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2018 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Overall: 8-4-0 • MAC: 1-0-0

Home: 5-1-0 • Road: 3-2-0 • Neutral: 0-1-0

Friday, Aug. 24	at College of Charleston %	W, 2-0
Sunday, Aug. 26	vs. UNC Wilmington %	L, 1-0
Friday, Aug. 31	American	W, 5-1
Friday, Sept. 7	at UCF	L, 1-0
Monday, Sept. 10	at Maryland	L, 1-0
Saturday, Sept. 15	Saint Francis (Pa.)	W, 3-1
Tuesday, Sept. 18	Cincinnati	W, 2-0
Saturday, Sept. 22	at Dayton	W, 2-0
Tuesday, Sept. 25	Radford	L, 4-1
Saturday, Sept. 29	Delaware	W, 2-0
Tuesday, Oct. 2	Binghamton	W, 2-0
Saturday, Oct. 6	at Western Michigan *	W, 2-1
Tuesday, Oct. 9	at Wright State	7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 13	at Akron *	7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 20	SIU Edwardsville *	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 23	Pitt	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 26	Bowling Green *	7 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 3	at Northern Illinois *	8 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 6	MAC Quarterfinals #	TBD
Friday, Nov. 9	MAC Semifinals #	TBD
Sunday, Nov. 11	MAC Championship #	TBD

* - Mid-American Conference Match

% - Aaron Oltsky Memorial Soccer Classic, Charleston, South Carolina

- MAC Tournament Quarterfinals held at higher seeds, semifinal and championship hosted by regular-season champion

All times Eastern and subject to change

Home matches, in **bold**, played at Dick Diesk Soccer Stadium

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Team	Pts.	MAC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Streak
SIU Edwardsville	3	1-0	1.000	8-1-2	.818	W4
WEST VIRGINIA	3	1-0	1.000	8-4	.667	W3
Akron	1	0-0-1	.500	4-4-2	.500	T1
Bowling Green	1	0-0-1	.500	2-5-3	.350	T1
Northern Illinois	0	0-1	.000	7-4	.636	L2
Western Michigan	0	0-1	.000	6-5-1	.542	L1



MATCH 13: WEST VIRGINIA AT NO. 15 WRIGHT STATE

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 | 7 p.m. ET | Alumni Field | Dayton, Ohio

FOLLOWING ALONG:

Live Stream	ESPN+
Live Stats	Sidearmstats.com/WrightState/MSOC
Twitter	@WVUMensSoccer

WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

Record (MAC)	8-4-0 (1-0-0)
United Soccer Coaches Ranking / RPI	NR / 57
Head Coach (Years)	Marlon LeBlanc (13th)
Record at WVU / Career Record	122-88-32 / 126-91-32 (14th)
All-Time Program Record	469-388-94

WVU LEADERS

Goals	Pascal Derwaritsch, Ryan Kellogg (4)
Assists	Sebastian Garcia-Herreros (6)
Points	Ryan Kellogg (9)
Shots	Andres Muriel Albino (27)
Shots On Goal	Andres Muriel Albino (15)

WRIGHT STATE RAIDERS

Record (Horizon)	8-1-2 (3-0-1)
United Soccer Coaches Ranking / RPI	NR / 43
Head Coach (Years)	Jake Slemker (1st)
Record at WSU / Career Record	8-1-2 / Same
Series History vs. WVU (Last Meeting)	WVU Leads, 5-3-0 (2017)

WSU LEADERS

Goals	Alec Philippe (9)
Assists	Jackson Dietrich (9)
Points	Alec Philippe (22)
Shots	Deri Corge (43)
Shots On Goal	Deri Corge (24)

WVU FACES FIRST RANKED FOE AT NO. 15 WRIGHT STATE

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (October 8, 2018) – Winners of three in a row, the West Virginia University men's soccer team travels to No. 15 Wright State on Tuesday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. ET.

WVU, which is facing its first ranked opponent of the season, has won six of its last seven matches, while WSU is coming off a 0-1-1 week that followed an 8-0-1 start to the year.

"Wright State has proven to be one of top teams in country so far this season," WVU coach Marlon LeBlanc said. "Tuesday will be an incredibly difficult test for us against a really good opponent on the road."

The match will be streamed on ESPN+, and live stats are available at WSURaiders.com. Direct links can be found on the men's soccer schedule page on WVUSports.com. Additional updates, news and notes will be available on social media by following and connecting with @WVUMensSoccer on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

The Mountaineers (8-4-0) are in the middle of a three-match roadtrip. West Virginia opened Mid-American Conference play with a 2-1, come-from-behind victory at Western Michigan on Saturday. WVU improved to 8-0 when scoring at least two goals in a game in 2018 and 16-0 in the last three years.

West Virginia ranks No. 15 nationally and leads the MAC with 15 assists, is 21st in the NCAA and first in the MAC with 67 total points and also paces the league with 21 total goals. WVU is second in the conference with 1.75 goals per game. Additionally, the Mountaineers' .831 save percentage is No. 15 nationally and No. 1 in the league, while their 4.08 saves per game and 0.833 goals-against average is the best in the MAC.

The Raiders (8-1-2) rank No. 19 in this week's TopDrawerSoccer.com poll, while they are No. 15 in the Soccer America rankings and No. 22 in the United Soccer Coaches Top-25, both released last Tuesday. WSU ranks No. 4 in the NCAA in goals per game (2.64), No. 5 in goals (29), No. 7 in points (84), No. 12 in assists (26), No. 13 in shots on goal per game (7.00) and No. 17 in shots per game (15.09).

Junior midfielder Sebastian Garcia-Herreros is No. 13 nationally with six assists, while junior defender Pascal Derwaritsch and junior defender Ryan Kellogg lead the Mountaineers with four goals. Kellogg has a team-best nine points, and junior midfielder Andres Muriel Albino is fourth in the conference with 1.36 shots on goal per game.

In goal, sophomore Steven Tekesky has five shutouts to lead the MAC and rank No. 13 nationally. He has eight career clean sheets, which rank No. 9 all-time in program history. Tekesky is No. 19 nationally in save percentage (.828) and No. 20 in total saves (48), both league-best totals, and he also paces the MAC in goals-against average (0.839) and saves per game (4.00).



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	58th Season
All-Time Record	469-388-94 (.542)
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)	14-14-6 (.500)

COACHES AND STAFF

Head Coach	Marlon LeBlanc (13th season)
Alma Mater	Penn State, 2000
Record at WVU	122-88-32 (.567)
Career Record	126-91-32 (.567)
Assistant Coach	Andy Wright (3rd Season)
Alma Mater	West Virginia, 2008
Assistant Coach	Nick Noble (1st season)
Alma Mater	West Virginia, 2018
Strength Coach	Tanner Kolb
Athletic Trainer	Simon Gomez
Grad Asst., Director of Operations	Christian Diaz

TEAM INFORMATION

Lettermen Returning/Lost	15/9
Starters Returning/Lost	8/3
Newcomers	8
2016 Record (MAC)	9-6-4 (1-2-2)

DICK DLESK SOCCER STADIUM

Capacity	1,650
First Season	2004
Men's All-Time Record	95-35-18 (.713)
Playing Surface	Natural Grass
Largest Crowd	2,938 (9/4/09 vs. UCSB)

FOLLOWING THE MOUNTAINEERS

Website	WVUsports.com
Twitter	@WVUMensSoccer
Facebook	Facebook.com/WVUMensSoccer
Instagram	@WVUMensSoccer

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	8-4-0	8-1-2
Conference Record	1-0-0	3-0-1
Home / Road Record	5-1-0/3-2-0	4-0-1/4-1-1
Neutral Record	0-1-0	0-0-0
Versus Top 25	0-0-0	0-1-0
United Coaches National Rank	NR	22
United Coaches Regional Rank	NR	4
Top Drawer Soccer	NR	19
Soccer America	NR	15
RPI	57	43
W-L-T Percentage	.667 (36/2)	.818 (12/1)

Total Goals	21 (28/1)	29 (5/1)
Total Assists	25 (15/1)	26 (12/3)
Total Points	67 (21/1)	84 (7/2)
Scoring Offense	1.75 (45/2)	2.64 (4/1)
Shots Per Game	12.25 (90/4)	15.09 (17/1)
Shots on Goal Per Game	6.25 (31/3)	7.00 (13/1)

Saves Per Game	4.08 (65/1)	3.55 (113/7)
Save Percentage	.831 (15/1)	.722 (113/7)
Team Goals Against Avg.	0.833 (35/1)	1.292 (110/5)
Shutout Percentage	.417 (37/3)	.182 (136/7)
Shutouts	5	2
Goals Allowed	10	15

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL RANKINGS

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

Statistic	Player	Total	NCAA	MAC
Shutouts	Steven Tekesky	5	13	1
Total Assists	S. Garcia-Herreros	6	13	2
	Joey Piatczyc	4	65	4
Save Percentage	Steven Tekesky	.828	19	1
Total Saves	Steven Tekesky	48	20	1
Assists Per Game	S. Garcia-Herreros	0.50	25	2
	Joey Piatczyc	0.44	56	3
Goalie Min. Played	Steven Tekesky	1073:09	31	1
Goals Against Avg.	Steven Tekesky	0.839	42	1
Shot Accuracy	Andres Muriel Albino	.556	44	2
Saves Per Game	Steven Tekesky	4.00	57	1
SOG Per Game	Andres Muriel Albino	1.36	81	4
Penalty Kick Perc.	Pascal Derwitsch	0.50	145	5
	Joey Piatczyc	0.50	145	5

AWARDS BREAKDOWN

TEAM

- United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award

JOEY PIATCZYC

- Mid-American Conference Player of the Week (Sept. 4)
- WVU Student-Athlete of the Week (Sept 4)
- Mid-American Conference Player of the Week (Aug. 28)
- WVU Student-Athlete of the Week (Aug. 27)

WVU IN THE NATIONAL RANKINGS

Week	Coaches Nat'l/Reg'l	Top Drawer Soccer	Soccer America
Preseason	NR/NA	NR	NR
1 - 8/27	RV/5	NR	NR
2 - 9/3	RV/4	NR	NR
3 - 9/10	NR/9	NR	NR
4 - 9/17	NR/NR	NR	NR
5 - 9/24	NR/9	NR	NR
6 - 10/1	NR/NR	NR	NR
7 - 10/8	TBA	NR	TBA

SCOUTING WRIGHT STATE

Wright State is 8-1-2 on the season and 4-0-1 at home. The Raiders opened the year with an 8-0-1 mark, but are coming off a 2-1 loss at No. 6 Virginia on Oct. 2, and a 1-1 draw to UIC on Oct. 6. In Horizon League action, WSU is 3-0-1.

Alec Philippe leads the team with nine goals and 22 points, while Jackson Dietrich has a team-best nine assists. Deri Corfe is tied for second on the team with seven goals, has four assists along with Philippe and paces the squad with 43 shots and 24 shots on goal. In goal, Joel Sundell is 7-1-2 with 13 goals allowed and 29 saves for a 1.22 goals-against average and a .690 save percentage.

Jake Slemker is in his first season as head coach of his alma mater after serving as an assistant coach from 2010-17. He was a four-year starter as a defender at Wright State from 2003-06

SERIES HISTORY VS. THE RAIDERS

In a series that began in 1987, WVU is 5-3 all-time against Wright State. The Mountaineers earned a 4-1 home win last year, which followed a 3-1 loss in Dayton in 2015. In the 2017 victory, Jad Arslan scored twice, Pascal Derwitsch and Sebastian Garcia-Herreros each had a goal and Jorge Quintanilla notched three assists.

DATE	SITE	RESULT	SCORE
10/24/1987	Home	W	1-0
10/28/1989	Away	L	0-1
9/12/1999	Home	W	3-2 (2OT)
9/28/2000	Away	L	0-2
9/6/2005	Home	W	3-0
9/13/2013	Home	W	2-1
9/15/2015	Away	L	1-3
9/1/2017	Home	W	4-1

UP NEXT: MAC PLAY CONTINUES

West Virginia concludes a three-match roadtrip at MAC foe Akron on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. ET. The Mountaineers then return home for the final homestand of the season, beginning against SIU Edwardsville on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m.

LAST TIME OUT: MAC-OPENING WIN

October 6: WVU 2, Western Michigan 1
WVU came from behind to earn a 2-1 victory at Western Michigan on Oct. 6, to open MAC play.

Freshman midfielder Josh DiMatteo scored the game-tying goal in the 31st minute and junior midfielder Andres Muriel Albino netted the game-winner in the 84th. It was DiMatteo's second goal of his career, both in the last two matches, while it was Muriel Albino's first as a Mountaineer.

Sophomore defender Kevin Morris and junior midfielder Sebastian Garcia-Herreros earned assists on the Mountaineers' first goal, while Muriel Albino's was unassisted. It was Garcia-Herreros' fourth assist in the last three contests.

Western Michigan's goal came at 21:56 on a penalty kick. It was the first penalty kick attempt by a WVU opponent this season.

In goal, sophomore Steven Tekesky made nine saves, and Lukas Von Lienen had five saves for the Broncos. Muriel Albino and senior midfielder Joey Piatczyc led the team with four shots apiece, and Muriel Albino had three shots on goal. WVU had 18 shots to WVU's 14, while the Broncos held a 10-7 advantage in shots on goal.

WVU HONORED FOR ACADEMICS

For the 11th consecutive year, WVU earned the Team Academic Award from the United Soccer Coaches for its team grade point average. With a 3.14 GPA, the Mountaineers were recognized as one of 289 men's teams to earn a 3.0 GPA or higher during the 2017-18 academic year. WVU was one of 191 schools to have both its men's and women's programs recognized, while a total of 773 teams (289 men, 484 women) were honored.

RECORD BREAKDOWN

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

SCORING BREAKDOWN

1st-15th minute	WVU 0, Opponents 2
16th-30th minute	WVU 4, Opponents 2
31st-45th minute	WVU 3, Opponents 1
46th-60th minute	WVU 4, Opponents 3
61st-75th minute	WVU 8, Opponents 0
76th-90th minute	WVU 2, Opponents 2
First Overtime	WVU 0, Opponents 0
Second Overtime	WVU 0, Opponents 0

WVU W-L-T BREAKDOWN

	WINS (8)	LOSSES (4)	TIES (0)
Goals	18 (2.25)	1 (0.25)	0 (0.00)
Assists	24 (3.00)	1 (0.25)	0 (0.00)
Shots	101 (12.63)	46 (11.50)	0 (0.00)
Shots on goal	55 (6.88)	20 (5.00)	0 (0.00)
Corner kicks	54 (6.75)	21 (5.25)	0 (0.00)
Saves	24 (3.00)	25 (6.25)	0 (0.00)
Fouls	77 (9.63)	32 (8.00)	0 (0.00)
Yellow/Red Cards	9/1	8/0	0/0
Allowed 0-1 goals	8	3	0
Allowed 2+ goals	0	1	0

WVU GAME WINNERS BY PERIOD

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

PIATCZYC BREAKING RECORDS

Senior midfielder Joey Piatczyk has 29 career assists, the most in program history. Piatczyk also owns the school record for assists per game, with 0.48, and shares the school record with four multi-assist matches, while he ranks No. 2 all-time with 11 game-winning assists. He also is tied for No. 8 with 15 career game-winning points.

Piatczyk's hot start to the 2018 season came after he missed the 2017 season due to an injury. Through the first three matches, Piatczyk led the country in assists per game (1.33), ranked No. 2 in total assists (4) and paced the MAC in total points (6), points per match (2.00) and game-winning goals (1).

Here is a look at Piatczyk's place in the WVU career record books:

Statistic	Career Total	WVU Rank	Next-Highest Total / Rank	WVU Record
Assists	29	1st	--	29
Assists Per Game	0.48	1st	--	0.48
Multi-Assist Games	4	T-1st	--	4
Game-Winning Assists	11	2nd	13 / 1st	13
Game-Winning Points	15	T-8th	18 / T-7th	31

This season, Piatczyk was named the MAC Player of the Week and the WVU Student-Athlete of the Week in back-to-back weeks to open the year. He earned the season's first MAC honor on Aug. 28, after he had a goal and an assist to lead the Mountaineers to a 2-0 victory at the College of Charleston on Aug. 24, in the season opener. Piatczyk scored the game-winning goal in the 51st minute and added an assist on WVU's second goal in the 72nd minute.

The next week, after his three-assist showing to break the WVU career assists record on Aug. 31 vs. American, Piatczyk was recognized by the MAC on Sept. 4. The MAC accolades are the first of his career.

Piatczyk's career assists record breaks the record of 27, set by Dan Stratford from 2004-07. Stratford also owns the WVU record for game-winning assists, with 13, while he and Andy Bevin (2011-14) share the program record for multi-assist games, with four.

In 2015, Piatczyk's 13 assists as a sophomore set a new program record and was No. 2 in the country. He had a program-record-tying five game-winning assists that season and had two multi-assist matches, tied for third-most all-time. Piatczyk set the team record with four assists in a single match on Aug. 30, vs. San Francisco.

As a freshman in 2014, Piatczyk tied for the team lead, was second in the MAC and No. 14 in the nation with eight assists. That total tied for No. 8 in program history at the time and currently ranks No. 9.

TWO OR MORE = VICTORY

Since Marlon LeBlanc's arrival in 2006, the Mountaineers are 76-9-4 when they have scored at least two goals in a game. That includes a perfect 16-0-0 mark in the last three seasons.

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	5-0-0
2018	8-0-0

FACING THE MINIMUM

The West Virginia defense has provided plenty of help to the WVU goalkeepers in Marlon LeBlanc's 13 seasons.

Opponents have averaged fewer than 12.5 shots per game every year of LeBlanc's tenure, and in 10 of his 13 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	10.2	3.9
2018	10.7	4.9

WVU VOTED THIRD IN MAC POLL

West Virginia was been voted to finish third in the 2018 Mid-American Conference Preseason Poll. In a vote by the league's head coaches, the Mountaineers finished third with 24 points, two points behind second-place Western Michigan, who received 26 points and one first-place vote. Akron was picked to win the league with 35 total points and five first-place votes and was unanimously voted to repeat as MAC Tournament champions in 2018.

Last year, the conference's RPI was ranked No. 4 in the country in 2017. Both Akron and Western Michigan made the NCAA Tournament, with Akron reaching the College Cup and Western Michigan the third round.

2018 MAC COACHES PRESEASON POLL

Team (First Place Votes)	Points
1. Akron (5)	35
2. Western Michigan	26
3. West Virginia	24
4. SIUE	18
5. Bowling Green	15
6. Northern Illinois	8

MAC Tournament Champion: Akron (6 votes)

HOMEGROWN TALENT

Redshirt sophomore defender Tyler Shaffer is the lone West Virginia native on the 2018 roster. From Charleston, Shaffer attended Capital High. After redshirting in 2016, Shaffer saw action in two matches in 2017 and logged 31 minutes, and played three minutes in this year's win over American.

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	Spain
Virginia	Germany
Pennsylvania	Japan
Maryland	Senegal
Ohio	Trinidad
Delaware	
Florida	
New Jersey	
West Virginia	



HOME SWEET HOME

In the past eight seasons, the WVU men's soccer team holds a 53-22-7 record at home, including a stretch of 13 consecutive 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	4-3-3
2018	5-1-0

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 13th season at the helm, he owns a 122-88-32 record with the Old Gold and Blue and is the second coach in WVU's 58-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 126-91-32.

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 10 home games last year, 6,970 fans came to watch the Mountaineers, averaging 697 fans per match.

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	6,970	10	697
2018	3,868	6	645

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

WVU'S HOUSE OF HORRORS

The Mountaineers own a 70-33-13 record at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium in Marlon LeBlanc's 13 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)
10/27/17	#9 Akron	L, 0-4

UNITED SOCCER COACHES

October 2

TEAM	PTS.	PREV.	RECORD
1. Wake Forest (26)	696	1	10-0-0
2. Indiana (1)	673	2	9-1-0
3. North Carolina	643	3	7-1-0
4. Kentucky (1)	594	7	8-0-1
5. Denver	566	4	8-0-2
6. Louisville	554	6	6-1-2
7. Air Force	516	8	10-1-0
8. Creighton	499	9	7-1-1
9. Saint Mary's (Calif.)	482	10	11-0-0
10. Virginia	432	11	5-0-2
11. Portland	428	13	8-0-2
12. UNC Wilmington	383	14	7-1-1
13. Michigan State	373	5	8-1-2
14. Michigan	351	19	7-1-2
15. Notre Dame	296	20	5-3-1
16. UC Davis	273	17	7-1-2
17. NC State	221	12	7-1-1
18. Stanford	201	RV	5-1-3
19. Virginia Tech	172	21	6-2-2
20. Colgate	156	24	5-1-4
21. Fordham	145	25	5-1-2
22. Wright State	111	RV	8-0-1
23. Duke	78	15	4-3-1
24. Cornell	63	NR	7-2-0
25. Seattle	47	RV	8-3-0

Receiving Votes: UCF (27), Coastal Carolina (25), UConn (20), High Point (18), Wisconsin (14), Charlotte (12), Missouri State (8), Vermont (8), Pacific (4), **SIU Edwardsville** (4), Oregon State (3), Saint Louis (2), Rhode Island (1), UMass Lowell (1)

TOP DRAWER SOCCER

October 8

TEAM	RECORD	CONF.
1. Denver	10-0-2	2-0-1
2. Wake Forest	11-1-0	4-1-0
3. Kentucky	9-1-1	3-1-0
4. Indiana	10-2-0	4-0-0
5. North Carolina	9-1-0	4-0-0
6. Portland	9-0-2	1-0-0
7. St. Mary's (Calif.)	12-0-0	1-0-0
8. Notre Dame	7-3-1	3-1-0
9. Louisville	6-2-2	3-1-1
10. Creighton	8-2-1	4-0-0
11. Virginia	6-1-2	2-1-1
12. UConn	6-2-1	2-0-1
13. Michigan State	9-1-2	3-1-0
14. Virginia Tech	6-4-2	1-3-1
15. Duke	6-3-1	2-2-0
16. Charlotte	6-2-1	2-2-0
17. UNC Wilmington	8-2-1	3-0-1
18. Michigan	8-2-1	3-1-1
19. Wright State	8-1-2	3-0-1
20. Air Force	11-2-0	4-1-0
21. Stanford	6-1-3	3-0-0
22. Seattle	9-4-0	3-2-0
23. NC State	6-3-2	1-3-1
24. Colgate	5-2-5	1-1-2
25. UC Davis	7-2-3	1-1-1

Others Considered: Syracuse (5-4-1), Rhode Island (8-2-0), Wisconsin (6-4-2), New Hampshire (8-2-1), Cornell (8-2-0)

SOCCER AMERICA

October 2

TEAM	RECORD	PREV.
1. Wake Forest	(10-0-0)	1
2. Indiana	(9-1-0)	2
3. North Carolina	(7-1-0)	3
4. Portland	(8-0-2)	5
5. Denver	(8-0-2)	4
6. Kentucky	(8-0-1)	7
7. Virginia	(5-0-2)	9
8. Air Force	(10-1-0)	11
9. Stanford	(5-1-3)	12
10. St. Mary's (Calif.)	(11-0-0)	13
11. Louisville	(6-1-2)	10
12. Michigan	(7-1-1)	14
13. Creighton	(7-1-1)	15
14. Seattle	(8-3-0)	19
15. Wright State	(8-0-1)	21
16. Michigan State	(8-1-2)	6
17. NC State	(6-2-1)	8
18. Notre Dame	(5-3-1)	22
19. UNC Wilmington	(7-1-1)	23
20. Virginia Tech	(6-2-2)	NR
21. Georgetown	(5-3-2)	17
22. Duke	(4-3-1)	18
23. Colgate	(5-1-4)	NR
24. UC Davis	(7-1-2)	NR
25. Fordham	(5-1-2)	NR

WVU Opponents Listed in **Bold**



2018 MATCH RECAPS

ANOTHER 2-0 WIN

October 2: WVU 2, Binghamton 0

Two first-half goals less than five minutes apart propelled West Virginia to a 2-0 victory against Binghamton on Oct. 2, at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium. The Mountaineers improved to 5-1-0 at home with its fifth clean sheet of the season thanks to goals in the 22nd and 27th minute and a defense that held the Bearcats to four shots, one on goal.

West Virginia's goals came from junior defender Ryan Kellogg, his third in the last two games, and freshman midfielder Josh DiMatteo, the first of his career. WVU out-shot Binghamton, 18-4, and held a 13-1 advantage in shots on goal.

DiMatteo led the team with five shots, two on goal, while junior midfielder Andres Muriel Albino had four shots, all on goal, and earned his first assist as a Mountaineer. Junior defender Albert Andres-Llop and junior midfielder Ethan Shim assisted on WVU's first goal, while Muriel Albino and junior midfielder Sebastian Garcia-Herreros assisted on the second. In goal, sophomore Steven Tekesky stopped the one shot on goal he faced.

BACK ON TRACK

September 29: WVU 2, Delaware 0

A pair of second-half goals by junior defender Ryan Kellogg led West Virginia to a 2-0 victory over Delaware on Sept. 29, at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium. Kellogg recorded his first two-goal game of his career as the Mountaineers shut out the Blue Hens for their fourth clean sheet of the season.

Kellogg led the Mountaineers with three shots and two shots on goal. His first career multi-goal game gives him three goals this season and four in his career. Kellogg's first goal came in the 62nd minute, and his second came less than 10 minutes later, in the 71st. His game-winning goal was the second of his career.

Junior midfielder Sebastian Garcia-Herreros assisted on both goals, while sophomore forward Spenser Myers earned an assist on the first goal and sophomore midfielder Nic Short assisted on the second.

Both teams had nine shots in the match, while WVU had six shots on goal to UD's three. Sophomore goalkeeper Steven Tekesky had three saves in the victory.

STREAK SNAPPED

September 25: Radford 4, WVU 1

West Virginia saw its three-match win streak come to an end with a 4-1 loss to Radford on Sept. 25. The Mountaineers were out-shot, 18-11, while the Highlanders held a 9-4 advantage in shots on goal.

Junior defender Pascal Derwaritsch scored for WVU in the 57th minute, his team-leading fourth goal of the season. He led the team with three shots, all on goal. Junior midfielder Ethan Shim also had three shots for the Mountaineers. Junior defender Albert Andres-Llop assisted on WVU's goal, his second assist of the year.

Sophomore goalkeeper Steven Tekesky made four saves for West Virginia, while Radford's Sam Farrell stopped three shots on goal, including a WVU penalty kick in the 70th minute.

ROAD SHUTOUT EXTENDS STREAK

September 22: WVU 2, Dayton 0

West Virginia won its third consecutive match with a 2-0 victory at Dayton on Sept. 22. The Mountaineers earned their second consecutive shutout and third of the season and handed the Flyers their first home loss of the year. WVU's two goals were the first given up by UD at Baujan Field this season.

Junior defender Pascal Derwaritsch gave West Virginia a 1-0 lead in the 35th minute for his team-high-tying third goal of the year, and sophomore forward Spenser Myers scored his first career goal to make it 2-0 in the 73rd minute.

Junior defender Albert Andres-Llop and sophomore defender Kevin Morris earned assists on West Virginia's first goal, and freshman midfielder Josh DiMatteo was credited with an assist on WVU's

second goal. It was Morris' and DiMatteo's first career assists, and Andres-Llop's first of the year.

In goal for the Mountaineers, sophomore Steven Tekesky made three saves, two in a three-minute span in the second half. West Virginia was out-shot 18-7, but had a 4-3 advantage in shots on goal. Both teams had two corner kicks.

SHUTOUT WIN

September 18: WVU 2, Cincinnati 0

A pair of second-half goals and a shutout performance defensively lifted West Virginia to a 2-0 home victory over Cincinnati on Sept. 18. Sophomore defender Kevin Morris scored his first career goal in the 52nd minute and junior defender Ryan Kellogg added a goal, his first of the year, in the 71st.

The Mountaineers recorded their second clean sheet of the season and held the Bearcats to just two shots, both in an 11-minute span in between WVU's two goals in the second half. Sophomore goalkeeper Steven Tekesky saved both shots he faced.

Sophomore forward Tsubasa Takada had a career-best two assists, while junior midfielder Sebastian Garcia-Herreros also had an assist, on WVU's second goal.

Offensively, WVU had 13 shots, four on goal. Takada led the team with five shots and was one of four Mountaineers with one shot on goal. Kellogg added three shots in the win.

West Virginia held a 9-0 advantage in shots in the first half, with two shots on goal. The Mountaineers had four corner kicks to the Bearcats' one.

HOME WIN VS. SFU

September 15: WVU 3, Saint Francis (Pa.) 1

West Virginia won its fourth consecutive non-conference home match with a 3-1 victory over Saint Francis (Pa.) on Sept. 15.

The Mountaineers took a 1-0 lead in the 37th minute and added a goal on a penalty kick in the 63rd minute to extend their lead to 2-0. Eight minutes later, in the 71st minute, West Virginia made it 3-0 before the Red Flash scored their lone goal in the 86th minute.

Senior forward Rushawn Larmond scored WVU's first and third goals, recording his first multi-goal game of his career, while senior midfielder Joey Piatczyk converted on the penalty kick for his second game-winning goal of the year.

With the two points on the game-winning goal, Piatczyk has 15 game-winning points in his career, tied for eighth-most in program history.

Junior defender Ryan Kellogg and sophomore goalkeeper Steven Tekesky earned assists on Larmond's first goal. Tekesky's assist was the first of his career. In goal, Tekesky made one save, as the WVU defense held SFU to just three shots, two on goal. The Mountaineers had 10 shots, five on goal.

WVU EDGED AT MARYLAND

September 10: Maryland 1, WVU 0

WVU suffered a 1-0 loss at Maryland on Sept. 10. In front of a lively crowd of 1,195 on a rainy night in College Park, Maryland, the Mountaineers out-shot the Terrapins, 12-10, and held a 6-5 advantage in shots on goal. However, a goal that deflected in off a UMD player's shoulder in the 77th minute was the difference.

WVU's second half featured a 10-4 advantage in shots and a 5-1 edge in shots on goal. West Virginia had six corner kicks in the final 45 minutes while preventing Maryland from a corner kick opportunity.

Junior midfielder Andres Muriel Albino led the team with five shots, three on goal, and senior forward Rushawn Larmond, sophomore defender Kevin Morris and sophomore forward Tsubasa Takada all had two shots, one on goal. Sophomore goalkeeper Steven Tekesky made four saves for West Virginia, all in the first half.

TEKESKY STANDS TALL AT UCF

September 7: UCF 1, WVU 0

Sophomore goalkeeper Steven Tekesky made a career-best 10 saves in a 1-0 loss at UCF on Sept. 7. On a muggy night in Orlando, Florida, the Mountaineers were out-shot 11-2 in the first half, but Tekesky stopped all seven shots that came on goal. The Knights opened the second half with a goal in the 48th minute that proved to be the difference in the contest.

Tekesky's 10 saves are tied for the eighth-most in a single match in program history. He is the first Mountaineer goalkeeper to post double-digit saves since Alec Boerner was credited with 11 in 2015, at Princeton.

UCF had 18 shots to WVU's five, while the home side held an 11-3 advantage in shots on goal. In the second half, West Virginia had three shots and held UCF to seven.

Junior defender Pascal Derwaritsch led the team with two shots, and senior midfielder Joey Piatczyk, sophomore defender Kevin Morris and sophomore forward Tsubasa Takada all had one shot, which came on goal.

HOME OPENER A RECORD-BREAKING WIN

August 31 - WVU 5, American 1

Senior midfielder Joey Piatczyk had three assists to break the school record for career assists to lead West Virginia to a 5-1 victory over American on Aug. 31, at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium.

Piatczyk assisted on the first goal for the Mountaineers to tie the record for career assists in the 20th minute, and he broke the record with an assist on WVU's third goal in the 48th. He added an assist on West Virginia's fourth goal in the 72nd minute, his 29th career assist.

In its home opener, WVU's offense was not limited to just Piatczyk. Junior defender Pascal Derwaritsch and junior midfielder Ethan Shim both scored a career-high two goals. Shim notched the first goal of the night in the 20th minute, and Derwaritsch's first was the eventual game-winner on a penalty kick in the 27th minute. Senior forward Rushawn Larmond also scored for the Mountaineers, giving WVU a 3-0 lead in the 48th minute.

West Virginia out-shot the Eagles, 21-8, with a 13-4 advantage in shots on goal. WVU held a 9-3 edge in corner kicks. In goal, sophomore Steven Tekesky made three saves for the Mountaineers, while American's Lucas Manso had eight saves.

OPENING WEEKEND IN CHARLESTON

August 24 - WVU 2, College of Charleston 0

August 26 - UNC Wilmington 1, WVU 0

The Mountaineers opened the 2018 season with a 2-0 victory at the College of Charleston on Aug. 24. Senior midfielder Joey Piatczyk and junior midfielder Ethan Shim scored for WVU, both in the second half, while Piatczyk also assisted on Shim's goal. Shim's goal was the first of his career. Sophomore goalkeeper Steven Tekesky made two saves in the win.

Two days later, on Aug. 26, WVU suffered a 1-0 loss to UNC Wilmington to close out play at the Aaron Oltsky Memorial Soccer Classic in Charleston, South Carolina. WVU held an 18-13 advantage in shots, but a UNCW goal in the eighth minute was the difference. Junior Andres Muriel Albino led the team with five shots and two shots on goal. Tekesky made a career-best six saves, while UNCW's keeper stopped all seven shots on goal.

SEASON PREVIEW

As the West Virginia University men's soccer team begins its 2018 season on Friday, it's coming off a strong preseason and brings back several key pieces from last year's team.

Sixteen lettermen return to the pitch this year, including nine who played in at least 15 matches. Coach Marlon LeBlanc, who enters his 13th season in Morgantown, likes this year's squad and is pleased with the progress shown in training.

However, the team is taking a blue-collar approach and staying humble. The Mountaineers have been ranked inside the top 15 after hot starts in 2016 and '17, but they struggled down the stretch and missed the NCAA Tournament each year.



Learning from the past, this team's approach is geared towards avoiding a late-season cold spell.

"There has been a great amount of humility in this team," LeBlanc said. "We use the word 'blue collar' to describe this group. We have been really, really good this preseason. However, we haven't stopped working. That's going to be the key. We've had two very good starts the last two years, where we've jumped out and gotten ahead, and maybe in some ways mentally checked out. I'm hoping this group has the leadership in it and has the added benefit of perspective, seeing two years of being in the top 15 early on and then taking the foot off the gas, how that has hurt us. That mistake won't happen again."

West Virginia opened preseason practice on Aug. 7, and had a productive two weeks of training with exhibition matches at Virginia Tech and against Mount St. Mary's.

The Mountaineers have played well in the preseason and continued to get better, incorporating a group of eight newcomers to a strong returning group. Despite the positives, the team hasn't stopped working hard and continuing to get better.

"We're working very hard as a staff to keep us humble, even right now, when things are going well," LeBlanc added. "Preseason has gone very well, and heading into the early stages of the season, you never can get too high or too low. You always continue to work. Regardless of whether we win or lose opening day, we continue to be a working team. This group has had that perspective every day of preseason."

The 25-man roster features four seniors – goalkeeper Stephen Banick, forward Rushawn Lammond and midfielders Joey Piatczyk and Jorge Quintanilla – along with six juniors, seven sophomores and eight newcomers – five freshmen and three transfers.

The team hails from nine states and four countries outside of the United States.

Seventy percent of last year's starts return, including every start in goal and nine of the 11 players who started at least 10 matches. The wealth of returners does not include Piatczyk, a two-time All-MAC Team honoree, who is back on the pitch after missing the 2017 season with an injury.

"It's a very good team," LeBlanc said. "I think our first 15 or 16 guys are as good as any. We have some young players who are going to supplement and be complementing pieces to that group. We're still a young team, believe it or not, with four seniors. However, there's so much experience in this team."

Along with the four seniors, the returners include juniors Ryan Kellogg, a 2017 CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team honoree and Pascal Derwaritsch, who was named to the Mid-American Conference All-Tournament Team a year ago, and junior Sebastian Garcia-Herreros, a MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete last season.

"We're ahead of where I thought we'd be at this point in the preseason in terms of the way we're playing, the way we're moving the ball and the way we're defending," LeBlanc said. "I want this team to stay hungry, and I think they are. The infusion of leadership and quality from Joey Piatczyk makes us a better team right now than we were a year ago. We were 9-6-4 last year, so we were a good team, but now we're a better team."

WVU's 18-match schedule is highlighted by home matchups against Pitt and Cincinnati, as well as MAC foes SIU Edwardsville and Bowling Green, while the road slate features contests at perennial national-championship contenders Akron and Maryland.

"The goals are quite simple, we're not going to look too far ahead, but we want to win each game, day-by-day. A conference championship is a priority, and making a run at it, especially with the new format and the potential to host. In the Mid-American Conference, being the fourth-best conference in America last year, we take care of business and the NCAA Tournament will take care of itself. The goal is to win the conference, be the best team that we can be in the conference. Being in one of the better conferences in the country will take care of the postseason for sure."

West Virginia enters its seventh year in the MAC and was voted to finish third in the 2018 preseason poll. In a vote by the league's head coaches, the Mountaineers received 24 points, two points behind second-place Western Michigan, who earned 26 points and one first-place vote. Akron was picked to win the league with 35 total points and five first-place votes.

The conference's RPI was ranked No. 4 in the country in 2017. Akron finished 16-3-1 in 2017 and reached the NCAA College Cup. Western Michigan, the reigning MAC regular-season champions, also is coming off an NCAA Tournament appearance after advancing to the third round.

With a blue-collar work ethic and a strong core of returners, the Mountaineers' one game at a time approach begins with the season opener on Friday, Aug. 24, at 7:30 p.m. ET, at the College of Charleston.

GOALKEEPERS

Senior Stephen Banick and sophomore Steven Tekesky return in goal after the duo combined to play all but 50 minutes last season. They combined for nine shutouts, tied for the fifth-most in a single season in program history.

A CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team honoree in 2017, Banick led the team with 11 starts and 924:32 minutes played while compiling a record of 6-3-2. He had a team-best 28 saves, a .718 save percentage and six shutouts with a 1.07 goals-against average.

Tekesky played in 10 matches with eight starts and 830:01 minutes as a freshman. He posted a 3-3-2 record and led the team with a 0.98 goals against average while making 18 saves with a .667 save percentage and three shutouts.

"We are really secure in goal," LeBlanc said. "We are not a team that has conceded very many goals, and a lot of that has to do with the quality of guys we have on defense and protecting the goal in Steven Tekesky and Stephen Banick. Tekesky had a good second half of the season last year when he had an opportunity to play, and again in the spring. Banick is a sixth-year senior with a lot of experience as well. We have a very challenging system that we ask our goalkeepers to play. That includes them using their feet more than their hands, but both of them are certainly quality enough and capable enough to be able to do what we ask of them, and I think we feel really secure as we normally do in the goal."

DEFENDERS

Several key defenders are back in 2018 after helping WVU to its nine shutouts in 2017. Among them are juniors Albert Andres-Llop, Sebastian Garcia-Herreros and Logan Lucas and sophomore Kevin Morris.

Andres-Llop played in 18 matches with 14 starts in 2017, leading the team with five goals, two game-winners, and 12 points. The Coaches' Award recipient a year ago, Garcia-Herreros started 18 of 19 matches as a sophomore and logged 1,688 minutes. He was fourth on the team with eight points and scored two goals.

Lucas started 18 matches and totaled 1,620 minutes in 2017, while Morris' freshman season included 10 starts in 19 matches with 1,368 minutes played.

"The back line stabilizes the tactics that we use defensively," LeBlanc said. "We don't concede much and we transition very well defensively, but it all starts with the back line. We'll have Albert Andres-Llop, who played in the midfield and on the back line last year, and Sebastian Garcia-Herreros, who played midfield last year, moves into the back line. Kevin Morris and Logan Lucas anchor a very, very experienced team."

"When I say very experienced, none of them are seniors, but they all have played a lot of games for us. When you have a system and a tactical way that you want to approach it, and the guys have so much experience having already done it, I think that you hope that you're not going to skip a beat in terms of the consistency that you show on that side of the ball. Our motto has always been if the other team doesn't score, then they can't win."

"First and foremost defensively, we want to be stout, and Albert, Sebastian, Kevin and Logan in particular gives us the opportunity to do that. Then we have a number of other guys who are capable of contributing and have been in our system for quite some time, such as redshirt sophomores Tyler Schafer and Jake Cole. We have some freshmen who have come in and have done really well, in particular Josh DiMatteo. I think they all have gotten a bit of playing time in the spring and preseason. We have enough in the back that we can mix and match some people and change shape and do all sorts of different things that allow us to be secure but also make sure that they are our starting point in terms of our attack and building out of the back. They all are very comfortable on the ball, and because of that, we can play a specific way and we can also adapt."

MIDFIELDERS

Joey Piatczyk wasn't supposed to be on the pitch for the Mountaineers in 2018, but a season-ending injury prior to the start of preseason training last year changed those plans and extended his WVU career. What was a negative in 2017 has now turned into a positive, as not only is Piatczyk back, but so are several players who had an opportunity to fill his role.

A two-time All-MAC Team honoree and the 2014 MAC Freshman of the Year, Piatczyk's 25 career assists are two shy of tying the program record. He is No. 2 in program history with 10 career game-winning assists and tied for No. 3 with three multi-assist matches.

Junior Pascal Derwaritsch will join Piatczyk in the midfield. He was a MAC All-Tournament Team honoree and started all 19 matches in his first season in the Old Gold and Blue. Derwaritsch was second on the team with 1,793 minutes played, scored two goals and was a key member on defense.

Additional contributors in the midfield this year are expected to be junior Ethan Shim, who played in six matches, and sophomores Tsubasa Takada, who played in 14 contests with two starts, and Spenser Myers, who played in 10 matches.

Junior Andres Muriel Albino joins the Mountaineers from Central Connecticut State. He was named to the All-Northeast Conference Team in 2016 and '17 and led the team with six goals, two game-winners and 16 points as a sophomore while starting all 17 matches.

"Last year was maybe a step backwards in the midfield to go forward," LeBlanc said. "Losing Joey Piatczyk, I told people it was like the football team losing Will Grier or the basketball team losing Jevon Carter, when all you've done is plan around those guys for the season. A number of guys had to step up and play big minutes without Joey in there. Now he's back, and as we saw in the spring and preseason, he's arguably better than ever. He looks great, he's our leader in the midfield. I think the midfield will be our strength this year."

"We have a lot of dynamic players in there in a very good system that suits our players. Pascal Derwaritsch, Tsubasa Takada, Ethan Shim, Spenser Myers, all those guys have gotten playing time in the midfield. You add in the likes of Andres Muriel Albino and obviously our captain, Joey Piatczyk, our midfield is going to be as good as any other in the country. I think we now have a midfield that's capable of giving us goals and assists, and Joey's pretty close to breaking the school's all-time assist record, but I don't think you can just hone in on Joey, because Tsubasa and Andres will get at you as well. We have a multi-faceted midfield who is capable of doing a lot of damage. They're all very fit, very hard workers and very technical, so there are a lot of things you can do with those guys."

FORWARDS

LeBlanc has several options at forward, including seniors Rushawn Lammond and Jorge Quintanilla, juniors Ryan Kellogg and Ethan Shim and sophomore Brendan Hogan.

Lammond saw action in 17 matches with 10 starts as a junior, scoring two goals with two assists. He ranked fifth on the team with six points. Quintanilla played in 18 matches with 13 starts in his first season in Morgantown after transferring from Louisburg College. He led the team with five assists, scored two goals and ranked No. 2 on the team with nine points.

Kellogg, who has been a valuable player on the back line, started all 19 matches and played 1,717 minutes, fourth-most on the team in 2017. He scored one goal and had nine shots. Hogan played in 15 matches as a freshman with two starts.

"The forward position will probably be a little bit by committee," LeBlanc said. "Whether it's Jorge Quintanilla or Rushawn Lammond, two seniors, or Brendan Hogan, he has come on strong and had a really strong spring for us. Ethan Shim could see some time up there. There are a number of different players we could utilize. Ryan Kellogg has played up in the midfield and up front a little bit for us. In the leadup to the season, he's a guy who can play anywhere on the field, all three lines in terms of up front, in the midfield and on the back line."

"We have a very healthy stable of players that, depending on the opponent, and depending on what we need on the day, can be called on to get the job done. We're looking for more goals out of the No. 9 position, without a doubt goal scoring was probably the biggest issue for us a year ago. Not even just creating chances, but missing chances. We missed a lot of chances to score goals last year, but the hope is that a year wiser, a year better and a little bit more refined, those guys now start putting balls into the back of the net. I think the guys behind them will help make it a little bit easier for them as well."

OVERALL SEASON STATISTICS

##	Player	gp-gs	min	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sog	sog%	yc	rc	gwg	pk-att	cnr
4	Ryan Kellogg	12-8	864	4	1	9	11	.364	5	.455	0	0	2	0-0	0
25	Pascal Derwaritsch	12-12	1065	4	0	8	13	.308	8	.615	3	0	2	1-2	0
15	Joey Piatczyc	9-9	707	2	4	8	15	.133	8	.533	1	0	2	1-2	27
16	Ethan Shim	12-12	767	3	1	7	12	.250	8	.667	2	0	0	0-0	0
11	Rushawn Larmond	11-5	573	3	0	6	10	.300	8	.800	0	1	0	0-0	0
7	Sebastian Garcia-Her	12-12	1077	0	6	6	4	.000	1	.250	1	0	0	0-0	0
21	Josh DiMatteo	8-2	317	2	1	5	7	.286	3	.429	2	0	0	0-0	0
5	Kevin Morris	12-12	1080	1	2	4	11	.091	4	.364	0	0	1	0-0	0
10	Andres Muriel Albino	11-11	942	1	1	3	27	.037	15	.556	1	0	1	0-0	4
22	Spenser Myers	9-0	178	1	1	3	5	.200	3	.600	0	0	0	0-0	0
14	Tsubasa Takada	8-8	565	0	3	3	17	.000	6	.353	0	0	0	0-0	26
3	Albert Andres-Llop	12-11	1000	0	3	3	10	.000	3	.300	1	0	0	0-0	14
17	Nic Short	7-1	147	0	1	1	2	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	1
18	Steven Tekesky	12-1	1073	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	1	0	0	0-0	0
6	Logan Lucas	12-12	1047	0	0	0	2	.000	2	1.000	2	0	0	0-0	0
9	Brendan Hogan	8-2	177	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	1	0	0	0-0	0
30	Stephen Banick	1-0	7	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0
29	Tyler Shaffer	1-0	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0
28	Nicholas Manno	2-0	13	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0
26	Amadou Ndiaye	2-0	14	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0
23	Jake Coale	3-0	18	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0
8	Jorge Quintanilla	6-3	238	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0
Total		12	-	21	25	67	147	.143	75	.510	17	1	8	2-4	-
Opponents		12	-	10	7	27	128	.078	59	.461	25	1	4	1-1	-

#	Goalie	gp-gs	Goal Average			Saves		Record			
			min	ga	gaavg	saves	pct	w	l	t	sho/cbo
30	Stephen Banick	1-0	6:51	0	0.00	0	.000	0	0	0	0/0
18	Steven Tekesky	12-12	1073:09	10	0.84	48	.828	8	4	0	5/0
TM	TEAM	-	0:00	0	0.00	1	1.000	0	0	0	0/0
Total		12	1080:00	10	0.83	49	.831	8	4	0	5
Opponents		12	1080:00	21	1.75	54	.720	4	8	0	3

Team saves: 1

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	Total
West Virginia	7	14	21
Opponents	5	5	10

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	Total
West Virginia	36	36	72
Opponents	26	21	47

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	Total
West Virginia	71	76	147
Opponents	75	53	128

Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	Total
West Virginia	55	54	109
Opponents	72	87	159

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	Total
West Virginia	32	17	49
Opponents	27	27	54

Attendance Summary	WVU	Opponent
Total	3868	4609
Dates/Avg Per Date	6/645	5/922
Neutral Site #/Avg	1/0	



MATCH-BY-MATCH STATISTICS

8-4-0 OVERALL • 1-0-0 MAC • 5-1-0 HOME • 3-2-0 AWAY • 0-1-0 NEUTRAL

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

	G	A	Pts	Sh	Shot%	SOG	SOG%	CK	YC-RC	PK-ATT
August 24, 2018 - Charleston, South Carolina %										
West Virginia	2	1	5	9	.222	3	.333	6	0-0	0-0
College of Charleston	0	0	3	7	.000	2	.286	2	2-0	0-0
August 26, 2018 - Charleston, South Carolina %										
West Virginia	0	0	0	18	.000	7	.389	6	2-0	0-0
UNC Wilmington	1	1	3	13	.077	7	.538	4	3-0	0-0
August 31, 2018 - Morgantown, West Virginia										
American	1	0	2	8	.125	4	.500	3	4-0	0-0
West Virginia	5	5	15	21	.238	13	.619	9	0-0	1-1
September 7, 2018 - Orlando, Florida										
West Virginia	0	0	0	5	.000	3	.600	6	1-0	0-0
UCF	1	1	3	18	.056	11	.611	6	0-0	0-0
September 10, 2018 - College Park, Maryland										
West Virginia	0	0	0	12	.000	6	.500	6	3-0	0-0
Maryland	1	1	3	10	.100	5	.500	3	1-0	0-0
September 15, 2018 - Morgantown, West Virginia										
Saint Francis (Pa.)	1	1	3	3	.333	2	.667	1	2-1	0-0
West Virginia	3	2	8	10	.300	5	.500	5	2-1	1-1
September 18, 2018 - Morgantown, West Virginia										
Cincinnati	0	0	0	2	.000	2	1.000	2	3-0	0-0
West Virginia	2	3	7	13	.154	4	.308	8	3-0	0-0
September 22, 2018 - Dayton, Ohio										
West Virginia	2	3	7	7	.286	4	.571	2	1-0	0-0
Dayton	0	0	0	18	.000	3	.167	2	1-0	0-0
September 25, 2018 - Morgantown, West Virginia										
Radford	4	3	11	18	.222	9	.500	2	3-0	0-0
West Virginia	1	1	3	11	.091	4	.364	3	2-0	0-1
September 29, 2018 - Morgantown, West Virginia										
Delaware	0	0	0	9	.000	3	.333	7	2-0	0-0
West Virginia	2	4	8	9	.222	6	.667	7	1-0	0-0
October 2, 2018 - Morgantown, West Virginia										
Binghamton	0	0	0	9	.000	3	.333	9	0-0	0-0
West Virginia	2	4	8	18	.111	13	.722	10	0-0	0-1
October 6, 2018 - Kalamazoo, Michigan *										
West Virginia	2	2	6	14	.143	7	.500	4	2-0	0-0
Western Michigan	1	0	2	18	.056	10	.556	5	4-0	1-1
TOTALS:										
West Virginia	21	25	67	147	.143	75	.510	72	17-1	2-4
Opponent	10	7	27	128	.078	59	.461	47	25-1	1-1

* - MAC Match

% - Aaron Oltsky Memorial Soccer Classic, Charleston, South Carolina

RESULTS BREAKDOWN

Date	Opponent	Result	Site	Atten.	Record	Goals (Assists) - Time
8/24	at College of Charleston %	W, 2-0	Patriots Point, Charleston, South Carolina	1,781	1-0-0	Joey Piatczyc (Unassisted) - 50:17 Ethan Shim (Joey Piatczyc) - 71:23
8/26	vs. UNC Wilmington %	L, 1-0	Patriots Point, Charleston, South Carolina	460	1-1-0	Emil Elveroth (Wilhelm Nilsson) - 7:21
8/31	American	W, 5-1	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium, Morgantown	836	2-1-0	Ethan Shim (Tsubasa Takada, Joey Piatczyc) - 19:27 Pascal Derwaritsch (Penalty Kick) - 26:07 Rushawn Larmond (Sebastian Garcia-Herreros, Joey Piatczyc) - 47:04 Brenner Jarrad (Unassisted) - 58:39 Ethan Shim (Joey Piatczyc) - 71:29 Pascal Derwaritsch (Unassisted) - 78:43
9/7	at UCF	L, 1-0	UCF Soccer Complex, Orlando, Florida	303	2-2-0	Cal Jennings (Hattabiou Barry) - 47:26
9/10	at Maryland	L, 1-0	Ludwig Field, College Park, Maryland	1,195	2-3-0	Amar Sejdic (Chase Gasper) - 76:31
9/15	Saint Francis (Pa.)	W, 3-1	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium, Morgantown	662	3-3-0	Rushawn Larmond (Ryan Kellogg, Steven Tekesky) - 36:06 Joey Piatczyc (Penalty Kick) - 62:50 Rushawn Larmond (Unassisted) - 70:20 Gabriel Castro (Leonardo Ribeiro) - 85:28
9/18	Cincinnati	W, 2-0	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium, Morgantown	612	4-3-0	Kevin Morris (Tsubasa Takada) - 51:29 Ryan Kellogg (Tsubasa Takada, Sebastian Garcia-Herreros) - 70:53
9/22	at Dayton	W, 2-0	Baujan Field, Dayton, Ohio	955	5-3-0	Pascal Derwaritsch (Kevin Morris, Albert Andres-Llop) - 34:12 Spenser Myers (Josh DiMatteo) - 72:57
9/25	Radford	L, 4-1	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium, Morgantown	274	5-4-0	Victor Valls (Unassisted) - 9:54 Kieran Roberts (Amadou Diop) - 16:49 Amadou Diop (Victor Valls, Nick Mayhugh) - 35:20 Amadou Diop (Unassisted) - 53:04 Pascal Derwaritsch (Albert Andres-Llop) - 56:08
9/29	Delaware	W, 2-0	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium, Morgantown	923	6-4-0	Ryan Kellogg (Spenser Myers, Sebastian Garcia-Herreros) - 61:19 Ryan Kellogg (Sebastian Garcia-Herreros, Nic Short) - 70:21
10/2	Binghamton	W, 2-0	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium, Morgantown	561	7-4-0	Ryan Kellogg (Albert Andres-Llop, Ethan Shim) - 21:47 Josh DiMatteo (Sebastian Garcia-Herreros, Andres Muriel Albino) - 26:04
10/6	at Western Michigan *	W, 2-1	WMU Soccer Complex, Kalamazoo, Michigan	375	8-4-0 1-0-0 MAC	Cameron Sipple (Penalty Kick) - 21:56 Josh DiMatteo (Sebastian Garcia-Herreros, Kevin Morris) - 30:55 Andres Muriel Albino (Unassisted) - 83:50
10/9	at Wright State	7 p.m.	Alumni Field, Dayton, Ohio			
10/13	at Akron *	7 p.m.	Cub Cadet Field, Akron, Ohio			
10/20	SIU Edwardsville *	7 p.m.	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium, Morgantown			
10/23	Pitt	7 p.m.	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium, Morgantown			
10/26	Bowling Green *	7 p.m.	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium, Morgantown			
11/3	at Northern Illinois *	8 p.m.	NIU Soccer Complex, DeKalb, Illinois			

* - MAC Match

% - Aaron Oltsky Memorial Soccer Classic, Charleston, South Carolina



ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	High School / Previous School
3	Albert Andres-Llop	D	5-10	163	Jr.	Vila-real, Castellon, Spain	IES Francesc Tarrega Vila-real
30	Stephen Banick	GK	6-1	179	R-Sr.	Pickerington, Ohio	Pickerington HS North / Wingate
0	Jacob Castro	GK	6-0	165	Fr.	Hilliard, Ohio	Hilliard Bradley HS
23	Jake Coale	MF	5-9	155	R-So.	Newark, Del.	Newark HS
25	Pascal Derwaritsch	D	6-1	193	Jr.	Altlussheim, Germany	Privatgymnasium St. Leon Rot / Saint Leo University
21	Josh DiMatteo	MF	5-11	160	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Chartiers Valley HS
7	Sebastian Garcia-Herreros	MF	5-6	127	Jr.	Southwest Ranches, Fla.	Cypress Bay HS
9	Brendan Hogan	F	6-0	166	So.	Haymarket, Va.	Battlefield HS
4	Ryan Kellogg	D	5-11	162	Jr.	Parkville, Mo.	Park Hill South HS
11	Rushawn Larmond	F	5-11	169	Sr.	Philadelphia, Pa.	Pottsgrove HS
6	Logan Lucas	MF	6-0	172	Jr.	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Lee's Summit West HS
28	Nicholas Manno	D	5-8	145	Fr.	Morristown, N.J.	Morristown HS
19	Ftsum Michael	MF	6-0	168	Fr.	Woodbridge, Va.	Saint John Paul the Great Catholic HS
20	Kedus Michael	F	5-11	170	Fr.	Woodbridge, Va.	Saint John Paul the Great Catholic HS
5	Kevin Morris	D	6-3	170	So.	Mt. Airy, Md.	South Carroll HS
10	Andres Muriel Albino	MF	5-8	146	Jr.	Sevilla, Spain	I.E.S Miguel Servet / Central Connecticut State
22	Spenser Myers	F	5-10	154	So.	Chicora, Pa.	Karns Area HS
26	Amadou Ndiaye	MF	5-10	145	So.	Thies, Senegal	Martin Luther King HS / SUNY Poly
15	Joey Piatczyc	MF	5-8	158	R-Sr.	Lee's Summit, Mo.	Lee's Summit HS
8	Jorge Quintanilla	MF	5-6	144	Sr.	Germantown, Md.	Quince Orchard HS / Louisburg College
29	Tyler Shaffer	D	6-1	174	R-So.	Charleston, W.Va.	Capital HS
16	Ethan Shim	MF	6-1	168	Jr.	Maraval, Trinidad	St. Mary's College
17	Nic Short	MF	5-7	150	So.	Clifton, Va.	Robinson Secondary School / James Madison
14	Tsubasa Takada	F	6-0	154	So.	Narashino City, Japan	Municipal HS Funabashi
18	Steven Tekesky	GK	5-10	169	So.	Raymore, Mo.	Ray-Pec HS

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.
0	Jacob Castro	GK
3	Albert Andres-Llop	D
4	Ryan Kellogg	D
5	Kevin Morris	D
6	Logan Lucas	MF
7	Sebastian Garcia-Herreros	MF
8	Jorge Quintanilla	MF
9	Brendan Hogan	F
10	Andres Muriel Albino	MF
11	Rushawn Larmond	F
14	Tsubasa Takada	F
15	Joey Piatczyc	MF
16	Ethan Shim	MF
17	Nic Short	MF
18	Steven Tekesky	GK
19	Ftsum Michael	MF
20	Kedus Michael	F
21	Josh DiMatteo	MF
22	Spenser Myers	F
23	Jake Coale	MF
25	Pascal Derwaritsch	D
26	Amadou Ndiaye	MF
28	Nicholas Manno	D
29	Tyler Shaffer	D
30	Stephen Banick	GK

COACHES AND STAFF

Head Coach: Marlon LeBlanc (13th season)

Assistant Coach: Andy Wright (3rd season)

Assistant Coach: Nick Noble (1st season)

Athletic Trainer: Simon Gomez (3rd season)

Grad Asst., Director of Operations: Christian Diaz (2nd season)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Albert Andres-Llop	Lop
Pascal Derwaritsch	Da-var-itch
Josh DiMatteo	Dee-ma-tay-oh
Sebastian Garcia-Herreros	Her-air-ose
Rushawn Larmond	LAR-mond
Nicholas Manno	Man-oh
Ftsum Michael	Fits-um
Kedus Michael	Kuh-duce
Andres Muriel Albino	Al-bee-no
Amadou Ndiaye	Ah-mah-doo En-Jay
Joey Piatczyc	pee-Ah-Check
Jorge Quintanilla	Kin-tah-NEE-ya
Tsubasa Takada	Su-bah-sa
Steven Tekesky	Teh-kes-key

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

By Class	By State/Country
Freshmen	Missouri
Sophomores	Virginia
Juniors	Pennsylvania
Seniors	Maryland
	Ohio
	Spain
	Delaware
	Florida
	Germany
	Japan
	New Jersey
	Senegal
	Trinidad
	West Virginia

By Position	
Goalkeepers	3
Defenders	6
Midfielders	11
Forwards	5