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2017 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Overall: 6-3-3 • MAC: 0-0-1
Home: 2-1-3 • Road: 4-2-0 • Neutral: 0-0-0

Fri., Aug. 25	at Cal	W, 1-0
Sun., Aug 27	at Santa Clara	W, 2-0
Fri., Sept. 1	**Wright State**	**W, 4-1**
Mon., Sept. 4	**Monmouth**	**T, 0-0 (2 OT)**
Sat., Sept. 9	**UCF**	**T, 0-0 (2 OT)**
Wed., Sept. 13	at UMBC	L, 3-1
Sat., Sept. 16	at George Mason	W, 3-2 (OT)
Tue., Sept. 19	at American	W, 3-0
Sat., Sept. 23	**Dayton**	**W, 1-0**
Tue., Sept. 26	at Pitt	L, 7-0
Sun., Oct. 1	**No. 20 Pacific**	**L, 2-0**
Sat., Oct. 7	**Northern Illinois ***	**T, 1-1 (2 OT)**
Wed., Oct. 11	**Michigan State**	**7 p.m.**
Sat., Oct. 14	at Bowling Green *	7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 20	**Western Michigan ***	**7 p.m.**
Tue., Oct. 24	**Penn**	**7 p.m.**
Fri., Oct. 27	**Akron ***	**7 p.m.**
Sat., Nov. 4	at SIUE *	8 p.m.

* - Mid-American Conference Match

All times Eastern and subject to change
Home matches, in **bold**, played at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Team	MAC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Streak
Western Michigan	1-0	1.000	10-2-1	.808	W1
SIU Edwardsville	1-0	1.000	5-6	.455	W2
WEST VIRGINIA	**0-0-1**	**.500**	**6-3-3**	**.625**	**T1**
Northern Illinois	0-0-1	.500	3-7-1	.318	T1
Akron	0-1	.000	6-3-1	.650	L1
Bowling Green	0-1	.000	6-5	.545	L1

MATCH 13: WEST VIRGINIA VS. NO. 5 MICHIGAN STATE

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 | 7 p.m. ET | Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium | Morgantown, W.Va.

FOLLOWING ALONG:

Watch Live (Free)	WVUsports.com/Watch
Live Stats	WVUsports.com/Stats
Tickets	WVUGAME.com
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WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

Record (MAC)	6-3-3 (0-0-1)
United Soccer Coaches Ranking / RPI	NR / 73
Head Coach (Years)	Marlon LeBlanc (12th)
Record at WVU / Career Record	111-81-31 / 115-84-31
All-Time Program Record	458-381-93

WVU LEADERS

Goals	Albert Andres-Llop, Jad Arslan (4)
Assists	Sebastian Garcia-Herreros, Jorge Quintanilla (4)
Points	Albert Andres-Llop (10)
Shots	Jad Arslan (29)
Shots On Goal	Jorge Quintanilla (9)

MICHIGAN STATE SPARTANS

Record (Big Ten)	9-1-2 (3-0-2)
United Soccer Coaches Ranking / RPI	6 / 1
Head Coach (Years)	Damon Rensing (9th)
Record at MSU / Career Record	99-59-24 / Same
Series History vs. WVU (Last Meeting)	MSU Leads, 1-0 (2015)

MSU LEADERS

Goals	DeJuan Jones (6)
Assists	Connor Corrigan (6)
Points	DeJuan Jones (14)
Shots	Ryan Sierakowski (22)
Shots On Goal	DeJuan Jones (12)

WVU HOSTS NO. 5 MICHIGAN STATE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The West Virginia University men's soccer team welcomes No. 5 Michigan State to Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. ET.

The midweek showdown is a Dollar Night, where tickets and select concession items are just $1. Tickets are available at WVUGAME.com and at the DDSS ticket office. WVU students are admitted free with a valid WVU Student I.D.

Wednesday is also Club Sports Night, where club sports teams with the highest attendance at the match will receive a prize and points for their club. The first 100 Mountaineer Maniacs will also receive a free scarf, and there will be a Maniacs tailgate and free pizza for WVU students.

"Michigan State is an outstanding team, they're No. 1 in the RPI as well, so you want to talk about big games, this is about as big as it gets," WVU coach Marlon LeBlanc said. "They're going to be a tough nut to crack, but we've been able to do it in the past, so it's going to take a great effort from our guys, it's going to take a fantastic crowd. I'm pretty confident we're capable of beating a very good Michigan State team."

The Mountaineers (6-3-3) welcome their second Top-25 opponent to Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium this season and fourth Top-10 foe in as many years. On Oct. 1, WVU suffered a 2-0 loss to No. 20 Pacific, while No. 1 Maryland came to Morgantown last season. Since 2006, West Virginia is 11-11 against Top-25 teams, highlighted by wins over No. 1 UConn in 2007 and 2011 and No. 3 USF in 2009.

The Spartans (9-1-2) are ranked in the Top 12 in all four major polls. MSU is ranked as high as No. 5 by College Soccer News, while TopDrawerSoccer.com has pegged Michigan State as No. 10 in the country. The Spartans are ranked No. 12 by Soccer America. The United Soccer Coaches Poll will be released later this afternoon.

Several Mountaineers rank among the national and conference statistical leaders. Senior Jad Arslan's three game-winning goals is No. 12 nationally and tops in the Mid-American Conference. He and sophomore Albert Andres-Llop are second in the MAC with four goals, while junior Jorge Quintanilla and sophomore Sebastian Garcia-Herreros rank No. 4 in the MAC with four assists.

In goal, junior Stephen Banick is third in the league and No. 22 nationally with five shutouts. He is third in the MAC with 28 saves and his .718 save percentage ranks fourth.

QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Morgantown, W.Va.
Founded	1867
Nickname	Mountaineers
Enrollment	31,514
Colors	Old Gold (PMS 124 C) and Blue (295 C)
President	Dr. E. Gordon Gee (Utah, '68)
Director of Athletics	Shane Lyons (WVU, '87)
Conference	Mid-American
Athletic Department Phone	304-293-5621
Ticket Office Phone	1-800-WVU GAME

TEAM HISTORY

First Year	1961
Seasons	57th Season
All-Time Record	458-381-93 (.541)
NCAA Tournament Appearances (Record)	12 (5-12)
	(1966-68-71-72-73-81-92-2005-06-07-10-11)
Conference Championships	5 (1 Reg, 4 Tourney)
Reg. Season: 2006 (Big East)	
Tournament: 1965, 1966, 1967 (Eastern 8); 1992 (A-10)	
All-Time MAC Record (Since 2012)	12-12-5

COACHES AND STAFF

Head Coach	Marlon LeBlanc (12th season)
Alma Mater	Penn State, '00
Record at WVU	111-81-31 (.568)
Career Record	115-84-31 (.568)
Assistant Coach	Andy Wright (2nd Season)
Alma Mater	West Virginia ('08)
Assistant Coach	Scott Bowers (4th season)
Alma Mater	Salisbury, '00
Strength Coach	Tanner Kolb
Athletic Trainer	Simon Gomez

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning/Lost	13/10
Starters Returning/Lost	9/2
Newcomers	12
2016 Record (MAC)	8-7-1 (1-4)

DICK DLESK SOCCER STADIUM

Capacity	1,650
First Season	2004
Men's All-Time Record	88-32-18 (.713)
Playing Surface	Natural Grass
Largest Crowd	2,938 (9/4/09 vs. UCSB)

FOLLOWING THE MOUNTAINEERS

Website	WVUsports.com
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MEDIA INFORMATION

INTERVIEWS & CREDENTIALS

Members of the media wishing to interview a student-athlete or member of the coaching staff or obtain a credential for home matches should contact West Virginia men's soccer SID 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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STATISTICAL COMPARISON

(NCAA/Conference Rankings in parentheses)

Overall Record	6-3-3	9-1-2
Home / Road	2-1-3 / 4-2	4-0-4 / 5-1-1
Versus Top 25	0-1-0	4-1-1
NSCAA National Rank	NR	6
NSCAA Region Rank	8	3
W-L-T Percentage	0.625 (57/3)	0.833 (7/3)
Total Goals	16 (84/3)	17 (67/5)
Total Assists	17 (57/3)	22 (16/2)
Total Points	49 (73/2)	56 (45/4)
Scoring Offense	1.33 (101/5)	1.42 (84/5)
Shots Per Game	11.33 (122/3)	9.67 (172/8)
Shots on Goal Per Game	3.50 (190/6)	4.50 (136/5)
Saves Per Game	3.83 (163/5)	3.00 (148/6)
Save Percentage	.680 (169/5)	.837 (11/2)
Team Goals Against Avg.	1.261 (106/5)	0.558 (9/3)
Shutout Percentage	0.50 (22/3)	0.67 (5/2)
Shutouts	6	8
Goals Allowed	16	7

WVU IN THE NATIONAL RANKINGS

Players in the top 50 nationally or top 5 in the MAC

Statistic	Player	Total	NCAA	MAC
Game-Winning Goals	Jad Arslan	3	12	1
Total Goals	Jad Arslan	4	128	2
	Albert Andres-Llop	4	128	2
Shutouts	Stephen Banick	5	22	3
Total Saves	Stephen Banick	28	142	3
Total Assists	Jorge Quintanilla	4	69	4
	Seb. Garcia-Herreros	4	69	4
Assists Per Game	Jorge Quintanilla	0.36	95	4
	Seb. Garcia-Herreros	0.33	123	5
Save Pct.	Stephen Banick	.718	127	4
Shots Per Game	Jad Arslan	2.42	137	4
Goals-Against Avg.	Stephen Banick	1.071	78	5
Goalie Min. Played	Stephen Banick	924:32	116	5

AWARDS BREAKDOWN

TEAM

- United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award

JAD ARSLAN

- Top Drawer Soccer Men's HM Team of the Week (Sept. 5)
- Mid-American Conference Player of the Week (Aug. 29)
- Top Drawer Soccer Men's Team of the Week (Aug. 29)
- WVU Student-Athlete of the Week (Aug. 28)

JORGE QUINTANILLA

- @NCAASoccer Men's Player of the Week (Sept. 6)
- Top Drawer Soccer Men's Team of the Week (Sept. 5)

ALBERT ANDRES-LLOP

- Mid-American Conference Player of the Week (Sept. 19)

IN THE RANKINGS

Week	Coaches Nat'l/Reg'l	Soccer America	College Soccer News	Top Drawer Soccer
Preseason	NR	NR	NR	NR
1 - 8/29	19/1	NR	RV	NR
2 - 9/5	14/1	NR	19	23
3 - 9/12	RV/4	25	19	24
4 - 9/19	RV/6	NR	RV	NR
5 - 9/26	RV/5	NR	30	NR
6 - 10/3	NR/8	NR	NR	NR
7 - 10/10		**NR**	**NR**	**NR**

SCOUTING MICHIGAN STATE

Fifth-ranked Michigan State comes to Morgantown with a 9-1-2 record and a 5-1-1 mark away from home. MSU played six straight games against ranked teams, going 4-1-1 during the stretch before a 1-1 draw at Wisconsin on Saturday. Against common opponents, the Spartans are 3-1, with wins over MAC foes SIUE, Bowling Green and Western Michigan and a loss at Akron.

Damon Rensing is in his ninth season at the helm of the Spartans. He is 99-59-24 and has guided Michigan State to six NCAA Tournaments, including 2016. Rensing and MSU also won the Big Ten Tournament title in 2012.

DeJuan Jones leads the team with six goals and 14 points, while Connor Corrigan's six assists is a team best. In goal, Jimmy Hague has played all 1,130 minutes and has allowed just seven goals for a 0.56 goals-against average He has made 35 saves for a .833 save percentage and has eight shutouts.

SERIES HISTORY VS. THE SPARTANS

West Virginia and Michigan State have met once before, in 2015, a 1-0 overtime win in East Lansing, Michigan, for MSU. A penalty kick in the 96th minute was the game-winner for the No. 22-ranked Spartans after a combined 11 saves were made by both teams. WVU had five shots on goal and MSU had seven.

DATE	SITE	RESULT	SCORE
9/7/2015	Away	L	1-0 (OT)

UP NEXT: AT BOWLING GREEN

Mid-American Conference play continues this weekend when WVU travels to Bowling Green on Saturday, Oct. 14. Kickoff at Cochrane Stadium in Bowling Green, Ohio, is set for 7 p.m. ET.

LAST TIME OUT: MAC-OPENING DRAW

Oct. 7: WVU 1, NIU 1 (2 OT)

West Virginia opened Mid-American Conference play with a 1-1 double-overtime draw against Northern Illinois on Oct. 7. Junior Rushawn Larmond scored in the 38th minute, answering NIU's tally 11 minutes earlier.

Larmond's goal, his first of the season, came at 37:21. It began with sophomore Sebastian Garcia-Herreros and senior Louis Thomas. Garcia-Herreros crossed the ball in to Larmond, who converted from six yards out to tie the match at 1-1.

The Huskies took a 1-0 lead at 26:36 on a play off a corner kick that bounced off a WVU defender and in.

The Mountaineers recorded 18 shots, with three coming on goal, while the Huskies had six shots, two on goal. Senior Jad Arslan led the team with six shots, one on goal, while Larmond had two shots, both on goal. Freshman Steven Tekesky, making his first career start, made one save.

ANDRES-LLOP EARNS MAC AWARD

After scoring the game-tying and game-winning goals on Sept. 16, sophomore Albert Andres-Llop was named the Mid-American Conference Player of the Week on Sept. 19. The Vila-Real, Castellon, Spain, native earned his first career Player of the Week accolade. It is the second MAC honor of the season for the Mountaineers, after senior Jad Arslan was recognized on Aug. 29.

Andres-Llop scored three of WVU's four goals in two games from Sept. 11-17 and had an assist on the team's fourth goal, propelled the Mountaineers to a 3-2 overtime win at George Mason on Sept. 16.

After assisting on the first goal in the 18th minute, Andres-Llop tied the game at 2-2 with 99 seconds left in the match. Just 97 seconds into overtime, he scored the game-winner off a free kick. Andres-Llop also scored the Mountaineers' lone goal in a 3-1 loss at UMBC on Wednesday.

RECORD BREAKDOWN

	OVERALL	MAC
Overall	6-3-3	0-0-1
Home	2-1-3	0-0-1
Road	4-2-0	0-0-0
Neutral	0-0-0	0-0-0
Day Games	2-1-1	0-0-0
Night Games	4-2-2	0-0-1
Games Following a Victory	4-1-1	0-0-0
Games Following a Loss	1-1-1	0-0-0
Games Following a Tie	0-1-1	0-0-0
Playing in Overtime	1-0-3	0-0-1
Playing in Double Overtime	0-0-3	0-0-1
Playing Ranked Opponents	0-1-0	0-0-0
Playing Unranked Opponents	6-2-3	0-0-1
In One-Goal Games	3-0-0	0-0-0
WVU Scores First	5-0-0	0-0-0
Opponent Scores First	1-3-1	0-0-1
Leading at Halftime	4-0-0	0-0-0
Trailing at Halftime	0-3-0	0-0-0
Tied at Halftime	2-0-3	0-0-1
Playing Televised Games	0-0-0	0-0-0
Playing in the Rain	0-0-0	0-0-0
Scoring 1-2 goals	3-1-1	0-0-1
Scoring Three Goals or More	3-0-0	0-0-0
Wearing White Jerseys	3-1-3	0-0-1
Wearing Blue Jerseys	1-2-0	0-0-0
Wearing Gold Jerseys	2-0-0	0-0-0
August	2-0-0	0-0-0
September	4-2-2	0-0-0
October	0-1-1	0-0-1
November	0-0-0	0-0-0
Monday	0-0-1	0-0-0
Tuesday	1-1-0	0-0-0
Wednesday	0-1-0	0-0-0
Friday	2-0-0	0-0-0
Saturday	2-0-2	0-0-1
Sunday	1-1-0	0-0-0

WVU SCORING BREAKDOWN

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

WVU W-L-T BREAKDOWN

	WINS (6)	LOSSES (3)	TIES (3)
Goals	14 (2.33)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.3)
Assists	16 (2.66)	0 (0.0)	2 (0.6)
Shots	55 (9.16)	33 (11.0)	48 (16.0)
Shots on goal	25 (4.16)	8 (2.6)	9 (3.0)
Corner kicks	15 (2.50)	14 (4.6)	25 (8.3)
Saves	22 (3.66)	6 (2.0)	6 (2.0)
Fouls	69 (11.50)	25 (8.3)	21 (7.0)
Yellow/Red Cards	7/0	4/0	2/0
Allowed 0-1 goals	5	0	3
Allowed 2+ goals	1	3	0

WVU GAME WINNERS BY PERIOD

First Half	4
Second Half	1
First Overtime	1
Second Overtime	0

TWO GOALS GIVE ARSLAN MAC HONOR

Senior Jad Arslan was named the Mid-American Conference Player of the Week on Aug. 29 after two game-winning goals propelled WVU to a 2-0 start to the season last weekend in California. It is Arslan's third MAC Player of the Week accolade of his career.

On the season-opening weekend, Arslan led the country with two game-winning goals and led the MAC with 1.00 goals per game and two total goals. He was second in the conference with four points and third with 2.00 points per game. Arslan also led the Mountaineers with three shots, two on goal. The Roswell, Georgia, native has 13 career goals and five game-winning tallies.

In addition to earning MAC honors, Arslan was named to the TopDrawerSoccer.com Men's Team of the Week for the second time in his career and is this week's WVU Student-Athlete of the Week.

TWO OR MORE = VICTORY

Since Marlon LeBlanc's arrival in 2006, the Mountaineers are 68-9-4 when they have scored at least two goals in a game.

The first loss came to Akron in the second round of the 2010 NCAA tournament, while WVU also fell to Elon in 2012. While West Virginia suffered four defeats in 2014 and three in 2015 when it scored at least two goals, the first in 2014 came to No. 9 UC Irvine, 3-2, two of the seven came in overtime periods and four 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	5-3-0
2016	3-0-0
2017	4-0-0

FACING THE MINIMUM

The West Virginia defense has provided plenty of help to the WVU goalkeepers in Marlon LeBlanc's 12 seasons.

Opponents have averaged fewer than 12.5 shots per game every year of LeBlanc's tenure, and in eight of his first 11 seasons the opposition has averaged fewer than five shots on goal per game.

Last year's defense was especially good. In WVU's win over No. 7 Georgetown on Aug. 28, the Mountaineer defense held the Hoyas to just three shots, none on goal. The following match, WVU held Princeton to just one shot, which was not on goal. It marked the eighth time in program history West Virginia allowed no shots on goal.

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	12.5	5.6
2016	9.7	3.9
2017	10.4	4.2

WVU VOTED SECOND IN MAC POLL

West Virginia was picked to finish second in the Mid-American Conference Preseason Poll, in a vote by the league's head coaches. Defending MAC champion Akron was voted to win the conference, earning 35 total points and five first-place votes. WVU had 21 points and one first-place vote and tied for second with MAC newcomer SIU Edwardsville.

2017 MAC COACHES PRESEASON POLL

	Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1.	Akron (5)	35
2.	**West Virginia (1)**	**21**
2.	SIU Edwardsville	21
4.	Western Michigan	20
4.	Bowling Green	20
6.	Northern Illinois	9

HOMEGROWN TALENT

Two players on the 2017 roster hail from West Virginia and are playing for their home-state team. It is tied for the second-most represented state, along with six other states.

PLAYER	POS.	YEAR	HOMETOWN
Joseph Reece	MF	Jr.	Bridgeport
Tyler Shaffer	D	Fr.	Charleston

SPANNING THE GLOBE

The 2017 WVU men's soccer team features student-athletes from 13 states and five countries outside of the U.S., including two players from England and Trinidad.

STATE	
Missouri	4
Florida	2
Maryland	2
Ohio	2
Pennsylvania	2
Virginia	2
West Virginia	2
Delaware	1
Georgia	1
Iowa	1
Louisiana	1
Michigan	1
Texas	1

COUNTRY	
England	2
Trinidad	2
Germany	1
Japan	1
Spain	1
United States	22

HOME SWEET HOME

In the past eight seasons, the WVU men's soccer team holds a 48-17-6 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	6-4-0
2016	4-4-1
2017	2-1-3

LEBLANC HITS THE CENTURY MARK

Marlon LeBlanc won his 100th match as WVU head coach in West Virginia's 1-0 overtime victory over ETSU on Sept. 9, 2016. In his 12th season at the helm, he owns a 111-81-31 record with the Old Gold and Blue and is the second coach in WVU's 57-year history to eclipse the 100-win mark.

Additionally, with a 3-0 win over Penn State on Oct. 13, 2015, LeBlanc won his 100th career match. A 2000 PSU graduate, LeBlanc was an assistant coach at Penn State from 2001-05 and earned four wins as interim head coach in 2002. His career record is 115-84-31.

PACKING THE HOUSE

A big reason for WVU's success at home is the support of the Mountaineer fans at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium. In nine home games last year, 7,860 fans came to watch the Mountaineers, averaging 873 fans per match, the most since 2011.

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	6,993	10	699
2016	7,860	9	873
2017	4,258	6	710

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.

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.	Maryland	2,019	2016
5.	Binghamton	1,850	2011

MOUNTAINEERS TRAVEL TO SPAIN

West Virginia had an extended spring season thanks to a trip to Spain in May. The 10-day trip to Seville was the program's first overseas tour in LeBlanc's tenure.

Along with playing three games in Spain, the Mountaineers met with Real Betis physical coach Marcos Alvarez and 2010 World Cup Champion Carlos Marchena. The team toured several Spanish stadiums and was immersed in the Spanish culture while bonding as a team.

WVU HONORED FOR ACADEMICS

For the ninth consecutive year, WVU earned the NSCAA Team Academic Award for its team grade point average by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America in 2016. With a 3.04 GPA, the Mountaineers were recognized as one of 315 men's teams to earn a 3.0 GPA or higher during the 2015-16 academic year. WVU was one of 221 schools to have both its men's and women's programs recognized, while a total of 892 teams (315 men, 577 women) were honored.

STREAKING TO A SHUTOUT RECORD

West Virginia recorded seven consecutive shutouts, the longest streak in program history, from Aug. 28-Sept. 24, 2016. The previous record of six was set in 2007, when the squad totaled a team-record 13 shutouts. WVU's shutout streak lasted a school-record 758 minutes.

WVU recorded eight clean sheets in 2016, the most in a single season since the Mountaineers had 10 shutouts in 2009.

Goalkeeper Jose Santos' eight shutouts tied for No. 7 in program history for most shutouts in a season, while it is eighth for most shutouts in a career.

WVU'S HOUSE OF HORRORS

The Mountaineers own a 64-30-13 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
10/28/15	#6 Akron	L, 0-2
10/10/16	#1 Maryland	L, 0-1
10/1/17	#20 Pacific	L, 0-2

UNITED SOCCER COACHES

October 3, 2017

	TEAM	PTS.	W-L-T	PREV.
1	Indiana (22)	596	8-0-2	1
2	Wake Forest	571	10-1-0	2
3	Maryland (1)	547	8-0-3	3
4	North Carolina (1)	524	10-1-0	5
5	Clemson	479	8-2-0	6
6	**Michigan State**	462	8-1-1	4
7	Louisville	445	7-1-2	8
8	Stanford	408	7-2-0	11
9	Notre Dame	392	6-2-1	7
10	Georgetown	385	7-1-1	14
11	Virginia	349	7-1-2	10
12	**Western Michigan**	320	9-1-1	9
13	Air Force	278	8-1-1	18
14	Columbia	237	5-0-2	23
15	Butler	230	7-2-0	22
16	UNC Wilmington	211	7-2-0	15
17	FIU	173	5-0-2	RV
18	**Pacific**	162	8-2-0	RV
19	Duke	148	7-2-1	19
20	Kentucky	139	5-2-2	13
21	New Hampshire	130	5-1-2	12
22	Washington	121	8-2-0	17
23	Seattle	84	7-2-0	RV
24	**Cal**	72	7-2-0	NR
25	SMU	63	7-2-0	RV

Receiving Votes: Akron (54), Ohio State (48), Rider (34), Michigan (31), Old Dominion (28), Dartmouth (19), New Mexico (16), Creighton (10), Army (9), Syracuse (8), Virginia Tech (5), Nebraska-Omaha (5), Fairleigh Dickinson (4), Gonzaga (2), **UMBC** (1)

SOCCER AMERICA

October 10, 2017

	TEAM	W-L-T	PREV.
1.	Indiana	(10-0-2)	1
2.	Maryland	(9-0-3)	2
3.	Wake Forest	(11-1-0)	3
4.	North Carolina	(11-2-0)	4
5.	Stanford	(9-2-0)	6
6.	Virginia	(8-1-2)	7
7.	Notre Dame	(8-2-1)	8
8.	Louisville	(8-1-2)	9
9.	Georgetown	(8-1-1)	10
10.	Clemson	(8-3-0)	5
11.	Duke	(9-2-1)	15
12.	**Michigan State**	(9-1-2)	14
13.	**Western Michigan**	(10-2-1)	21
14.	UNC Wilmington	(9-2-0)	20
15.	Old Dominion	(7-1-2)	17
16.	Butler	(7-3-0)	11
17.	**Akron**	(6-3-1)	13
18.	**UMBC**	(6-2-3)	16
19.	Air Force	(9-1-1)	23
20.	FIU	(6-0-3)	24
21.	**Pacific**	(8-3-0)	12
22.	Ohio State	(7-3-1)	18
23.	SMU	(8-2-0)	NR
24.	Columbia	(6-1-2)	19
25.	New Hampshire	(7-1-3)	NR

WVU Opponents Listed in **Bold**

COLLEGE SOCCER NEWS

October 9, 2017

	TEAM	W-L-T	PREV.
1	Wake Forest	11-1-0	1
2	Indiana	10-0-2	2
3	Maryland	9-0-3	3
4	North Carolina	11-2-0	4
5	**Michigan State**	9-1-2	5
6	Louisville	8-1-2	7
7	Stanford	9-2-0	8
8	Virginia	8-1-2	9
9	Georgetown	8-1-1	10
10	Notre Dame	8-2-1	11
11	Clemson	8-3-0	6
12	UNC Wilmington	9-2-0	14
13	**Western Michigan**	10-2-1	13
14	Duke	9-2-1	15
15	Washington	9-3-0	12
16	Air Force	9-1-1	21
17	SMU	8-2-0	26
18	Seattle	9-2-1	18
19	Old Dominion	7-1-2	28
20	Butler	7-3-0	16
21	**Akron**	6-3-1	17
22	Kentucky	7-2-2	25
23	FIU	6-0-3	30
24	California	7-3-0	20
25	New Hampshire	7-1-3	23
26	**Pacific**	8-3-0	19
27	Columbia	6-1-2	22
28	Ohio State	7-3-1	27
29	Michigan	7-3-2	29
30	Rider	8-2-0	RV

Receiving Votes: Omaha, Albany, Seattle, Wisconsin, UConn, Dartmouth, Creighton, New Mexico, **UMBC**, FGCU, Missouri State, Portland

TOP DRAWER SOCCER

October 9, 2017

	TEAM	W-L-T	CONF.
1.	Indiana	10-0-2	3-0-2
2.	Maryland	9-0-3	4-0-2
3.	Wake Forest	11-1-0	5-0-0
4.	North Carolina	11-2-0	4-1-0
5.	Virginia	8-1-2	2-1-2
6.	Louisville	8-1-2	4-1-0
7.	Notre Dame	8-2-1	3-1-1
8.	**Western Michigan**	10-2-1	1-0-0
9.	Georgetown	8-1-1	3-1-0
10.	**Michigan State**	9-1-2	3-0-2
11.	Duke	9-2-1	3-2-0
12.	**Akron**	6-3-1	0-1-0
13.	Clemson	8-3-0	2-3-0
14.	Air Force	9-1-1	3-0-0
17.	Stanford	9-2-0	3-0-0
18.	Columbia	6-1-2	2-0-0
19.	Ohio State	7-3-1	3-2-0
20.	Butler	7-3-0	3-1-0
21.	UNC Wilmington	9-2-0	4-0-0
22.	FIU	6-0-3	3-0-1
23.	New Hampshire	7-1-3	1-1-0
24.	Old Dominion	7-1-2	4-0-0
25.	Kentucky	7-2-2	4-1-0

2017 MATCH RECAPS

RANKED DEFEAT
Oct. 1: No. 20 Pacific 2, WVU 0
Playing its first ranked team of the season, West Virginia University lost to No. 20 Pacific, 2-0 on Oct. 1. The Mountaineers held the 20th-ranked Tigers to four shots, two on goal. WVU recorded 12 shots, four on goal.

Junior Rushawn Larmond came off the bench and led West Virginia with three shots, two coming on goal, while junior Logan Lucas had two shots. Tariq Branche scored both goals for Pacific, in the 12th and 70th minutes. Tiger keeper Curtis Goldsmith countered with four saves.

WIN STREAK ENDS IN PITTSBURGH
Sept. 26: Pitt 7, WVU 0
West Virginia saw its three-game win streak come to a close on Sept. 26 with a 7-0 loss at Pitt. It was WVU's fifth game in the last 14 days, four of them coming on the road.

In the first game in the Backyard Brawl rivalry since 2011, the loss snapped a 10-game unbeaten streak against the Panthers. WVU leads the all-time series, 33-10-5.

West Virginia had 13 shots, three on goal, led by senior Jad Arslan, who had three shots, one on goal. Junior goalkeeper Stephen Banick played the first half and made three saves and allowed four goals. Pitt, which had 13 shots, 11 on goal, scored four goals in the first half and added a fifth in the opening minute of the second half.

90TH-MINUTE WIN
Sept. 23: WVU 1, Dayton 0
Sophomore Ryan Kellogg scored the game's only goal in the 90th minute to send West Virginia to a 1-0 win over Dayton on Sept. 23 in front of 1,008 fans at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium.

Kellogg's goal, the first of his career, came with 28 seconds remaining in the match as the Mountaineers won their third in a row. After getting out-shot 10-9, and allowing Dayton to have three shots on goal, Kellogg's goal was the lone shot on goal in the match for WVU.

The game-winner began with a free kick from midfield by junior goalkeeper Stephen Banick. Inside the box, the Dayton defense headed it out, right to Kellogg. The ball bounced off Kellogg's chest, he dribbled once, and at 89:32 from the edge of the box sent a ball in that weaved around the defense and found the back of the net.

Banick stopped three Dayton shots to turn in his sixth clean sheet of the season. Along with his goal, Kellogg led the Mountaineers with three shots in the contest. Senior Jad Arslan had two.

ROAD TRIP ENDS WITH WIN IN D.C.
Sept. 19: WVU 3, American 0
Three different players scored goals as West Virginia beat American, 3-0 on Sept. 19, in Washington D.C. The Mountaineers scored twice in less than three minutes in the first half and never looked back.

Freshman Tom Shepherd and sophomore Lucca Barbaris scored their first career goals, while sophomore Albert Andres-Llop netted his fourth of the season, all coming in the last three games.

The defense held the Eagles to eight shots, four on goal, as junior goalkeeper Stephen Banick made two saves in 65 minutes. Senior Jose Santos came in with the Mountaineers ahead 3-0, and also had two saves in the final 25 minutes to preserve West Virginia's fifth shutout of the season.

In the final match of a season-long three game roadtrip, WVU had 13 shots, nine on goal. Senior Jad Arslan, who had an assist, led the team with three shots, while junior Jorge Quintanilla had a team-best two shots on goal. Andres-Llop led the team with three points, recording a goal and an assist.

ANDRES-LLOP FUELS OT WIN
Sept. 16: #19 WVU 3, George Mason 2 (OT)
Sophomore Albert Andres-Llop scored two goals, including the game-winner in overtime, to lead West Virginia to a 3-2 comeback victory at George Mason on Sept. 16.

Andres-Llop tied the game at 2-2 with 99 seconds remaining in the match before scoring the game-winner 97 seconds into overtime. The golden goal came at 91:37 on a free kick into the bottom left corner of the net.

The Mountaineers tied the match twice, in the 18th minute and again in the 89th before winning it in overtime. The Patriots took an early 1-0 lead in the ninth minute and regained a 2-1 lead in the 79th minute.

Senior Louis Thomas and sophomore Sebastian Garcia-Herreros earned assists on WVU's second goal. The Mountaineers' first goal came at 17:15, courtesy of sophomore Pascal Derwaritsch. It was Andres-Llop who earned the assist.

WVU SUFFERS SEASON'S FIRST LOSS
Sept. 13: UMBC 3, #19 WVU 1
West Virginia suffered its first loss of the season with a 3-1 defeat at UMBC on Sept. 13. The Mountaineers saw their season-opening unbeaten streak snapped at five games. WVU had given up one goal in its first five games, on a penalty kick, before the Retrievers scored three times.

West Virginia had eight shots, six coming in the second half. UMBC had 18 shots, with 12 coming in the first half. Junior keeper Stephen Banick made two saves, the first coming in the opening minutes of the match.

After UMBC took a 2-0 lead in the first half, sophomore Albert Andres-Llop scored his first goal of the season for the Mountaineers in the 72nd minute on a free kick. However, UMBC answered three minutes later to make it 3-1. Andres-Llop led the team with three shots.

HOMESTAND ENDS WITH TIE TO UCF
Sept. 9: #14 WVU 0, UCF 0 (2 OT)
For the second consecutive match, No. 14 West Virginia played to a 0-0 draw, tying UCF on Sept. 9 at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium. The Mountaineers remained unbeaten on the season and earned their fourth shutout of the year.

WVU out-shot UCF 16-9, and both teams had three shots on goal. Nine of the Mountaineers' 16 shots came in the second period, and WVU out-shot UCF 5-2 in overtime. The Knights held a 4-2 edge in shots in the first 45 minutes. The visiting side had 17 fouls to West Virginia's four, and UCF added four yellow cards and a red to the goalkeeper, in the 68th minute.

Junior Stephen Banick recorded three saves. For UCF, Yannik Oettl notched two saves before earning his second yellow card in the 68th minute. As WVU played the final 43 minutes with the man advantage, Matt Rosenberg made one save.

LABOR DAY DRAW
Sept. 4: #19 WVU 0, Monmouth 0 (2 OT)
No. 19 West Virginia played to its first draw of the season, 0-0 against Monmouth on Sept. 4 at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium. With the tie, the Mountaineers extended their season-opening unbeaten streak to four matches, while their win streak was snapped at three games.

WVU had 14 shots, three on goal, while the Hawks recorded seven shots, two on goal. Junior goalkeeper Stephen Banick made two saves while notching his third clean sheet of the season. MU's Bobby Edwards made three saves in the tie.

Junior Jorge Quintanilla led the team with four shots, one on goal. Junior Rushawn Larmond led WVU with two shots on goal, and he was one of four Mountaineers with two shots.

HOME SLATE BEGINS WITH WIN
Sept. 1: #19 WVU 4, Wright State 1
Senior Jad Arslan scored twice as No. 19 West Virginia beat Wright State 4-1 on Sept. 1 at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium.

In their home opener, the Mountaineers were again led by Arslan, who has scored four goals to open his senior season, including the game-winner in all three games. Sophomores Pascal Derwaritsch and Sebastian Garcia-Herreros also scored in the win, both being the first goals in their WVU careers, and junior Jorge Quintanilla registered a career-best three assists.

The lone goal for the Raiders came on a penalty kick in the 21st minute. Junior goalkeeper Stephen Banick made three saves and has allowed just one goal in his first three career games as a Mountaineer.

2017 OPENS WITH CALIFORNIA SWEEP
Aug. 25: WVU 1, Cal 0
Aug. 27: WVU 2, Santa Clara 0
The Mountaineers opened the season with a pair of wins in California last weekend. WVU began the year with a 1-0 win at California on Aug. 25 before a 2-0 victory at Santa Clara on Sunday night. Senior Jad Arslan scored the game-winning goal in both matches, giving him 13 career goals and five game-winners. Freshman Jorge Quintanilla scored his first career goal on Sunday after earning his first career assist on Friday. Junior goalkeeper Stephen Banick made his career debut and made four saves in both matches to earn a pair of shutouts.

WVU opened the season with a 2-0 record for the first time since 2014. Freshman Brendan Hogan earned an assist on both goals Sunday, the first assists of his career, while junior Rushawn Larmond and sophomore Sebastian Garcia-Herreros also notched assists in California. WVU's games at Cal and Santa Clara marked the first time in program history the Mountaineers played either team.

SCHEDULE BREAKDOWN
The 2017 schedule features 17 regular-season contests, with 10 coming at the friendly confines of Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium.

"Every year we look to challenge our team with a regular-season schedule that pushes us," LeBlanc said. "We've got a great schedule in 2017 that accomplishes that task. With nine returning starters from last year's team, we believe this group is ready for the challenge ahead."

Three of WVU's four Mid-American Conference contests will be played at home, including perennial national championship contender Akron, the 12-time defending league champion. The home slate is also highlighted by a matchup against Big Ten foe Michigan State, one of four teams on this year's schedule that made the NCAA Tournament in 2016.

On the road, the Backyard Brawl resumes in Pittsburgh, when WVU will face rival Pitt for the first time since 2011. The Mountaineers open the year with a trip to California, and also travel to Baltimore and Washington, D.C., along with a match at MAC-newcomer SIU Edwardsville, an NCAA Tournament team a season ago.

SEASON PREVIEW

The West Virginia University men's soccer team is taking it one day at a time in 2017.

That's the mantra the Mountaineers have coming off an 8-7-1 season in 2016. WVU blazed out to a 6-1-1 start, but a slow finish resulted in the Mountaineers being one of the first teams left out of the NCAA Tournament. The team's goal is to look at things day by day, one day at a time, without getting ahead of itself, focusing on the big picture.

Coach Marlon LeBlanc, in his 12th season in Morgantown, has seen his squad finish agonizingly close to an NCAA Tournament berth in three of the past four years. That's the source of this year's theme, which began with spring practice and continued through a trip to Spain in May.

"The idea of just taking things day by day is really a reflection on the way things really worked out for us last year," LeBlanc said. "We got out to such a hot start at 6-1-1 and hadn't given up a goal in seven games on the trot. I think everybody was really feeling pretty good, and then a whole bunch of things started to happen.

"Looking into the spring, and building towards Spain, we talked about getting there day by day, and we really kept that same mantra heading into the fall. Even through preseason, it was just about day by day getting to Cal and then Santa Clara. The idea for us is, as much as you have to look at the big picture, you have to look at things day by day before you can look at the big picture. We saw how quickly a season can turn last year, and I think this group wants to make sure we get out to a good start again but that we're able to continue that throughout the season."

West Virginia returns nine starters from last year's squad, which was nationally ranked for six consecutive weeks and recorded a school-record seven consecutive shutouts that totaled a program-best 758 consecutive minutes.

The roster features six seniors, four juniors, eight sophomores and 11 freshmen. It includes three goalkeepers, nine defenders, 12 midfielders and five forwards.

Leading the charge will be six seniors: midfielders Jad Arslan, Heath Honold and Joey Piatczyc, defenders Steven James and Louis Thomas and goalkeeper Jose Santos.

All six played in every match last season. James, Piatczyc and Santos started all 16 games, while Arslan and Thomas made 15 starts. They bring valuable leadership and experience both on and off the field that will be key to WVU's success.

"These guys have all played a lot of games," LeBlanc said of his senior class. "That in-game experience goes a long way in terms of lessening the burden on some of your younger players. I also think you look at the standards that we've set and we've been so close. We've been a bubble team. The standards that we've set for ourselves and coming up just a smidge short, so close that you could taste it, that I think it's also lit a fire under this senior group. This group has that fire and has that pain of being so close. Having that pain is going to drive them and it's going to pull others with them."

While Piatczyc will miss the 2017 season due to a knee injury sustained prior to the start of preseason training, he will continue to provide leadership off the field.

Along with an experienced group of veterans, the 29-man roster includes 12 newcomers, many of whom are expected to make an early impact.

"We have some guys who might fly under the radar, but I think that with some of these young guys they're not going to fly under the radar very long," LeBlanc said. We've added some pretty good quality that was needed to this team, we've got some creativity, we've got an element that was missing to our team a year ago and some game changes that we really haven't had, in the final third, for quite some time."

The newcomers join a core of returning players that had an extended spring season thanks to a trip to Spain in May. The 10-day trip to Seville was the program's first overseas tour in LeBlanc's tenure.

Along with playing three games in Spain, the Mountaineers met with Real Betis physical coach Marcos Alvarez and 2010 World Cup Champion Carlos Marchena. The team toured several Spanish stadiums and was immersed in the Spanish culture while bonding as a team.

The trip gave the Mountaineers an opportunity to continue to grow before the start of the 2017 season, which has paid off in preseason training.

"There's going to be a renewed energy and excitement about our play in the final third that was missing a year ago," LeBlanc added. "Defensively, I think we're going to be rock-solid like we were a year ago. I like the ingredients between the experience and the newcomers. I think time will tell, obviously, how good we can be, but I'm very much encouraged by what I have seen so far through preseason."

FORWARDS

The forwards are led by junior Rushawn Larmond, the lone returner at the position. Larmond played in 15 matches as a sophomore with six starts. He had a goal and an assist with nine shots, three on goal.

Larmond will be joined by freshmen Tom Shepherd, Brendan Hogan, Spenser Myers and Tsubasa Takada.

"We have a number of choices here," LeBlanc said. "Rushawn Larmond is back for his junior year and Tom Shepherd, who's a Knutsford Academy product, is going to play in that No. 9 position as well. Brendan Hogan, who's a gap-year freshman we love, is going to get some time in there. Jad Arslan can play up for us, and has in the past. So, we can play out of a 2-3 striker system; we can play with a solo back to goal. We've got some good intangibles there, and I think we've got some good options to play at forward for us and, hopefully, see some production out of it as well."

MIDFIELDERS

Despite the loss of Piatczyc to injury prior to the start of preseason practice, midfield is one of WVU's strongest positions in 2017.

Arslan is back for his final season after scoring a team-high-tying four goals as a junior and finishing second on the team with nine points. Sophomores Logan Lucas and Ryan Kellogg played in all 16 matches last year, with Lucas making 15 starts and recording a goal and an assist. Sebastian Garcia-Herreros played in 15 games with 13 starts as a freshman and had a team-high-tying four assists.

The newcomers at midfield include Jorge Quintanilla, a junior transfer from Louisburg College. Quintanilla won a national championship at Louisburg with current WVU senior defender Steven James.

"The midfield took a little bit of a hit losing Joey Piatczyc, our all-everything midfielder, our maestro," LeBlanc said. "Despite losing Joey, we've got a good group in there. Jorge's a classic No. 10 who can carve you up and down the park, and it's nice to have a kid who can pull the strings the way he can. We have a freshman, Tsubasa Takada, who is going to excite and energize our crowd. He's a fantastic young player. Lucca Barbaris and Ethan Shim are back in our midfield. Spenser Myers comes in and scores a goal against Charleston in the exhibition match in our midfield. We have unbelievable choices we can rotate into different roles and play different spots. Andrew Rullow is a U-20 international player from Trinidad."

Barbaris played in 14 matches for West Virginia last year and had one assist, while Shim made 10 appearances. Rullow comes to WVU after a season at Charleston, where he played in nine games.

"I like the pieces we have," LeBlanc said. "We can change shape; we can attack; we can sit a little deeper and we can do a lot of things with our midfield. I think that's one of our strongest areas in our 2017 squad."

DEFENDERS

Defense was a strength for the Mountaineers last year, featuring seven consecutive clean sheets. WVU held the opposition to 13 goals in 16 games and a 0.78 goals-against average, and more of the same is expected in 2017. Even with the loss of Jack Elliott, who is now excelling for the Philadelphia Union and a strong candidate for Major League Soccer's Rookie of the Year, WVU has depth and experience on the back line.

Seniors Steven James and Louis Thomas return after playing in all 16 matches last year, with 16 and 15 starts, respectively. Add in sophomore Albert Andres-Llop, who started eight matches before getting injured, and Ryan Kellogg, who started six games, and three-fourths of WVU's back line is back.

"Three of the back four that started for us last year are returning," LeBlanc said. "Obviously, Albert missed quite a bit of time at the end of the season, but he's back healthy and was healthy all spring. Louis Thomas, a senior captain, returns at right back. Steven James, another senior captain at the center-back position, and we've got a bevy of guys who can take Jack's place in the center-back position."

The newcomers on the back line are headlined by Pascal Derwaritsch, a transfer from Saint Leo who joined the Mountaineers in January. Kevin Morris and Rayan Bahri will add depth to the position.

"Pascal was with us all spring and got to a depth of the system," LeBlanc said. "So, he's the leader in there. Kevin Morris, a freshman, has looked unbelievably prepared to step in and do the job in that role as well.

"We feel really good about our back line today and in the future," LeBlanc added. "Ryan Kellogg has the ability to play at right and left back, which he did for us last season when Albert got injured. So, we've got lots of depth in the back and in goal. I feel good about our defense and, even though there are two seniors in that back line, we've got our future pretty much set and in good hands moving forward there as well."

GOALKEEPERS

There is stiff competition at the goalkeeping position. Senior Jose Santos, who played every minute in his first season in 2016, returns, along with junior Stephen Banick and freshman Steven Tekesky.

In 1,492.42 minutes last year, Santos posted eight shutouts, seventh-most in school history. He helped lead WVU to a school-record seven consecutive shutouts, lasting a program-record 758 minutes. Santos made 49 saves with a .790 save percentage while allowing 13 goals.

Banick transferred to WVU from Wingate before the 2015 season, but has redshirted the last two years due to injuries. Banick, who is healthy this season, saw playing time this past spring, including during WVU's trip to Spain.

Tekesky comes to WVU from Raymore, Missouri, and helped Raymore-Peculiar High win the state championship in 2013 and '14. He also played for Sporting Kansas City Academy, where he was the captain of the U-18 Academy Team in 2015-16 and 16-17.

"The competition is a little stiffer than I probably imagined it was going to be, and that's not a bad thing, but competition in that spot has caused us a problem and it's a good problem," LeBlanc said. "Obviously, Jose Santos is the incumbent at that position. Stephen Banick has come on unbelievably strong and is certainly challenging for that starting job. Steven Tekesky really impressed everybody in our exhibitions, not just with what he did saving the ball but what he did with his distribution of the ball, his kicking, his play under pressure, which you'll see with our style, is really what the bulk of our goalkeepers do playing with their feet.

"We have a really good competition in there for the goalkeeping position. The three of them have caused the coaching staff some good problems to have."

OVERALL TEAM STATISTICS

##	Player	gp-gs	min	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sog	sog%	yc	rc	gwg	pk-att	cnr
3	Albert Andres-Llop	11-11	598	4	2	10	11	.364	5	.455	0	0	1	0-0	2
10	Jad Arslan	12-12	1052	4	1	9	29	.138	7	.241	3	0	3	0-1	47
8	Jorge Quintanilla	11-11	694	1	4	6	18	.056	9	.500	0	0	0	0-0	0
7	Sebastian Garcia-Her	12-11	1024	1	4	6	5	.200	3	.600	2	0	0	0-0	0
25	Pascal Derwaritsch	12-12	1142	2	0	4	5	.400	3	.600	0	0	0	0-0	0
11	Rushawn Larmond	10-5	511	1	2	4	10	.100	6	.600	1	0	0	0-0	0
4	Ryan Kellogg	12-12	1073	1	0	2	7	.143	2	.286	1	0	1	0-0	0
9	Tom Shepherd	9-3	200	1	0	2	6	.167	1	.167	0	0	1	0-0	0
19	Lucca Barbaris	12-1	335	1	0	2	4	.250	1	.250	1	0	0	0-0	1
24	Brendan Hogan	11-2	289	0	2	2	2	.000	2	1.000	0	0	0	0-0	0
2	Louis Thomas	12-12	1106	0	2	2	1	.000	0	.000	2	0	0	0-0	0
22	Spenser Myers	7-0	143	0	1	1	2	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	2
6	Logan Lucas	11-11	967	0	0	0	12	.000	0	.000	1	0	0	0-0	0
13	Kevin Morris	12-3	764	0	0	0	11	.000	2	.182	0	0	0	0-0	0
5	Steven James	12-12	1138	0	0	0	8	.000	1	.125	1	0	0	0-0	0
14	Tsubasa Takada	12-2	250	0	0	0	4	.000	0	.000	1	0	0	0-0	0
12	Andrew Rullow	3-0	47	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0
30	Stephen Banick	11-11	925	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0
29	Tyler Shaffer	2-0	31	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0
20	Cade Remy	1-0	11	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	1
18	Steven Tekesky	3-1	167	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0
16	Ethan Shim	3-0	38	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	1	0	0	0-0	0
1	Jose Santos	2-0	50	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0
	Total	12	-	16	18	50	136	.118	42	.309	14	0	6	0-1	-
	Opponents	12	-	16	12	44	125	.128	50	.400	22	5	3	1-1	-

			Goal Average			Saves		Record			
#	Goalie	gp-gs	min	ga	gaavg	saves	pct	w	l	t	sho/cbo
30	Stephen Banick	11-11	924:32	11	1.07	28	.718	6	3	2	5/1
18	Steven Tekesky	3-1	166:40	2	1.08	2	.500	0	0	1	0/0
1	Jose Santos	2-0	50:27	3	5.35	2	.400	0	0	0	0/1
TM	TEAM	-	0:00	0	0.00	2	1.000	0	0	0	1/0
	Total	12	1141:39	16	1.26	34	.680	6	3	3	6
	Opponents	12	1141:39	16	1.26	26	.619	3	6	3	4

Team saves: 2

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	9	6	1	0	16
Opponents	10	6	0	0	16

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	23	29	1	1	54
Opponents	26	27	2	0	55

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	54	67	9	6	136
Opponents	63	59	1	2	125

Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	54	57	1	3	115
Opponents	77	69	6	2	154

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	15	18	1	0	34
Opponents	13	12	1	0	26

Attendance Summary	WVU	Opponent
Total	4258	2808
Dates/Avg Per Date	6/710	6/468
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

MATCH-BY-MATCH STATISTICS

6-3-3 OVERALL • 0-0-1 MAC • 2-1-3 HOME • 4-2-0 AWAY • 0-0-0 NEUTRAL

1-0-3 OVERTIME GAMES • 0-1-0 VS. TOP 25

	G	A	Pts	Sh	Shot%	SOG	SOG%	CK	YC-RC	PK-ATT
August 25, 2017 - Berkeley, California										
West Virginia	1	2	4	3	.333	2	.666	1	1-0	0-0
Cal	0	0	0	14	.000	4	.286	7	0-0	0-0
August 27, 2017 - Santa Clara, California										
West Virginia	2	3	7	4	.500	3	.750	1	3-0	0-0
Santa Clara	0	0	0	18	.000	5	.278	1	4-0	0-0
September 1, 2017 - Morgantown, West Virginia										
Wright State	1	0	2	9	.111	4	.444	6	1-0	1-1
No. 19 West Virginia	4	4	12	16	.250	5	.313	4	1-0	0-0
September 4, 2017 - Morgantown, West Virginia										
Monmouth	0	0	0	7	.000	2	.286	6	0-0	0-0
No. 19 West Virginia	0	0	0	14	.000	3	.214	9	1-0	0-0
September 9, 2017 - Morgantown, West Virginia										
UCF	0	0	0	9	.000	3	.333	5	4-1	0-0
No. 14 West Virginia	0	0	0	16	.000	3	.188	8	0-0	0-1
September 13, 2017 - Baltimore, Maryland										
No. 19 West Virginia	1	0	2	8	.125	1	.125	7	1-0	0-0
UMBC	3	3	9	18	.167	5	.278	7	3-1	0-0
September 16, 2017 - Fairfax, Virginia										
No. 19 West Virginia	3	3	9	10	.300	5	.500	3	1-0	0-0
George Mason	2	1	5	9	.222	5	.556	3	1-0	0-0
September 19, 2017 - Washington D.C.										
West Virginia	3	4	10	13	.231	9	.692	3	0-0	0-0
American	0	0	0	8	.000	4	.500	5	3-0	0-0
September 23, 2017 - Morgantown, West Virginia										
Dayton	0	0	0	10	.000	3	.300	2	2-0	0-0
West Virginia	1	0	2	9	.111	1	.111	3	1-0	0-0
September 26, 2017 - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania										
West Virginia	0	0	0	13	.000	3	.231	3	1-0	0-0
Pitt	7	6	20	13	.538	11	.846	3	2-0	0-0
October 1, 2017 - Morgantown, West Virginia										
No. 20 Pacific	2	2	6	4	.500	2	.500	3	2-1	0-0
West Virginia	0	0	0	12	.000	4	.333	4	3-0	0-0
October 7, 2017 - Morgantown, West Virginia										
Northern Illinois	1	0	2	6	.167	2	.333	7	1-2	0-0
West Virginia	1	2	4	18	.056	3	.167	8	1-0	0-0
October 11, 2017 - Morgantown, West Virginia										
Michigan State										
West Virginia										
October 14, 2017 - Bowling Green, Ohio										
West Virginia										
Bowling Green										
October 20, 2017 - Morgantown, West Virginia										
Western Michigan										
West Virginia										
October 24, 2017 - Morgantown, West Virginia										
Penn										
West Virginia										
October 27, 2017 - Morgantown, West Virginia										
Akron										
West Virginia										
November 4, 2017 - Edwardsville, Illinois										
West Virginia										
SIUE										

RESULTS BREAKDOWN

Date	Opponent	Result	Site	Atten.	Record	WVU Goals (Assists) - Time
8/25	at Cal	W, 1-0	Edwards Stadium - Berkeley, Calif.	400	1-0-0	Jad Arslan (Rushawn Larmond, Jorge Quintanilla) - 19:06
8/27	at Santa Clara	W, 2-0	Stevens Stadium -Santa Clara, Calif.	392	2-0-0	Jad Arslan (Brendan Hogan) - 8:18 Jorge Quintanilla (Sebastian Garcia-Herreros, Brendan Hogan) - 23:45
9/1	Wright State	W, 4-1	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium	651	3-0-0	Pascal Derwaritsch (Jorge Quintanilla) - 4:53 Jad Arslan (unassisted) - 10:39 Sebastian Garcia-Herreros (Rushawn Larmond, Jorge Quintanilla) - 81:06 Jad Arslan (Jorge Quintanilla) - 86:20
9/4	Monmouth	T, 0-0 (2OT)	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium	733	3-0-1	
9/9	UCF	T, 0-0 (2OT)	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium	582	3-0-2	
9/13	at UMBC	L, 3-1	Retriever Soccer Park - Baltimore	1,004	3-1-2	Albert Andres-Llop (unassisted) - 71:05
9/16	at George Mason	W, 3-2 (OT)	George Mason Stadium - Fairfax, Va.	376	4-1-2	Pascal Derwaritsch (Albert Andres-Llop) - 17:15 Albert Andres-Llop (Sebastian Garcia-Herreros, Louis Thomas) - 88:21 Albert Andres-Llop (unassisted) - 91:37
9/19	at American	W, 3-0	Reeves Field, Washington D.C	180	5-1-2	Tom Shepherd (Albert Andres-Llop) - 20:04 Albert Andres-Llop (Jad Arslan) - 22:28 Lucca Barbaris (Sebastian Garcia-Herreros, Spenser Myers) - 53:14
9/23	Dayton	W, 1-0	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium	1,008	6-1-2	Ryan Kellogg (unassisted) - 89:32
9/26	at Pitt	L, 7-0	Ambrose Urbanic Field - Pittsburgh	456	6-2-2	
10/1	No. 20 Pacific	L, 2-0	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium	612	6-3-2	
10/7	Northern Illinois *	T, 1-1 (2OT)	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium	672	6-3-3	Rushawn Larmond (Sebastian Garcia-Herreros, Louis Thomas) - 37:21
10/11	No. 5 Michigan State	7 p.m.	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium			
10/14	at Bowling Green	7 p.m.	Cochrane Stadium - Bowling Green, Ohio			
10/20	Western Michigan *	7 p.m.	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium			
10/24	Penn	7 p.m.	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium			
10/27	Akron *	7 p.m.	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium			
11/4	at SIUE *	7 p.m.	Ralph Korte Stadium - Edwardsville, Ill.			

* MAC Match

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	High School / Previous School
3	Albert Andres-Llop	D	5-10	163	So.	Vila-real, Castellon, Spain	IES Francesc Tarrega Vila-real
10	Jad Arslan	MF	5-7	153	Sr.	Roswell, Ga.	Roswell HS
28	Antonio Bachmann	D	5-9	139	R-Fr.	Gainesville, Va.	Highland HS
26	Rayan Bahri	D	6-2	155	Fr.	Chelsea, Mich.	Chelsea HS
30	Stephen Banick	GK	6-1	179	Jr.	Pickerington, Ohio	Pickerington HS North / Wingate
19	Lucca Barbaris	MF	5-8	145	So.	Doral, Fla.	Doral Academy
23	Jake Coale	MF	5-9	155	R-Fr.	Newark, Del.	Newark HS
25	Pascal Derwaritsch	D	6-1	193	So.	Altlussheim, Germany	Privatgymnasium St. Leon Rot / Saint Leo Univ.
7	Sebastian Garcia-Herreros	MF	5-6	127	So.	Southwest Ranches, Fla.	Cypress Bay HS
24	Brendan Hogan	F	6-0	166	R-Fr.	Haymarket, Va.	Battlefield HS
21	Heath Honold	MF	5-10	168	Sr.	Coon Rapins, Iowa	Coon Rapids-Baynard HS / Wake Forest
5	Steven James	D	6-1	179	Sr.	Sussex, England	Heathfield CC / Louisburg College
4	Ryan Kellogg	D	5-11	162	So.	Parkville, Mo.	Park Hill South HS
11	Rushawn Larmond	F	5-11	169	Jr.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Pottsgrove HS
6	Logan Lucas	MF	6-0	172	So.	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Lee's Summit West HS
13	Kevin Morris	D	6-3	170	Fr.	Mt. Airy, Md.	South Carroll HS
22	Spenser Myers	F	5-10	154	Fr.	Chicora, Pa.	Karns Area HS
15	Joey Piatczyc	MF	5-8	158	Sr.	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Lee's Summit HS
8	Jorge Quintanilla	MF	5-6	144	Jr.	Germantown, Md.	Quince Orchard HS / Louisburg College
27	Joseph Reece	MF	5-9	160	Jr.	Bridgeport, W.Va.	Bridgeport HS
20	Cade Remy	MF	5-8	167	Fr.	Johnstown, Ohio	Northridge HS
12	Andrew Rullow	MF	6-2	165	So.	St. James, Trinidad	St. Anthony's College / Charleston
1	Jose Santos	GK	6-2	166	Sr.	Marrero, La.	Archbishop Shaw HS / Tyler CC
29	Tyler Shaffer	D	6-1	174	R-Fr.	Charleston, W.Va.	Capital HS
9	Tom Shepherd	F	6-1	174	Fr.	Cheshire, England	Knutsford Academy
16	Ethan Shim	MF	6-1	168	So.	Maraval, Trinidad	St. Mary's College
14	Tsubasa Takada	F	6-0	154	Fr.	Narashino City, Japan	Municipal HS Funabashi
18	Steven Tekesky	GK	5-10	169	Fr.	Raymore, Mo.	Ray-Pec HS
2	Louis Thomas	D	6-0	165	Sr.	Houston, Texas	Lamar HS

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.
1	Jose Santos	GK
2	Louis Thomas	D
3	Albert Andres-Llop	D
4	Ryan Kellogg	D
5	Steven James	D
6	Logan Lucas	MF
7	Sebastian Garcia-Herreros	D
8	Jorge Quintanilla	MF
9	Tom Shepherd	F
10	Jad Arslan	MF
11	Rushawn Larmond	F
12	Andrew Rullow	MF
13	Kevin Morris	D
14	Tsubasa Takada	F
15	Joey Piatczyc	MF
16	Ethan Shim	MF
18	Steven Tekesky	GK
19	Lucca Barbaris	MF
20	Cade Remy	MF
21	Heath Honold	MF
22	Spenser Myers	F
23	Jake Coale	MF
24	Brendan Hogan	F
25	Pascal Derwaritsch	D
26	Rayan Bahri	D
27	Joseph Reece	MF
28	Antonio Bachmann	D
29	Tyler Shaffer	D
30	Stephen Banick	GK

COACHES AND STAFF

Head Coach: Marlon LeBlanc (12th season)
Assistant Coach: Andy Wright (2nd season)
Assistant Coach: Scott Bowers (4th season)
Strength Coach: Tanner Kolb
Athletic Trainer: Simon Gomez

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Albert Andres-**Llop** . . . . . Lop
Jad **Arslan** . . . . . ARZ-lin
Rayan Bahri . . . . . Ryan Bar-ee
Pascal **Derwaritsch** . . . . . Dav-ar-itch
Sebastian Garcia-**Herreros** . . . . Her-air-ose
Heath **Honold** . . . . . HAHN-old
Rushawn **Larmond** . . . . . LAR-mond
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Andrew **Rullow** . . . . . Ruu-low
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ROSTER BREAKDOWN

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