



2021 UNLV SCHEDULE/RESULTS 0-1-0 OVERALL / 0-1-0 WAC	
Fe. 13.....at Incarnate Word.....L, 2-3 <i>San Antonio, Texas</i>	UNLV
Feb. 20 vs Air Force 6 pm <i>Las Vegas</i>	AF
Feb. 27.....at Seattle..... 4 pm <i>Seattle, Washington</i>	SJ
Mar. 5vs Houston Baptist..... 7 pm <i>Las Vegas</i>	HB
Mar. 13at UTRGV.....10 am <i>Edinburg, Texas</i>	UTRGV
Mar. 19vs Utah Valley..... 7 pm <i>Las Vegas</i>	UV
Mar. 22vs Cal Baptist.....1 pm <i>Las Vegas</i>	CBU
Mar. 31at Dixie State.....4 pm <i>St. George, Utah</i>	DS
Apr. 5at San Jose State.....7 pm <i>San Jose, California</i>	SJSU
Apr. 10.....vs Grand Canyon 7 pm <i>Las Vegas</i>	GCU
2021 Western Atlantic Tournament	
Apr. 13.....First RoundTBA <i>Las Vegas</i>	
Apr. 15.....Semifinals.....TBA <i>Las Vegas</i>	
Apr. 17.....ChampionshipTBA <i>Las Vegas</i>	
2021 NCAA Tournament	
Apr. 21.....NCAA First RoundTBA <i>Campus Sites</i>	

STAT COMPARISON...

Offense			
2.0	Goals per game	4.0	
11.0	Shots per game	10.0	
2.0	Assists per game	5.0	
6.0	Points per game	13.0	
Defense			
11.0	Shots Allowed per game	4.0	
3.0	Team GAA	0.0	
0	Shutouts	1	



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SEVEN ALL-TIME NCAA APPEARANCES

THIS WEEK IN UNLV MEN'S SOCCER...



Air Force (1-0-0)

Saturday, Feb 20
6 pm (PT)

Las Vegas, Nevada
Johann Memorial Field

Live Stats/Video
Yes/WDN

REBELS' HOME OPENER SET FOR SATURDAY AGAINST FALCONS

UNLV looks to get in the win column this weekend when it hosts the Air Force Falcons Saturday night in the home opener for the Rebels at Peter Johann Memorial Field. The Rebels were scheduled to open on Feb. 7 against California Baptist before the game was postponed to March 22 due to COVID-19 issues with the Lancers.

The Rebels opened the season a week ago when they jumped out to a 2-0 lead at Incarnate Word, before the Cardinals rallied for a 3-2 victory. A pair of newcomers to the Rebels came up with the goals, thanks to junior **Aedon Kyra** and freshman **Louis Hiepen**. Injuries to several defenders caught up to the Rebels during the game however, helping UIW to the victory.

Air Force meanwhile has played just one game this season as well, a 4-0 victory over new WAC member Dixie State.

Saturday's game will be available to watch through the WAC Digital Network, which will have live links on UNLVRebels.com and can also be watched through the Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV and Android streaming devices. Wyatt Tomchek will provide the play-by-play with Philipp Weise as color analyst.

MEET THE REBELS

Though UNLV did graduate its top scorer from 2019, Timo Mehlich who would then be drafted in the 2020 MLS Superdraft, the Rebels do bring back several strong scorers. Leading the way is senior **Marco Gonzalez**, who is expected to play both midfield and forward this season. Another top returnee on offense is junior midfielder **Jesus Partida**, back after missing 2019 with a torn ACL.

Junior **Lukas Betz** is expected to start in goal for a second straight season. He finished his first year in Division I play with the Rebels with a 1.87 GAA and 69 saves in 1349:31 minutes of action. On the backline is senior **Billy Jones**, a preseason All-WAC Selection.

INTERNATIONAL NEWCOMERSH

UNLV has had a successful pipeline to Germany over the past few years, and that's continued with a pair of German natives, forward Valentin Hafner and defender Louis Hiepen, signing with the Rebels in the offseason. Both are strong chances to start this weekend. UNLV head coach Rich Ryerson wasn't done there though, as he also brought in potential starters **Aedon Kyra** (a forward from Australia by way of Eastern Florida State) and **Matthew Ridley** (defender from England).

OLYMPIC JONES

Senior defender **Billy Jones** only appeared in 11 games in his first year with the Rebels in 2019, as he spent most of September in Fiji helping the New Zealand national team clinch a spot in the 2020 Olympics after winning an eight-team qualifier tournament. Jones started on the backline during the entire tournament run and will have a great shot to be selected to the Olympic Team next summer.



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WESTERN ATLANTIC STANDINGS

	Overall	WAC	Pts.
Air Force	1-0-0	1-0-0	3
UIW	1-0-0	1-0-0	3
UTRGV	1-0-0	1-0-0	3
Seattle	2-1-0	1-1-0	3
Cal Baptist	1-0-1	0-0-0	0
HBU	0-1-1	0-1-0	0
Dixie State	0-1-0	0-1-0	0
UNLV	0-1-0	0-1-0	0
Grand Canyon	0-0-0	0-0-0	0
San Jose State	0-0-0	0-0-0	0
Utah Valley	0-0-0	0-0-0	0

COMING UP IN THE WAC (All times PST)

Saturday, Feb. 20

San Jose State at Dixie State, 12 pm
UTRGV at CBU, 12 pm
UIW at Utah Valley, 1:30 pm
Houston Baptist at GCU, 6 pm
Air Force at UNLV, 6 pm

Sunday, Feb. 21

Portland at Seattle, 4 pm

Saturday, Feb. 27

Dixie State at UIW, 10 am
CBU at Houston Baptist, 12 pm
Utah Valley at Air Force, 12 pm
UNLV at Seattle, 4 pm
GCU at SJSU, 7 pm

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PRESEASON HONORS

Billy Jones, a senior defender in his second year with the Rebels, earned a spot on the 11-member Preseason All-WAC squad. He was an honorable mention a year ago for UNLV.



LOBOS LOSS IS REBELS GAIN

When New Mexico dropped their traditionally strong men's soccer program after the 2018 season, UNLV was the biggest beneficiary, as three players from the final Lobos team transferred to play for the Rebels – **Billy Jones**, **Nick Williams** and **Bailey Letherman**. All three would start during the year as well.

NATIONAL TEAM EXPERIENCE

UNLV has three players on the roster this season that have played for their country's national youth teams. Sophomore **Nico Clasen** has a total of 25 caps with the Germany National U-18 and U-16 teams. Junior **Lukas Betz** was on the German U15-16 Team in 2012-13, and senior **Billy Jones**, helped the New Zealand U23 National Team to the Gold Medal in the Pacific Games in July of 2019 along with his Olympic Qualifying Team experience.

DIVERSE REBEL SQUAD

- UNLV features 12 players from the Las Vegas/Henderson area, and 11 total from the Battle Born state
- Eleven of this year's Rebels are first generation college students in their family
- 12 players on this year's team comes from English as a second language home

REBELS PICKED TO FINISH FIFTH IN THE WAC

UNLV has been picked to finish fifth in the WAC preseason poll, just one vote though out of a three-way tie for third, as the Rebels received 87 votes, right behind Air Force and Grand Canyon, both with 88. Seattle is the preseason favorite with 112 votes and five first place votes.

2021 Western Atlantic Preseason Men's Soccer Coaches' Poll

Place	Team (1st place votes)	Votes
1.	Seattle (9)	98
2.	Utah Valley (1)	81
3.	Air Force	79
4.	Grand Canyon (1)	65
5.	UNLV	63
6.	San Jose State	60
7.	Cal Baptist	54
8.	UTRGV	43
9.	Houston Baptist	28
10.	Incarnate Word	23
11.	Dixie State	11



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2021 REBELS ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	CL.	EXP.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL (CLUB)
00	Miguel Duenas Jr.	GK	6-3	RS-So.	1L	North Las Vegas, Nevada/Canyon Springs HS (Heat FC)
0	Andrew Sway	GK	6-0	Fr.	HS	Cleveland, Ohio/Streetsboro HS (Upper 90 FC)
1	Lukas Betz	GK	6-2	Jr.	1L	Cologne, Germany/Saginaw Valley State (FC Cologne)
2	Gabriel Claudio	D	6-2	Jr.	TR	Yuma, Arizona/Yavapai Community College
3	Valentin Hafner	F	6-1	Fr.	HS	Ulm, Germany/Anna-Essinger (SSV Ulm 1846)
4	Marco Gonzalez	F	5-9	Sr.	3L	Las Vegas, Nevada/Mission Heights Prep HS (LVSA)
5	Billy Jones	D	6-3	Sr.	1L	Auckland, New Zealand/New Mexico
6	Nico Clasen	MF	5-11	Jr.	2L	Mönchengladbach, Germany/Gymnasium Rheindahlen
7	Jesus Partida	MF	5-8	RS-Jr.	2L	Reno, Nevada/Sparks HS (Sagebrush SC)
8	Louis Hiepen	D	6-3	Fr.	HS	Mönchengladbach, Germany/ Gesamtschule Hardt (Borussia Moenchengladbach)
9	Aedon Kyra	F	6-1	Jr.	TR	New South Wales, Australia/Eastern Florida State (APIA)
11	Hayden Prasad	MF	5-10	So.	1L	Henderson, Nevada/Liberty HS (LVSA)
12	Bryan Martinez-Serrano	F	6-0	So.	1L	Las Vegas, Nevada/Sunrise Mountain HS
13	Skyler Goo	F	5-7	So.	1L	Mililani, Hawaii/Saint Louis School (Hawaii Rush)
14	Bailey Letherman	MF	5-11	RS-Jr.	1L	Sammamish, Washington/New Mexico (Crossfire Premier)
15	Dylan Soresman	MF	6-0	RS-So.	1L	Las Vegas, Nevada/Adelson HS (Downtown LV SC)
16	Chilo Sanchez	MF	5-7	So.	1L	Las Vegas, Nevada/ Cimarron-Memorial HS (RSL Academy)
17	Mathew Ridley	D	6-3	Jr.	TR	Hartlepool, England/Richard Bland College
18	Nick Williams	D	5-11	RS-So.	1L	Albuquerque, New Mexico/New Mexico (Albuquerque Academy)
19	John Lynam	F	6-2	Jr.	2L	Las Vegas, Nevada/Coronado (Downtown LV SC)
20	Sam Wren	D/MF	6-3	So.	1L	Kapolei, Hawaii/Kapolei HS (Hawaii Rush)
21	Diego Zacarias	MF/F	5-6	RS-Fr.	HS	Las Vegas, Nevada/ Cimarron-Memorial HS (LVSA)
22	Mason Reid	MF	5-8	RS-Jr.	TR	Henderson, Nevada/BYU-Hawaii (LVSA)
23	Grant Smyth	D	6-1	Jr.	1L	Las Vegas, Nevada/Notre Dame de Namur (LVSC)
24	Nicholas Bianchi	F	5-11	Fr.	HS	Phoenix, Arizona/Pinnacle HS (Classics)
25	Becca Rice	MF	5-8	So.	TR	Kampala, Uganda/Oregon State (Downtown LV SC)

HEAD COACH: Rich Ryerson (UNLV '87, 11th Season)

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH: Liam Connors (Redlands '05, 11th Season)

ASSISTANT COACH: Camilo Valencia (UNLV '11, Fifth Season)

ASSISTANT COACH: Frank D'Amelio (Evansville '81, 17th Season)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Lukas Betz (BETS)

Gabriel Claudio (CLAD-eh-oh)

Valentin Hafner (HEFF-ner)

Aedon Kyra (A-den cure-AH)

Dylan Soresman (sores-MAN)

Diego Zacarias (ZAA-kah-ray-us)

Nicholas Bianchi (Bee-ON-key)

Miguel Duenas Jr. (DWIN-yes)

Louis Hiepen (LEW-is he-PEN)

Hayden Prasad (prah-SOD)

Sam Wren (REN)



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2020-21 UNLV Men's Soccer Combined Statistics All games

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Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
* 02/13/2021	at UIW	L 2-3	25

Team statistics

	UNLV	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	2-11	3-11
Goals scored per game	2	3
Shot pct.	.182	.273
Shots on goal-Attempts	10-11	9-11
SOG pct.	.909	.818
Shots/Game	11	11
Assists	3	3
GOAL BREAKDOWN		
Total Goals	2	3
Penalty	0	0
Unassisted	-	-
Overtime	0	0
Goals scored average	2	3
CORNER KICKS		
Goals off corners	-	-
PENALTY KICKS		
	0-0	0-0
OFFSIDES		
	6	2
PENALTIES		
Fouls	8	10
Yellow cards	2	2
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	0	25
Dates/Avg Per Date	0/0	1/25
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	-

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All Games	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
Conference	0-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
Non-Conference	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0

#	Player	GP	G	A	PTS	SH	SH%	SOG	SOG%	GWG	PK-ATT
9	Kyra, Aedon	1	1	0	2	4	.250	4	1.000	0	0-0
8	Hiepen, Louis	1	1	0	2	1	1.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
14	Letherman, Bailey	1	0	2	2	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
5	Jones, Billy	1	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
11	Prasad, Hayden	1	0	0	0	2	.000	2	1.000	0	0-0
24	Bianchi, Nicholas	1	0	0	0	2	.000	2	1.000	0	0-0
4	Gonzalez, Marco	1	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
17	Ridley, Mathew	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
13	Goo, Skyler	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
18	Williams, Nick	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
3	Hafner, Valentin	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
20	Wren, Sam	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
1	Betz, Lukas	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
2	Caludio, Gabriel	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
23	Smyth, Grant	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
7	Partida, Jesus	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
15	Soresman, Dylan	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
Total		1	2	3	7	11	.182	10	.909	-	0-0
Opponents		1	3	3	9	11	.273	9	.818	-	0-0

##	Goalie	GP	MIN.	GA	GA AVG	SAVES	PCT	W-L-T	SHO/CBO
1	Betz, Lukas	1	90:00	3	3.00	6	.667	0-1-0	0/0
TM	TEAM	-	00:00	0	0.00	0	.000	0-0-0	0/0
Total		1	90:00	3	3.00	6	.667	0-1-0	0
Opponents		1	90:00	2	2.00	8	.800	1-0-0	0

Goals by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
UNLV	2	0	0	0	2
Opponents	1	2	0	0	3

Shots by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
UNLV	7	4	0	0	11
Opponents	7	4	0	0	11

Saves by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
UNLV	4	2	0	0	6
Opponents	5	3	0	0	8

Corners by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
UNLV	5	4	0	0	9
Opponents	1	1	0	0	2