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2017 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Overall: 8-4-4 • MAC: 0-1-2

Home: 4-2-3 • Road: 4-2-1 • 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	No. 5 Michigan State	W, 1-0
Sat., Oct. 14	at Bowling Green *	T, 1-1 (2 OT)
Fri., Oct. 20	No. 8 Western Michigan *	L, 1-0 (OT)
Tue., Oct. 24	Penn	W, 1-0
Fri., Oct. 27	No. 9 Akron *	6 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	3-0	1.000	13-2-1	0.844	W4
Akron	2-1	0.667	11-3-1	0.767	W5
SIU Edwardsville	2-1	0.667	7-7-1	0.500	W1
WEST VIRGINIA	0-1-2	0.333	8-4-4	0.625	W1
Bowling Green	0-2-1	0.167	6-8-1	0.433	L2
Northern Illinois	0-2-1	0.167	3-9-1	0.269	L2

MATCH 17: NO. 25 WEST VIRGINIA VS. NO. 9 AKRON

Friday, October 27, 2017 | 7 p.m. ET | Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium | Morgantown, West Virginia

FOLLOWING ALONG:

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Live Stats	WVUsports.com/Stats
Tickets	WVUGAME.com
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WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

Record (MAC)	8-4-4 (0-1-2)
United Soccer Coaches Ranking / RPI	NR / 58
Head Coach (Years)	Marlon LeBlanc (12th)
Record at WVU / Career Record	113-82-32 / 117-85-32
All-Time Program Record	460-382-94

WVU LEADERS

Goals	Albert Andres-Llop (5)
Assists	Jorge Quintanilla (5)
Points	Albert Andres-Llop (12)
Shots	Jad Arslan (32)
Shots On Goal	Jorge Quintanilla (10)

AKRON ZIPS

Record (MAC)	11-3-1 (2-1-0)
United Soccer Coaches Ranking / RPI	14 / 14
Head Coach (Years)	Jared Embick (5th)
Record at UA / Career Record	72-22-10 / Same
Series History vs. WVU (Last Meeting)	Akron Leads, 14-3-1 (2016)

AKRON LEADERS

Goals	Nick Hinds (6)
Assists	Skye Harter (5)
Points	Nick Hinds, Sam Gainford (14)
Shots	Joao Moutinho (29)
Shots On Goal	Joao Moutinho (14)

TOP-25 MATCHUP, SENIOR NIGHT CLOSES HOME SLATE

The No. 25 West Virginia University men's soccer team concludes the home portion of the regular season with a top-25 matchup on Senior Night against No. 9 Akron on Friday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. ET, at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium.

The Mid-American Conference contest 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.

As part of Friday's Senior Night festivities, West Virginia will honor its senior class of Jad Arslan, Heath Honold, Steven James, Joey Piatczyc, Joseph Reece, Jose Santos and Louis Thomas prior to the match.

"I feel like we're playing a top-25 team every game these days," WVU coach Marlon LeBlanc said. "They're another good team, an excellent team that, in my opinion, is really hitting their stride right now. We're going to have to be really good to beat them. A year ago, we went out there and found a great result on the road, beating them 3-1, but this is a new year. We won't look back at all, we'll look forward to what we need to do for this game. Akron's an excellent team, it's a top-25 matchup."

The Mountaineers (8-4-4, 0-1-2 MAC) welcome their third top-10 opponent to Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium in the last four home contests. WVU went 1-1 in the first two meetings, with a 1-0 victory over No. 5 Michigan State and a 1-0 loss in overtime to No. 8 Western Michigan. West Virginia is ranked No. 25 in this week's Soccer America Top 25 and is in fourth place in the MAC standings with two points.

The Zips (11-3-1, 2-1-0 MAC) are ranked in the top 15 in all four major polls, coming in as high as No. 9 in this week's TopDrawerSoccer.com poll. Akron is tied for second place in the MAC with six points.

In the national statistical rankings, Arslan's three game-winning goals is No. 28 nationally and second in the MAC. Sophomore Albert Andres-Llop is No. 3 in the MAC with five goals, while junior Jorge Quintanilla is fourth in the conference in both total assists (5) and assists per game (0.33). In goal, junior Stephen Banick is fourth in the league with five shutouts and a .718 save percentage.

As a team, West Virginia's nine shutouts and .563 shutout percentage rank 12th nationally and second in the conference. WVU's nine shutouts are tied for fifth-most in a single season in program history.



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	460-382-94 (.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)	12-13-6

COACHES AND STAFF

Head Coach	Marlon LeBlanc (12th season)
Alma Mater	Penn State, '00
Record at WVU	113-82-32 (.568)
Career Record	117-85-32 (.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	90-33-18 (.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

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RECEIVING INFORMATION

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STATISTICAL COMPARISON

(NCAA/Conference Rankings in parentheses)



Overall Record	8-4-4	11-3-1
Conference Record	0-1-2	2-1-0
Home / Road	4-2-3 / 4-2-1	8-0-0 / 3-3-1
Versus Top 25	1-2-0	5-3-0
Coaches National Rank	NR	14
Coaches Region Rank	8	3
W-L-T Percentage	0.625 (52/3)	.767 (15/2)

Total Goals	18 (117/3)	29 (24/2)
Total Assists	18 (92/4)	32 (11/2)
Total Points	54 (112/4)	90 (15/2)
Scoring Offense	1.13 (143/5)	1.93 (23/2)
Shots Per Game	10.38 (156/5)	13.53 (49/2)
Shots on Goal Per Game	3.19 (199/6)	5.8 (54/2)

Saves Per Game	2.69 (178/5)	2.73 (175/4)
Save Percentage	0.717 (126/5)	0.837 (11/1)
Team Goals Against Avg.	1.002 (55/4)	0.52 (9/1)
Shutout Percentage	0.563 (12/2)	0.467 (26/3)
Shutouts	9	7
Goals Allowed	17	8

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	28	2
Total Goals	Albert Andres-Llop	5	149	3
Shutouts	Stephen Banick	5	44	4
Total Assists	Jorge Quintanilla	5	74	4
Assists Per Game	Jorge Quintanilla	0.33	100	4
Save Pct.	Stephen Banick	.718	124	4
Goals-Against Avg.	Stephen Banick	1.071	74	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/9	NR	NR	NR
8 - 10/17	NR/7	15	NR	NR
9 - 10/24	NR/8	15	NR	NR

SCOUTING AKRON

Akron comes to Morgantown with an 11-3-1 record and has won five in a row and nine of its last 10. The Zips are 3-3-1 on the road but started the season with a pair of top-16 road defeats. UA is 5-3-0 against top-25 opponents, including a 4-1 home win over then-No. 1 Michigan State and most recently a 3-0 win at No. 20 Pitt.

Jared Embick is in his fifth season as head coach of the Zips and owns a 72-22-10 record. Akron has won the MAC regular-season and tournament titles and advanced to the NCAA Tournament in each of Embick's first five seasons.

Nick Hinds leads the team with six goals and joins Sam Gainford with a team-high-tying 14 points. Skye Harter has produced five assists to lead the squad. In goal, Ben Lundt has allowed six goals in 11 matches played for a 0.53 goals-against average. He owns a .838 save percentage, has stopped 31 shots and posted five shutouts.

SERIES HISTORY VS. THE ZIPS

West Virginia is 3-14-1 all-time against Akron, following a 3-1 road win at the No. 22-ranked Zips in 2016. WVU's first win came in 1967, a 4-3 triumph on the road. The Mountaineers also earned a 4-3 victory in 1973 at home. While West Virginia is 1-6 against Akron since joining the MAC in 2012, just two of those contests came in Morgantown, and four of the six defeats have been decided by one goal.

DATE	SITE	RESULT	SCORE
9/24/1966	Home	L	2-4
9/16/1967	Away	W	4-3
11/1/1969	Away	L	0-3
10/31/1970	Home	L	2-5
11/10/1973	Home	W	4-3
9/4/1982	Neutral	T	3-3 (OT)
9/4/1983	Away	L	0-4
9/2/1995	Away	L	0-1
11/23/2005	Away	L	0-5
9/5/2008	Away	L	0-1
11/21/2010	Away	L	2-3
10/20/2012	Away	L	1-2
9/29/2013	Home	L	0-1
11/15/2013	Away	L	0-3
10/17/2014	Away	L	2-3
10/28/2015	Home	L	0-2
11/13/2015	Away	L	2-3
10/22/2016	Away	W	3-1

UP NEXT: REGULAR-SEASON FINALE

The regular season concludes on Saturday, Nov. 4, at MAC-newcomer SIU Edwardsville. Kickoff in Edwardsville, Illinois, is set for 8 p.m. ET.

LAST TIME OUT: NINTH SHUTOUT

Oct. 24: #25 WVU 1, Penn O
Junior Jorge Quintanilla converted on a penalty kick in the 65th minute to lead No. 25 West Virginia to a 1-0 victory over Penn on Oct. 24.

Quintanilla's goal helped the Mountaineers to their ninth shutout of the season, tied for fifth-most in program history. Freshman goalkeeper Steven Tekesky made three saves as WVU had nine of its 10 shots in the second half. The Quakers had six shots, four in the first half.

Quintanilla gave the Mountaineers a 1-0 lead at 64:52. The penalty-kick goal was his second goal of the season and gave him nine points on the year, tied for second-most on the team. In Tuesday night's non-conference victory, he led West Virginia with three shots and had one of WVU's two shots on goal.



RECORD BREAKDOWN

	OVERALL	MAC
Overall	8-4-4	0-1-2
Home	4-2-3	0-1-1
Road	4-2-1	0-0-1
Neutral	0-0-0	0-0-0
Day Games	2-1-1	0-0-0
Night Games	6-3-3	0-1-2
Games Following a Victory	4-1-2	0-0-0
Games Following a Loss	1-1-1	0-0-0
Games Following a Tie	2-2-1	0-1-1
Playing in Overtime	1-1-4	0-1-2
Playing in Double Overtime	0-0-3	0-0-1
Playing Ranked Opponents	1-2-0	0-1-0
Playing Unranked Opponents	7-2-4	0-0-2
In One-Goal Games	5-1-0	0-1-0
WVU Scores First	7-0-0	0-0-0
Opponent Scores First	1-4-1	0-1-1
Leading at Halftime	4-0-0	0-0-0
Trailing at Halftime	0-3-0	0-0-0
Tied at Halftime	4-1-4	0-1-2
Playing Televised Games	0-0-0	0-0-0
Playing in the Rain	1-0-0	0-0-0
Scoring 1-2 goals	5-1-1	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	2-3-1	0-1-1
Wearing Gold Jerseys	3-0-0	0-0-0
August	2-0-0	0-0-0
September	4-2-2	0-0-0
October	2-2-2	0-1-2
November	0-0-0	0-0-0
Monday	0-0-1	0-0-0
Tuesday	2-1-0	0-0-0
Wednesday	1-1-0	0-0-0
Friday	2-1-0	0-1-0
Saturday	2-0-3	0-0-2
Sunday	1-1-0	0-0-0

WVU SCORING BREAKDOWN

1st-15th minute	WVU 3, Opponents 2
16th-30th minute	WVU 5, Opponents 2
31st-45th minute	WVU 1, Opponents 6
46th-60th minute	WVU 2, Opponents 2
61st-75th minute	WVU 2, Opponents 3
76th-90th minute	WVU 4, Opponents 1
First Overtime	WVU 1, Opponents 1
Second Overtime	WVU 0, Opponents 0

WVU W-L-T BREAKDOWN

	WINS (8)	LOSSES (4)	TIES (4)
Goals	16 (2.00)	1 (0.25)	1 (0.25)
Assists	17 (2.13)	0 (0.00)	2 (0.50)
Shots	70 (8.75)	38 (9.50)	58 (14.50)
Shots on goal	30 (3.75)	10 (2.50)	11 (2.75)
Corner kicks	28 (3.50)	18 (4.50)	28 (7.00)
Saves	27 (3.38)	7 (1.75)	9 (2.25)
Fouls	88 (11.00)	40 (10.00)	31 (7.75)
Yellow/Red Cards	8/0	5/0	4/0
Allowed 0-1 goals	7	1	4
Allowed 2+ goals	1	3	0

WVU GAME WINNERS BY PERIOD

First Half	4
Second Half	3
First Overtime	1
Second Overtime	0

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.

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.

WVU HONORED FOR ACADEMICS

For the 10th consecutive year, WVU earned the United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award for its team grade point average. With a 3.28 GPA, the Mountaineers were recognized as one of 282 men's teams to earn a 3.0 GPA or higher during the 2016-17 academic year. WVU was one of 195 schools to have both its men's and women's programs recognized, while a total of 813 teams (282 men, 531 women) were honored.

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.

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	9.5	3.8

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	COUNTRY
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
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 49-17-6 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	3-2-3

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 113-82-32 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 117-85-32.

WVU'S HOUSE OF HORRORS

The Mountaineers own a 66-31-13 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. In 2017, West Virginia earned a 1-0 win over No. 5 Michigan State. WVU defeated No. 1 Connecticut, No. 13 Georgetown and No. 25 Xavier in 2011. In 2010, WVU beat 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 (2 OT)
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
10/12/17	#5 Michigan State	W, 1-0
10/20/17	#8 Western Michigan	L, 0-1 (OT)

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	6,138	9	682

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

UNITED SOCCER COACHES

October 24, 2017

TEAM	PTS.	PREV.	W-L-T
1 Wake Forest (14)	590	2	15-1-0
2 Indiana (10)	580	1	13-0-3
3 North Carolina	555	4	13-2-1
4 Clemson	511	7	11-3-0
5 Stanford	501	6	12-2-1
6 Western Michigan	466	8	13-2-1
7 Michigan State	437	9	11-2-2
8 FIU	410	11	10-0-3
9 Maryland	394	3	10-2-3
10 Georgetown	387	13	11-2-1
11 Louisville	379	5	10-2-3
12 SMU	326	14	12-2-0
13 Virginia	295	10	10-2-3
14 Akron	275	19	10-2-1
15 Air Force	255	16	11-1-3
16 Notre Dame	237	12	9-4-2
17 New Hampshire	233	18	10-1-3
18 Duke	224	15	10-3-2
19 Michigan	116	23	9-4-2
20 Dartmouth	110	20	9-3-1
21 Butler	104	RV	9-4-1
22 Seattle	89	25	10-2-2
23 Washington	84	21	10-5-1
24 California	67	17	9-5-0
25 UMass	36	RV	11-2-3

Receiving Votes: Old Dominion (22), Coastal Carolina (21), Columbia (17), San Diego (15), Loyola-Maryland (9), NC State (9), William & Mary (8), **Pitt** (7), VCU (7), Creighton (6), **Pacific** (5), Rider (5), New Mexico (4), Albany (3), UMass-Lowell (1)

SOCCER AMERICA

October 24, 2017

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

WVU Opponents Listed in **Bold**

COLLEGE SOCCER NEWS

October 23, 2017

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

Receiving Votes: San Diego, Columbia, Wisconsin, Missouri State, UConn, New Mexico, VCU, Fordham, Coastal Carolina

TOP DRAWER SOCCER

October 23, 2017

TEAM	W-L-T	CONF.
1. Wake Forest	15-1-0	7-0-0
2. Indiana	13-0-3	5-0-2
3. North Carolina	13-2-1	5-1-1
4. Clemson	11-3-0	4-3-0
5. Georgetown	11-2-1	5-1-0
6. Stanford	12-2-1	6-0-1
7. Western Michigan	13-2-1	3-0-0
8. Maryland	10-2-3	5-0-2
9. Akron	10-3-1	2-1-0
10. SMU	12-2-0	4-1-0
11. Virginia	10-2-3	3-1-3
12. Butler	9-4-1	5-1-0
13. FIU	10-0-3	5-0-1
14. Michigan State	11-2-2	5-0-2
15. Louisville	10-2-3	4-2-1
16. Notre Dame	9-4-2	3-2-2
17. Duke	10-3-2	3-3-1
18. Air Force	11-1-3	5-0-2
19. New Hampshire	11-1-3	4-1-0
20. Pitt	8-7-0	2-5-0
21. Michigan	9-4-2	5-1-1
22. Dartmouth	9-3-1	3-0-1
23. UMass	11-2-3	5-0-1
24. Coastal Carolina	7-6-0	0-1-0
25. Old Dominion	8-3-2	5-0-0

Receiving Votes: Columbia (6-2-3), Kentucky (7-5-2), Albany (10-4-0), Ohio State (7-7-1), **California** (9-5-0)

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.

2017 MATCH RECAPS

TOP-15 OVERTIME BATTLE

Oct. 20: #8 Western Michigan 1, #15 WVU 0 (OT) In a battle of top-15 teams, No. 15 West Virginia suffered a 1-0 loss to No. 8 Western Michigan in overtime on Oct. 20 at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium.

The Mountaineers played right with the eighth-ranked Broncos for more than 90 minutes before a foul was called on WVU just outside the box. On the ensuing free kick from 25 yards out, WMU scored the game winner in the 96th minute. Anthony Bowie took the free kick and made the short pass to Brandon Bye, who scored into the lower left corner of the net. The goal came off a deflection and was his 11th of the season.

West Virginia and Western Michigan both had five shots and two shots on goal in the contest. Freshman keeper Steven Tekesky made one save for WVU, while Drew Shepherd had two stops for the visitors. The Mountaineers held a 4-3 advantage in corner kicks.

SCORELESS DRAW ON THE ROAD

Oct. 14: WVU 0, Bowling Green 0 (2 OT) West Virginia went on the road and earned its eighth clean sheet of the season with a 0-0 draw in double overtime at Bowling Green on Oct. 14.

Freshman goalkeeper Steven Tekesky made a career-best three saves and picked up his second shutout of his career. WVU out-shot the Falcons, 10-6, while West Virginia had two shots on goal. Six of West Virginia's 10 shots came in the second half, while another three came in overtime. Bowling Green had two shots in the first half and six in the second before the Mountaineers held the Falcons to no shots in the overtime periods.

Junior Rushawn Larmond and sophomore Pascal Derwaritsch both had a team-high-tying two shots and one shot on goal. Sophomore Ryan Kellogg also notched a pair of shots as WVU played in its fifth overtime contest.

TOP-5 UPSET WIN

Oct. 11: WVU 1, No. 5 Michigan State 0 West Virginia upset No. 5 Michigan State, 1-0, on Oct. 11, to earn its first win over a top-10 team since a 1-0 victory against No. 7 Georgetown in last season's opening weekend. The win was WVU's first over a top-10 opponent at home since a 2-0 triumph over No. 1 UConn in 2011.

The Spartans, ranked No. 1 in the NCAA RPI and in the top 12 in all four major polls, were shut out for just the second time this season. West Virginia held MSU to a season-low-tying two shots on goal in the contest.

Sophomore Albert Andres-Llop netted the game-winner in the 51st minute. It was his team-leading fifth goal of the season, while junior Jorge Quintanilla assisted on the goal, registering his team-best fifth assist of the year.

MSU out-shot WVU 10-5, but West Virginia held a 3-2 advantage in shots on goal. Freshman keeper Steven Tekesky made one save, while the Mountaineer defense cleared another shot off the line. Michigan State keeper Jimmy Hague stopped two shots.

Andres-Llop's game-winning goal came at 50:02. Junior Rushawn Larmond took the ball around a defender and into the 18 on the far side, where he centered to senior Louis Thomas. Thomas' shot was blocked, but the deflection went right to Quintanilla just inside the 18. He made the quick pass to Andres-Llop, who fired the ball on goal from the penalty kick mark and beat the Michigan State keeper.

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.

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 Oetli 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 Diesk 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.

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	15-12	710	5	2	12	12	.417	6	.500	0	0	2	0-0	2
10	Jad Arslan	16-15	1328	4	1	9	32	.125	8	.250	3	0	3	0-1	54
8	Jorge Quintanilla	15-12	893	2	5	9	22	.091	10	.455	1	0	1	1-1	4
7	Sebastian Garcia-Her	16-15	1410	1	4	6	9	.111	5	.556	2	0	0	0-0	0
25	Pascal Derwaritsch	16-16	1528	2	0	4	8	.250	4	.500	2	0	0	0-0	0
11	Rushawn Larmond	14-8	783	1	2	4	13	.077	7	.538	1	0	0	0-0	0
4	Ryan Kellogg	16-16	1459	1	0	2	9	.111	2	.222	2	0	1	0-0	7
9	Tom Shepherd	9-3	200	1	0	2	6	.167	1	.167	0	0	1	0-0	0
19	Lucca Barbaris	16-5	534	1	0	2	4	.250	1	.250	1	0	0	0-0	2
2	Louis Thomas	16-16	1492	0	2	2	4	.000	1	.250	2	0	0	0-0	0
24	Brendan Hogan	14-2	309	0	2	2	3	.000	2	.667	0	0	0	0-0	0
22	Spenser Myers	8-0	156	0	1	1	2	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	2
6	Logan Lucas	15-15	1353	0	0	0	14	.000	0	.000	2	0	0	0-0	0
13	Kevin Morris	16-7	1134	0	0	0	12	.000	2	.167	0	0	0	0-0	0
5	Steven James	16-16	1524	0	0	0	9	.000	1	.111	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
16	Ethan Shim	5-0	75	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	1	0	0	0-0	0
12	Andrew Rulow	6-0	91	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	7-5	553	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	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		16	-	18	19	55	166	.108	51	.307	19	0	8	1-2	-
Opponents		16	-	17	13	47	152	.112	60	.395	25	6	4	1-1	-

#	Goalie	gp-gs	Goal Average			Saves		Record			
			min	ga	gaavg	saves	pct	w	l	t	sho/cbo
18	Steven Tekesky	7-5	552:15	3	0.49	10	.769	2	1	2	3/0
30	Stephen Banick	11-11	924:32	11	1.07	28	.718	6	3	2	5/1
1	Jose Santos	2-0	50:27	3	5.35	2	.400	0	0	0	0/1
TM TEAM		-	0:00	0	0.00	3	1.000	0	0	0	1/0
Total		16	1527:14	17	1.00	43	.717	8	4	4	9
Opponents		16	1527:14	18	1.06	33	.647	4	8	4	6

Team saves: 3

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	9	8	1	0	18
Opponents	10	6	1	0	17

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	61	87	10	8	166
Opponents	72	76	2	2	152

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	19	23	1	0	43
Opponents	14	18	1	0	33

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	28	44	1	1	74
Opponents	35	33	4	0	72

Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	74	80	2	3	159
Opponents	97	100	8	3	208

Attendance Summary	WVU	Opponent
Total	6138	4055
Dates/Avg Per Date	9/682	7/579
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	



MATCH-BY-MATCH STATISTICS

8-4-4 OVERALL • 0-1-2 MAC • 4-2-3 HOME • 4-2-1 AWAY • 0-0-0 NEUTRAL

1-1-4 OVERTIME GAMES • 1-2-0 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										
No. 5 Michigan State	0	0	0	10	.000	2	.200	7	2-0	0-0
West Virginia	1	1	3	5	.200	3	.600	5	1-0	0-0
October 14, 2017 - Bowling Green, Ohio										
West Virginia	0	0	0	10	.000	2	.200	3	2-0	0-0
Bowling Green	0	0	0	6	.000	3	.500	3	1-0	0-0
October 20, 2017 - Morgantown, West Virginia										
No. 8 Western Michigan	1	1	3	5	.200	2	.400	3	0-0	0-0
No. 15 West Virginia	0	0	0	5	.000	2	.400	4	1-0	0-0
October 24, 2017 - Morgantown, West Virginia										
Penn	0	0	0	6	.000	3	.500	4	0-1	0-0
No. 25 West Virginia	1	0	2	10	.100	2	.200	8	1-0	1-1
October 27, 2017 - Morgantown, West Virginia										
No. 9 Akron										
No. 25 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	W, 1-0	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium	661	7-3-3	Albert Andres-Llop (Jorge Quintanilla) - 50:02
10/14	at Bowling Green	T, 0-0 (2OT)	Cochrane Stadium - Bowling Green, Ohio	1,247	7-3-4	
10/20	No. 8 Western Michigan *	L, 1-0 (OT)	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium	852	7-4-4	
10/24	Penn	W, 1-0	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium	367	8-4-4	Jorge Quintanilla (Penalty Kick) - 64:52
10/27	No. 9 Akron *	6 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.	Altussheim, 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 Rapids, 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 Rullov	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 Rullov	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
Joey Piatczyc pee-Ah-Check
Jorge Quintanilla Kin-tah-NEE-ya
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Georgia	1
Germany	1
Iowa	1
Japan	1
Louisiana	1
Michigan	1
Spain	1
Texas	1