans are only permitted to park in the lower Shell/Natorium lot/Band lot, adjacent to the track. This lot will only be accessible off Monongahela Blvd. on Sunday. Parking and access to the upper Coliseum parking lots from the Patteson Drive and Evansdale Drive/Arboretum entrances will be prohibited.

The Morgantown Marathon and Half Marathon will start from the Coliseum parking lot at 7 a.m. Sunday. The finish line also is located in the Coliseum parking lot. A post-race celebration will be held in the Coliseum parking lot following the race at 11 a.m. A diagram of parking arrangements for Sunday, as well important links regarding the Marathon's routes and schedule, can be found at WVUSports.com.

A free shuttle bus will be available from the Mountainlair and the Brooke/Braxton Towers loop for an hour leading up to Sunday's start time. Return service to the Mountainlair and the Brooke/Braxton Towers loop also will be available for an hour at the conclusion of the match.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA:

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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	439-363-89 (.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	92-63-27 (.586)
Career Record	96-66-27 (.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	2-4-0	4-1-0
Versus Top 25	0-1-0	0-1-0
NSCAA National Rank	N/A	RV
NSCAA Region Rank	N/A	10
W-L-T Percentage	0.333 (148/6)	0.500 (92/7)

Total Goals	14 (6/1)	10 (32/5)
Total Assists	18 (3/3)	11 (19/1)
Total Points	46 (4/2)	31 (30/5)
Scoring Offense	2.33 (10/2)	1.67 (53/6)
Shots Per Game	13.17 (67/4)	12.00 (95/5)
Shots on Goal Per Game	5.33 (87/4)	4.50 (132/7)

Saves Per Game	2.83 (150/3)	4.67 (42/1)
Save Percentage	0.630 (179/5)	0.778 (62/4)
Team Goals Against Avg.	1.65 (147/5)	1.24 (100/6)
Shutout Percentage	0.17 (131/4)	0.17 (131/7)
Shutouts	1	1
Goals Allowed	10	8

## SCOUTING GEORGETOWN

Georgetown comes to Morgantown with a 2-2-2 record. The Hoyas are undefeated in their last three matches after a 3-1 upset win over No. 1/2 UCLA, a 5-2 victory over Radford and a 2-2 draw at VCU on Thursday. GU is ranked No. 18 in the latest College Soccer News rankings and is receiving votes in the NSCAA Coaches Poll.

Georgetown, a former conference foe of the Mountaineers in the Big East, is led by 10th-year head coach Brian Wiese. With a 104-61-24 record, Wiese routinely has the Hoyas among the nation's best.

### SERIES HISTORY VS. THE HOYAS

Sunday will be the 18th meeting between WVU and GU and the first since 2013. The Mountaineers are 5-12 vs. the Hoyas, but they are 4-4 at home. In its last season in the Big East, West Virginia posted a 1-0 win in Morgantown in 2011. Georgetown claimed the last matchup, 3-0 in Washington, D.C. in 2013.

DATE	SITE	RESULT	SCORE
9/20/95	A	L	4-2
10/27/96	H	W	1-0
9/17/97	A	L	4-1
10/7/98	H	L	3-0
10/6/99	A	L	4-3 (2ot)
10/11/00	H	L	3-2
9/26/01	A	L	2-1 (ot)
10/6/02	H	L	1-0
9/29/04	A	L	4-1
10/8/05	H	W	1-0
10/14/06	A	W	2-0
10/13/07	H	W	2-0
10/25/08	A	L	1-0
10/24/09	H	L	2-1
10/2/10	A	L	1-0
10/8/11	H	W	1-0
9/6/13	A	L	3-0

### LAST TIME VS. GU

In 2013, Georgetown came away with a 3-0 victory in Washington, D.C. GU's Brandon Allen scored in the 14th and 19th minutes. WVU let in one goal in the second half in the 63rd minute, where they played the final 37 minutes a man down.

## UP NEXT: VS. UNC GREENSBORO

West Virginia stays at home to face UNC Greensboro on Saturday, Sept. 26. Kickoff between WVU and UNC Greensboro has been set for noon, before the 3 p.m. home football game.

## LAST TIME OUT: AT WRIGHT STATE

West Virginia lost to Wright State, 3-1 on Tuesday night in Dayton, Ohio. Senior Ryan Cain scored his team-leading fifth goal for the Mountaineers in the first half, but the Raiders answered with three goals after the intermission.

WVU posted nine shots in the game, three on goal. WSU had 11 shots, five on goal. Junior goaltender Daniel Diaz notched one save in the contest, while Wright State's Tyler Blackmer also had one.

Cain scored the Mountaineers' goal at 20:38. The senior converted from five yards out after receiving a pass from sophomore Joey Piatczyc. Senior Jamie Merriam was also credited with an assist after he had two touches before sending the ball to Piatczyc, who also touched it twice before Cain scored.

## AWARDS BREAKDOWN

### JOEY PIATCZYC

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

### JAMIE MERRIAM

Senior CLASS Award - One of 30 Candidates	Sept. 3
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### RYAN CAIN

WVU Student-Athlete of the Week	Sept. 14
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## PIATCZYC THE RECORD BREAKER

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



## RECORD BREAKDOWN

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

Games Following a Victory	0-2-0	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	1-3-0	0-0-0

In One-Goal Games	0-2-0	0-0-0
WVU Scores First	2-1-0	0-0-0
Opponent Scores First	0-3-0	0-0-0
Leading at Halftime	2-1-0	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	0-2-0	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	0-1-0	0-0-0
Wearing Gold Jerseys	0-2-0	0-0-0

August	1-1-0	0-0-0
September	1-3-0	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	0-1-0	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 1, Opponents 1
31st-45th minute	WVU 2, Opponents 1
46th-60th minute	WVU 2, Opponents 1
61st-75th minute	WVU 1, Opponents 1
76th-90th minute	WVU 3, Opponents 4
First Overtime	WVU 0, Opponents 1
Second Overtime	WVU 0, Opponents 0

## WVU W-L-T BREAKDOWN

	WINS (2)	LOSSES (4)	TIES (0)
Goals	12 (6.0)	2 (0.50)	0 (0.0)
Assists	15 (7.5)	3 (0.75)	0 (0.0)
Shots	33 (16.5)	46 (11.50)	0 (0.0)
Shots on goal	15 (7.5)	17 (4.25)	0 (0.0)
Corner kicks	10 (5.0)	22 (5.5)	0 (0.0)
Saves	2 (1.0)	15 (3.75)	0 (0.0)
Fouls	27 (13.5)	52 (13.0)	0 (0.0)
Yellow/Red Cards	3/0	10/0	0/0
Allowed 0-1 goals	1	2	0
Allowed 2+ goals	1	2	0

## WVU GAME WINNERS BY PERIOD

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

## 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

## 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

## 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 45-4-4 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 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



## NSCAA RANKINGS

September 15, 2015

TEAM	PTS.	PREV.	W-L-T
1 Creighton (23)	599	1	5-0-0
2 Notre Dame (1)	574	2	4-0-1
3 North Carolina	549	3	4-0-1
4 Stanford	496	13	5-1-0
5 Coastal Carolina	476	7	4-0-1
6 Virginia	436	5	2-0-2
7 Wake Forest	420	14	5-0-0
8 Oregon State	413	12	5-0-0
9 Washington	400	6	3-0-1
10 Maryland	365	4	3-1-2
11 <b>Akron</b>	343	NR	4-1-0
12 Old Dominion	317	22	4-1-0
13 <b>Penn State</b>	282	NR	3-1-1
14 Clemson	265	9	3-1-1
15 Denver	257	19	4-0-1
16 Duke	218	RV	4-0-1
17 New Mexico	205	NR	3-1-1
18 Loyola Marymount	167	20	5-1-0
19 Louisville	152	23	3-1-1
20 Elon	137	RV	5-0-0
21 American University	126	21	5-1-0
22 Indiana	109	10	3-2-0
23 Temple	87	RV	5-0-1
24 North Carolina-Wilmington	79	NR	4-0-1
25 Maryland-Baltimore County	35	11	3-1-1

**Receiving Votes:** Saint Louis (32), Florida International (29), **Georgetown** (28), Nebraska-Omaha (27), Hofstra (26), UCLA (26), Syracuse (24), North Carolina State (19), California-Santa Barbara (14), Kentucky (13), **Michigan State** (12), California (12), **Western Michigan** (5), Marquette (4), San Diego State (4), St. Francis (N.Y.) (3), New Hampshire (3), **Bowling Green** (3), Tulsa (3), Columbia (2), Brown (2), UNC-Charlotte (1), **Michigan** (1)

## 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 <b>Akron</b>	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 <b>Georgetown</b>	2-2-1	27
19 California	3-1-0	24
20 <b>Michigan State</b>	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**

## 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	

## 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.

## 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	2-4-0	.333

## 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	6-6	400	0	7	7	4	.000	0	.000	1-0	0	0-0	25
12 Merriam, Jamie	6-6	485	2	1	5	11	.182	4	.364	2-0	1	0-0	0
20 Larmond, Rushawn	5-0	105	2	0	4	2	1.000	2	1.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
10 Arslan, Jad	6-2	279	1	1	3	9	.111	3	.333	0-0	0	1-1	0
14 Desiderio, Mike	6-6	412	1	1	3	4	.250	2	.500	2-0	0	0-0	0
11 Leedom, Zak	6-6	493	0	3	3	2	.000	0	.000	2-0	0	0-0	0
16 Driscoll, Jack	5-2	188	1	0	2	4	.250	1	.250	0-0	0	0-0	0
6 Elliott, Jack	6-6	437	1	0	2	2	.500	2	1.000	2-0	0	0-0	0
8 Angerer, Felix	5-3	181	0	2	2	6	.000	3	.500	0-0	0	0-0	0
17 Stephenson, Tucker	6-1	308	0	2	2	5	.000	1	.200	0-0	0	0-0	6
19 Honold, Heath	5-1	141	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	4-0	125	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0-0	0	0-0	1
2 Thomas, Louis	6-6	487	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	6-6	539	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	1-0	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	6-6	437	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6003</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>.177</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>.405</b>	<b>13-0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>-</b>
Opponents	6	-	10	5	25	60	.167	27	.450	14-2	4	1-1	-

## 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	3-0	108:53	2	1.65	2	.500	0	0	0	0/1	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>545:32</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>.630</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>58</b>
Opponents	6	545:32	14	2.31	18	.562	4	2	0	2	78

## TEAM STATISTICS

	WVU	Opp.
<b>SHOT STATISTICS</b>		
Goals-Shot attempts	14-79	10-60
Goals scored per game	2.33	1.67
Shot pct.	.177	.167
Shots on goal-Attempts	32-79	27-60
SOG pct.	.405	.450
Shots/Game	13.2	10.0
Assists	18	5
CORNER KICKS	32	30
PENALTY KICKS	1-1	1-1
<b>PENALTIES</b>		
Fouls	82	49
Yellow cards	13	14
Red cards	0	2
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	3031	2979
Dates/Avg Per Date	3/1010	3/993
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

## GOALS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	8	6	0	-	14
Opponents	3	6	1	-	10

## SHOTS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	38	40	1	-	79
Opponents	27	32	1	-	60

## SAVES BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	9	8	0	-	17
Opponents	7	10	1	-	18

## CORNER KICKS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	15	17	0	-	32
Opponents	14	15	1	-	30

## FOULS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	33	48	1	-	82
Opponents	26	23	0	-	49



## MATCH-BY-MATCH STATISTICS

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

0-0-0 OVERTIME GAMES • 0-1-0 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
Wright State	3	1	7	12	.250	5	.417	1	4	0-0
<b>September 20, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.</b>										
Georgetown										
West Virginia										
<b>September 26, 2015 - Morgantown, W.Va.</b>										
UNC Greensboro										
West Virginia										
<b>October 3, 2015 - Loretto, Pa.</b>										
West Virginia										
St. Francis (Pa.)										
<b>October 6, 2015 - Blacksburg, Va.</b>										
West Virginia										
Virginia Tech										
<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	992	2-3	Overall: W-1, Home: W-2
9/15	at Wright State	L, 1-3	Alumni Stadium	776	2-4	Overall: L-2, Away: L-3
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: L-1  
 Longest Overall: W-1, L-2  
 Longest Home: W-2, L-1  
 Longest Road: L-3

## 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)	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	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 (4)  
 Angerer (1)  
 Arslan (1)  
 Leedom (1)  
 Merriam (1)  
 Stephenson (1)

Cain (4)  
 Merriam (2)  
 Arslan (1)

Diaz (4)  
 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 Dzedzic	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 Dzedzic	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 Dzedzic	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)	

