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2018
SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Overall: 0-0-0 • MAC: 0-0-0
Home: 0-0-0 • Road: 0-0-0 • Neutral: 0-0-0

Friday, Aug. 24	at College of Charleston	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 26	vs. UNC Wilmington	2 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 31	**American**	**7 p.m.**
Friday, Sept. 7	at UCF	7 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 10	at Maryland	7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 15	**St. Francis (Pa.)**	**7 p.m.**
Tuesday, Sept. 18	**Cincinnati**	**7 p.m.**
Saturday, Sept. 22	at Dayton	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 25	**Radford**	**7 p.m.**
Saturday, Sept. 29	**Delaware**	**7 p.m.**
Tuesday, Oct. 2	**Binghamton**	**7 p.m.**
Saturday, Oct. 6	at Western Michigan *	4 p.m.
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.**

* - 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
2017 Final

Team	MAC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Streak
Western Michigan	5-0-0	1.000	17-4-1	.795	L1
Akron	4-1-0	.800	18-4-2	.792	L1
WEST VIRGINIA	**1-2-2**	**.400**	**9-6-4**	**.579**	**L1**
SIU Edwardsville	2-3-0	.400	7-10-1	.417	L3
Bowling Green	1-3-1	.300	7-9-1	.441	L1
Northern Illinois	0-4-1	.100	3-11-1	.233	L4

FOLLOWING ALONG:

Watch Live	CofCSports.com
Live Stats	Charleston.Statbroadcast.com
Tickets	CofCSports.com
Twitter	@WVUMensSoccer

WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

Record (MAC)	0-0-0 (0-0-0)
United Soccer Coaches Ranking / RPI	NR / 56
Head Coach (Years)	Marlon LeBlanc (13th)
Record at WVU / Career Record	114-84-32 / 118-87-32
All-Time Program Record	461-384-94

WVU'S RETURNING LEADERS

Goals	Albert Andres-Llop (5)
Assists	Jorge Quintanilla (5)
Points	Albert Andres-Llop (12)
Shots	Jorge Quintanilla (23)
Shots On Goal	Jorge Quintanilla (11)

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON COUGARS

Record (CAA)	0-0-0 (0-0-0)
United Soccer Coaches Ranking / RPI	NR / 82
Head Coach (Years)	Ralph Lundy (32nd)
Record at WMU / Career Record	316-255-49 / 446-326-62
Series History vs. WVU (Last Meeting)	First Meeting

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Goals	Tucker Heffron (4)
Assists	Jake Nicholson (3)
Points	Tucker Heffron, Jake Nicholson (9)
Shots	Tucker Heffron, Jake Nicholson (26)
Shots On Goal	Jake Nicholson (13)

NEW CAMPAIGN BEGINS FRIDAY NIGHT

CHARLESTON, S.C. (August 23, 2018) – The 58th season of West Virginia University men's soccer commences this weekend at the Aaron Oltsky Memorial Soccer Classic in Charleston, South Carolina.

The season-opener is set for Friday, Aug. 24, at the College of Charleston, with kickoff set for 7:30 p.m. ET, at the Soccer Stadium at Patriots Point. WVU will face UNC Wilmington on Sunday, Aug. 26, at 2 p.m., in a neutral-site contest to close out the weekend.

Friday night's season opener marks the first time the Mountaineers and Cougars have squared off.

"We're just looking to get off on the right foot," WVU coach Marlon LeBlanc said. "We have two tough opponents in Charleston and UNC Wilmington, and the idea is we're going down there to try and find wins. Charleston is on the road and it's their home opener, so obviously there's going to be a heavy emotional side to that for them. It's a beautiful stadium and beautiful soccer following down there. Traditionally, Charleston has been a fantastic program and well-coached, Ralph Lundy has been at it for decades, and he's one of the best in the business."

Fans unable to cheer on the Mountaineers in person can watch a live stream at CofCSports.com and follow live stats at Charleston.Statbroadcast.com. Links to the live stream and live stats can be found on the men's soccer schedule page on WVUSports.com. Additional updates, news and notes from Charleston will be available on social media by following and connecting with @WVUMensSoccer on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

West Virginia has had success in LeBlanc's first 12 seasons on opening weekend, owning a 14-7-3 mark. The Mountaineers are 9-2-1 in the season's first two games since 2012, including a 2-0 record to begin the 2017 season in California.

WVU returns 16 lettermen to the pitch this year, including nine who played in at least 15 matches in 2017. The 25-man roster features four seniors – goalkeeper Stephen Banick, forward Rushawn Larmond and midfielders Joey Piatczyc and Jorge Quintanilla – along with six juniors, seven sophomores and eight newcomers – five freshmen and three transfers.

Seventy percent of last year's starts return, including every start in goal and nine of the 12 players who started at least 10 matches. That does not include Piatczyc, a two-time All-MAC Team honoree, who is back on the pitch after missing the 2017 season with an injury.

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.

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	461-384-94 (.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)	13-14-6 (.485)

COACHES AND STAFF
Head Coach	Marlon LeBlanc (13th season)
Alma Mater	Penn State, 2000
Record at WVU	114-84-32 (.565)
Career Record	118-87-32 (.565)
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	90-34-18 (.713)
Playing Surface	Natural Grass
Largest Crowd	2,938 (9/4/09 vs. UCSB)

FOLLOWING THE MOUNTAINEERS
Website	WVUsports.com
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MEDIA INFORMATION

INTERVIEWS & CREDENTIALS
Members of the media wishing to interview a student-athlete or member of the coaching staff or obtain a credential for home matches should contact West Virginia men's soccer SID Charlie Healy, via email (Charles.Healy@mail.wvu.edu) or by phone (304-293-2821), at least 24 hours in advance.

RECEIVING INFORMATION
Media members may receive men's soccer press releases, notes and more via e-mail. To be added to the e-mail list, please send your requests to Charles.Healy@mail.wvu.edu.

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2017 STATISTICAL COMPARISON
(NCAA/Conference Rankings in parentheses)

	WVU	C of C
Overall Record	9-6-4	8-6-4
Conference Record	1-2-2	3-1-4
Home / Road	4-3-3 / 5-3-1	3-2-3 / 5-3-1
Versus Top 25	1-4-0	0-0-0
Coaches National Rank	NR	NR
Coaches Region Rank	N/A	N/A
W-L-T Percentage	.579 (62/3)	.556 (72/3)
Total Goals	20 (136/3)	20 (136/4)
Total Assists	18 (124/4)	19 (109/4)
Total Points	58 (139/4)	59 (134/4)
Scoring Offense	1.05 (159/5)	1.11 (145/4)
Shots Per Game	9.58 (183/5)	11.61 (114/4)
Shots on Goal Per Game	3.16 (199/6)	4.56 (142/4)
Saves Per Game	2.68 (180/4)	3.11 (157/7)
Save Percentage	.689 (169/5)	.757 (65/4)
Team Goals Against Avg.	1.147 (78/5)	0.939 (39/2)
Shutout Percentage	.474 (20/3)	.333 (70/4)
Shutouts	9	6
Goals Allowed	23	18

SCOUTING COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
College of Charleston is coming off an 8-6-4 season in 2017, and went 3-1-4 in Colonial Athletic Association play. The team's 2017 campaign concluded with a 2-1 loss to UNC Wilmington in the CAA Tournament semifinals.

Ralph Lundy enters his 32nd year as head coach of the Cougars, and has compiled a 316-255-49 record at C of C. He ranks in the top-25 all-time among Division I coaches in total wins and is currently fourth among active coaches.

Notable returners for the Cougars in 2018 include sophomore Jake Nicholson and junior Tucker Heffron, both of whom finished with nine points in 2017.

SERIES HISTORY VS. THE COUGARS
Friday marks the first-ever meeting between WVU and C of C. The Mountaineers are 9-14-3 against current members of the CAA, including a 6-2 win over James Madison in 2015. West Virginia also sports a 1-0-1 all-time record against CAA opponent UNC Wilmington, Sunday's foe in Charleston.

UP NEXT: SUNDAY VS. UNCW
The Mountaineers wrap up their weekend in Charleston with a neutral-site matchup against UNC Wilmington on Sunday, Aug. 26, at 2 p.m. ET. Following Sunday's contest, WVU returns home to face American on Friday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m., at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium.

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.

2017 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)

SHUTING OUT THE RECORDS
West Virginia recorded nine shutouts in 2017, tied for fifth-most in a single season in program history and the most since WVU recorded 10 in 2009.

	SHUTOUTS	YEAR
1.	13	2007
2.	12	2005
3.	11	2006
4.	10	2009
5.	9	1989
		1992
		1998
		2017

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 69-9-4 when they have scored at least two goals in a game. That includes a perfect 8-0 mark in the last two 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

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 nine of his 12 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

2017 RECORD BREAKDOWN

	OVERALL	MAC
Overall	9-6-4	1-2-2
Home	4-3-3	0-2-1
Road	5-3-1	1-0-1
Neutral	0-0-0	0-0-0
Day Games	2-2-1	0-0-0
Night Games	7-4-3	1-2-2
Games Following a Victory	4-3-2	0-0-0
Games Following a Loss	3-1-1	1-0-1
Games Following a Tie	1-2-1	0-1-1
Playing in Overtime	2-1-4	1-1-2
Playing in Double Overtime	0-0-3	0-0-1
Playing Ranked Opponents	1-4-0	0-2-0
Playing Unranked Opponents	8-2-4	1-0-2
In One-Goal Games	6-2-0	1-1-0
WVU Scores First	8-0-0	1-0-0
Opponent Scores First	1-6-1	0-2-1
Leading at Halftime	5-0-0	1-0-0
Trailing at Halftime	0-4-0	0-1-0
Tied at Halftime	4-2-4	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	6-1-1	1-0-1
Scoring Three Goals or More	3-0-0	0-0-0
Wearing White Jerseys	3-1-3	0-0-1
Wearing Blue Jerseys	3-4-1	1-1-1
Wearing Gold Jerseys	3-1-0	0-1-0
August	2-0-0	0-0-0
September	4-2-2	0-0-0
October	2-3-2	0-2-2
November	1-1-0	1-0-0
Monday	0-0-1	0-0-0
Tuesday	2-1-0	0-0-0
Wednesday	1-1-0	0-0-0
Friday	2-3-0	0-2-0
Saturday	3-0-3	1-0-2
Sunday	1-1-0	0-0-0

WVU SCORING BREAKDOWN

1st-15th minute	WVU 3, Opponents 2
16th-30th minute	WVU 6, Opponents 2
31st-45th minute	WVU 1, Opponents 7
46th-60th minute	WVU 2, Opponents 4
61st-75th minute	WVU 2, Opponents 6
76th-90th minute	WVU 4, Opponents 1
First Overtime	WVU 2, Opponents 1
Second Overtime	WVU 0, Opponents 0

WVU W-L-T BREAKDOWN

	WINS (9)	LOSSES (6)	TIES (4)
Goals	18 (2.00)	1 (0.16)	1 (0.25)
Assists	17 (1.88)	0 (0.00)	2 (0.50)
Shots	79 (8.77)	45 (7.50)	58 (14.50)
Shots on goal	35 (3.88)	14 (2.33)	11 (2.75)
Corner kicks	32 (3.55)	21 (3.50)	28 (7.00)
Saves	29 (3.22)	15 (2.50)	9 (2.25)
Fouls	107 (11.88)	61 (10.16)	31 (7.75)
Yellow/Red Cards	11/0	6/0	4/0
Allowed 0-1 goals	8	2	4
Allowed 2+ goals	1	4	0

WVU GAME WINNERS BY PERIOD

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

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.

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	Spain	2
Virginia	4	Germany	1
Pennsylvania	3	Japan	1
Maryland	2	Senegal	1
Ohio	2	Trinidad	1
Delaware	1		
Florida	1		
New Jersey	1		
West Virginia	1		

HOME SWEET HOME

In the past eight seasons, the WVU men's soccer team holds a 50-21-7 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

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 114-84-32 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 118-87-32.

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

WVU'S HOUSE OF HORRORS

The Mountaineers own a 66-32-13 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

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

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 Larmond and midfielders Joey Piatczyc 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 Piatczyc, 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 Piatczyc 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.

UNITED SOCCER COACHES
Preseason

	TEAM	POINTS	2017	PREV.
1	Stanford (23)	691	19-2-2	1
2	Indiana (2)	669	18-1-6	2
3	North Carolina (2)	633	17-4-1	4
4	**Akron** (1)	618	18-4-2	3
5	Wake Forest	593	19-2-2	5
6	Louisville	545	13-2-5	7
7	Michigan State	524	13-3-4	6
8	SMU	455	17-3-1	8
9	Butler	428	14-5-2	12
10	Duke	403	13-4-3	13
11	Clemson	388	12-6-1	17
12	Wisconsin	368	12-5-5	10
13	Georgetown	349	14-4-2	16
14	**Western Michigan**	342	17-4-1	9
15	Virginia	285	12-4-5	19
16	Fordham	266	14-6-3	11
17	Notre Dame	227	11-7-2	18
18	Coastal Carolina	217	14-7-1	15
19	New Hampshire	194	12-4-5	14
20	FIU	179	12-2-4	20
21	Michigan	130	12-6-2	22
22	Seattle	120	14-4-5	24
23	Dartmouth	77	12-3-2	23
24	Washington	71	12-7-1	NR
25	Colgate	58	12-10-1	21

Receiving Votes: California (45), UCLA (32), Columbia (30), **Maryland** (30), VCU (16), Portland (13), **UCF** (11), Old Dominion (10), UMass-Lowell (10), Pacific (9), **Pitt** (9), USF (8), Air Force (7), Kentucky (6), Cal State Fullerton (6), Albany (6), UMass (4), Creighton (4), San Francisco (4), Xavier (3), Grand Canyon (3), William & Mary (2), UConn (1), Mercer (1)

TOP DRAWER SOCCER
Preseason

	TEAM	W-L-T	CONF.
1.	Stanford	0-0-0	0-0-0
2.	**Akron**	0-0-0	0-0-0
3.	Wake Forest	0-0-0	0-0-0
4.	North Carolina	0-0-0	0-0-0
5.	Indiana	0-0-0	0-0-0
6.	SMU	0-0-0	0-0-0
7.	Louisville	0-0-0	0-0-0
8.	**Western Michigan**	0-0-0	0-0-0
9.	Michigan State	0-0-0	0-0-0
10.	Butler	0-0-0	0-0-0
11.	Denver	0-0-0	0-0-0
12.	Clemson	0-0-0	0-0-0
13.	Duke	0-0-0	0-0-0
14.	Georgetown	0-0-0	0-0-0
15.	Michigan	0-0-0	0-0-0
16.	Virginia	0-0-0	0-0-0
17.	UCLA	1-0-0	0-0-0
18.	Wisconsin	0-0-0	0-0-0
19.	Coastal Carolina	0-0-0	0-0-0
20.	Notre Dame	0-0-0	0-0-0
21.	**Maryland**	0-0-0	0-0-0
22.	Portland	0-0-0	0-0-0
23.	NC State	0-0-0	0-0-0
24.	Seattle	0-0-0	0-0-0
25.	FIU	0-0-0	0-0-0

Also Considered: Washington (0-0-0), Fordham (0-0-0), New Hampshire (0-0-0), Dartmouth (0-0-0), Colgate (0-0-0)

WVU Opponents Listed in Bold

"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 Piatczyc 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 Piatczyc 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, Piatczyc'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 Piatczyc 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 Piatczyc, 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 Piatczyc, 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 Larmond and Jorge Quintanilla, juniors Ryan Kellogg and Ethan Shim and sophomore Brendan Hogan.

Larmond 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 Larmond, 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."

A LOOK BACK AT 2017

West Virginia posted a 9-6-4 record in 2017 and went 1-2-2 in Mid-American Conference play. The season was highlighted by five weeks in the top 25, nine shutouts, tied for the fifth-most in a single season in program history, and a 1-0 upset victory over No. 5 Michigan State. WVU also advanced to the MAC Championship for the fifth time in six seasons in the league.

The Mountaineers were nationally ranked in 2017, a feat they have accomplished in 11 of coach Marlon LeBlanc's 12 seasons. In its five weeks in the top 25, WVU came in as high as No. 14.

West Virginia shut out its opponent in nine of its 19 games in 2017, tied for the fifth-most in a single season in program history. The Mountaineers' shutout percentage of .474 ranked No. 20 nationally.

WVU opened the year undefeated in its first five matches and with just one loss in its opening nine contests. The final nine games of the season saw the Mountaineers play five ranked opponents, a stretch that included an upset win over No. 5 Michigan State on Oct. 11, WVU's first top-10 win at home since defeating No. 1 UConn in 2011.

Numerous Mountaineers were recognized with regional or national accolades in honor of their outstanding achievements on the field and in the classroom.

As a team, WVU earned the United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award for the 10th consecutive year. The award recognizes programs for achieving a team grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Junior goalkeeper Stephen Banick and sophomore defender Ryan Kellogg were recognized on the CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team, marking the fifth consecutive season WVU has had at least one player honored on an Academic All-District team.

Senior midfielder Jad Arslan was named to the All-MAC First Team and senior defender Steven James earned Second Team honors. WVU has had at least two All-MAC Team honorees in each of its six seasons in the MAC. In postseason play, sophomore defender Pascal Derwaritsch and senior defender Louis Thomas were named to the MAC All-Tournament Team.

At the team's annual postseason banquet, Thomas was named the program's Abel "Shadow" Sebele Players' Player of the Year, while sophomore Sebastian Garcia-Herreros was recognized as the Coaches' Award recipient, honoring the player that best exemplifies what it means to be a WVU men's soccer player: honor, respect, philanthropy, leadership, academic success, selflessness, character and integrity.

Garcia-Herreros, James and Kellogg added Distinguished Scholar-Athlete honors by the Mid-American Conference.

Six Mountaineers were named to the 2017 Academic All-MAC Team after earning a 3.20 cumulative GPA or higher and playing in at least 10 games. Additionally, 13 Mountaineers were recognized on the Academic All-Big 12 At-Large Team for earning a 3.0 GPA and played in at least 20 percent of the team's games, while four were named to the Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team.

2017 AWARDS BREAKDOWN

TEAM
- United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award

ALBERT ANDRES-LLOP
- Academic All-Big 12 At-Large Second Team
- Mid-American Conference Player of the Week (Sept. 19)

JAD ARSLAN
- All-MAC First Team
- Academic All-MAC Team
- Academic All-Big 12 At-Large Second Team
- 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)

STEPHEN BANICK
- CoSIDA Academic All-District Team
- Academic All-MAC Team
- Academic All-Big 12 At-Large First Team

LUCCA BARBARIS
- Academic All-Big 12 At-Large Second Team

PASCAL DERWARITSCH
- Mid-American Conference All-Tournament Team
- Academic All-Big 12 At-Large First Team

SEBASTIAN GARCIA-HERREROS
- MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete
- Academic All-MAC Team
- Academic All-Big 12 At-Large First Team
- Coaches Award recipient

STEVEN JAMES
- All-MAC Second Team
- MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete
- Academic All-MAC Team
- Academic All-Big 12 At-Large First Team

RYAN KELLOGG
- CoSIDA Academic All-District Team
- MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete
- Academic All-MAC Team
- Academic All-Big 12 At-Large First Team

LOGAN LUCAS
- Academic All-MAC Team
- Academic All-Big 12 At-Large Second Team

KEVIN MORRIS
- Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team

SPENSER MYERS
- Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team

JOEY PIATCZYC
- Academic All-Big 12 At-Large Second Team

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

ANDREW RULLOW
- Academic All-Big 12 At-Large First Team

JOSE SANTOS
- Academic All-Big 12 At-Large Second Team

TOM SHEPHERD
- Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team

ETHAN SHIM
- Academic All-Big 12 At-Large First Team

TSUBASA TAKADA
- Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team

LOUIS THOMAS
- Abel "Shadow" Sebele Players' Player of the Year
- Mid-American Conference All-Tournament Team

	Name	GP-GS	Min	G	A	Pts	Sh	Shot%	SOG	SOG%	YC-RC	GW	PK-ATT	Corners
3	Albert Andres-Llop	18-14	899	5	2	12	14	.357	7	.500	0-0	2	0-0	5
10	Jad Arslan	19-18	1582	4	1	9	35	.114	9	.257	4-0	3	0-1	54
8	Jorge Quintanilla	18-13	988	2	5	9	23	.087	11	.478	1-0	1	1-1	6
7	Sebastian Garcia-Her	19-18	1688	2	4	8	13	.154	8	.615	2-0	1	0-0	0
11	Rushawn Larmond	17-10	966	2	2	6	15	.133	8	.533	2-0	0	1-1	0
25	Pascal Derwaritsch	19-19	1793	2	0	4	9	.222	5	.556	2-0	0	0-0	0
4	Ryan Kellogg	19-19	1717	1	0	2	9	.111	2	.222	2-0	1	0-0	9
9	Tom Shepherd	10-3	213	1	0	2	7	.143	1	.143	0-0	1	0-0	0
19	Lucca Barbaris	19-6	609	1	0	2	4	.250	1	.250	1-0	0	0-0	2
2	Louis Thomas	19-19	1757	0	2	2	4	.000	1	.250	3-0	0	0-0	0
24	Brendan Hogan	15-2	317	0	2	2	3	.000	2	.667	0-0	0	0-0	0
22	Spenser Myers	10-0	166	0	1	1	2	.000	0	.000	0-0	0	0-0	2
6	Logan Lucas	18-18	1620	0	0	0	14	.000	0	.000	3-0	0	0-0	0
13	Kevin Morris	19-10	1368	0	0	0	13	.000	3	.231	0-0	0	0-0	0
5	Steven James	19-19	1800	0	0	0	10	.000	1	.100	1-0	0	0-0	0
14	Tsubasa Takada	14-2	267	0	0	0	4	.000	0	.000	1-0	0	0-0	0
16	Ethan Shim	6-0	88	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	1-0	0	0-0	0
12	Andrew Rullow	9-0	164	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
28	Antonio Bachmann	1-0	7	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	10-9	831	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	19	19857	20	19	59	182	.110	60	.330	23-0	9	2-3	-
	Opponents	19	-	23	18	64	194	.119	74	.381	30-6	6	2-2	-

GOALKEEPER STATISTICS

	Name	GP-GS	Minutes	GA	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Sho
18	Steven Tekesky	10-8	830:01	9	0.98	18	.667	3	3	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
	Total	19	1805:00	23	1.15	51	.689	9	6	4	9
	Opponents	19	1805:00	20	1.00	40	.667	6	9	4	8

Team Saves: 3

TEAM STATISTICS

	WVU	Opp.
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	20-182	23-194
Goals scored per game	1.05	1.21
Shot pct.	.110	.119
Shots on goal-Attempts	60-182	74-194
SOG pct.	.330	.381
Shots/Game	9.6	10.2
Assists	19	18
CORNER KICKS	81	91
PENALTY KICKS	2-3	2-2
PENALTIES		
Fouls	199	246
Yellow cards	23	30
Red cards	0	6
ATTENDANCE		
Total	6970	4989
Dates/Avg Per Date	10/697	9/554
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

GOALS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	10	8	2	0	20
Opponents	11	11	1	0	23

SHOTS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	66	96	12	8	182
Opponents	86	103	3	2	194

SAVES BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	23	27	1	0	51
Opponents	16	23	1	0	40

CORNER KICKS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	33	46	1	1	81
Opponents	42	45	4	0	91

FOULS BY PERIOD

	1st	2nd	OT	OT2	Total
West Virginia	89	104	3	3	199
Opponents	115	119	9	3	246

9-6-4 OVERALL • 1-2-2 MAC • 4-3-3 HOME • 5-3-1 AWAY • 0-0-0 NEUTRAL

2-1-4 OVERTIME GAMES • 1-4-0 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 *	4	4	12	9	.444	5	.556	7	1-0	1-1
No. 25 West Virginia	0	0	0	4	.000	1	.250	3	0-0	0-0
November 4, 2017 - Edwardsville, Illinois										
West Virginia	2	0	4	9	.222	5	.556	4	3-0	1-1
SIUE *	1	1	3	13	.077	3	.231	5	2-0	0-0
November 10, 2017 - Kalamazoo, Michigan										
West Virginia	0	0	0	3	.000	3	1.000	0	1-0	0-0
No. 4 Western Michigan ^	1	0	2	20	.050	6	.300	7	2-0	0-0

* MAC Match

^ MAC Championship

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 *	L, 4-0	Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium	832	8-5-4	
11/4	at SIUE *	W, 2-1 (OT)	Ralph Korte Stadium - Edwardsville, Ill.	402	9-5-4	Rushawn Larmond (Penalty Kick) - 24:37 Sebastian Garcia-Herreros (unassisted) - 97:46
11/10	at No. 4 Western Mich. ^	L, 1-0	WMU Soccer Complex - Kalamazoo, Mich.	532	9-6-4	

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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)

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