# MEN'S SOCCER

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# 2018
## SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Overall: 1-1-0 • MAC: 0-0-0
Home: 0-0-0 • Road: 1-0-0 • 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** | **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

| Team | MAC | Pct. | Overall | Pct. | Streak |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SIU Edwardsville | 0-0 | 0.000 | 1-0-1 | 0.750 | W1 |
| **WEST VIRGINIA** | 0-0 | 0.000 | 1-1 | 0.500 | L1 |
| Northern Illinois | 0-0 | 0.000 | 1-1 | 0.500 | L1 |
| Western Michigan | 0-0 | 0.000 | 1-1 | 0.500 | L1 |
| Akron | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0-1-1 | 0.250 | L1 |
| Bowling Green | 0-0 | 0.000 | 0-2 | 0.000 | L2 |

## MATCH 3: WEST VIRGINIA VS. AMERICAN

Friday, August 31, 2018 | 7 p.m. ET | Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium | Morgantown, West Virginia

### FOLLOWING ALONG:

| Live Video (Free) | WVUsports.com/Watch |
|---|---|
| | Mountaineer Gameday App |
| Live Stats | WVUsports.com/Stats |
| Tickets | WVUGAME.com |
| Twitter | @WVUMensSoccer |

### WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

| Record (MAC) | 1-1-0 (0-0-0) |
|---|---|
| United Soccer Coaches Ranking / 2017 RPI | RV / 56 |
| Head Coach (Years) | Marlon LeBlanc (13th) |
| Record at WVU / Career Record | 115-85-32 / 119-88-32 |
| All-Time Program Record | 462-385-94 |

### WVU LEADERS

| Goals | Joey Piatczyc, Ethan Shim (1) |
|---|---|
| Assists | Joey Piatczyc (1) |
| Points | Joey Piatczyc (3) |
| Shots | Andres Muriel Albino (6) |
| Shots On Goal | Ethan Shim (3) |

### AMERICAN EAGLES

| Record (Patriot) | 1-1-0 (0-0-0) |
|---|---|
| United Soccer Coaches Ranking / 2017 RPI | NR / 180 |
| Head Coach (Years) | Todd West (19th) |
| Record at AU / Career Record | 165-143-47 / Same |
| Series History vs. WVU (Last Meeting) | WVU Leads, 5-1-1 (2017) |

### AU LEADERS

| Goals | Fabio Massaro, Jerry Zouantcha (1) |
|---|---|
| Assists | Tim Neumann, Matt Sloan (1) |
| Points | Fabio Massaro, Jerry Zouantcha (2) |
| Shots | Nick Dimitrijevic, Fabio Massaro (5) |
| Shots On Goal | Fabio Massaro (4) |

### HOME SEASON BEGINS FRIDAY

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (August 30, 2018) – The West Virginia University men's soccer team plays its first home game of the regular season on Friday, Aug. 31, against American. Kickoff at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium is set for 7 p.m. ET.

Friday night's contest is Dollar Night, with tickets and select concession items available for just $1. It also is the first Friday Night Happy Hour, from 6-7 p.m., with beverages not included in the Dollar Night promotion half-off. As part of Friday Night Happy Hour, a DJ will play for fans in the picnic area at DDSS. Additionally, the first 250 fans will receive a free WVU jersey koozie.

The match will be streamed live for free on WVUsports.com/Watch and the WVU Gameday App, while live stats also will be available. New this season, fans also can watch the video streams live via Roku and Apple TV, by searching for the "West Virginia Mountaineers" channel. Direct links to the video stream and live stats 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.

"All these games are the same, they're all important, they all mean something," WVU coach Marlon LeBlanc said. "But our approach is no different than it was last week for tomorrow. ... We'll tell them that they're going to be organized, they're going to be up for the game, which they will be. It's a good opponent, a long-time, very good head coach, and a team that'll be motivated to play at West Virginia University for sure."

The Mountaineers (1-1) begin their 2018 home slate having won six of their last seven home openers and have outscored the opposition 13-4 in those contests. Receiving votes in this week's United Soccer Coaches rankings, WVU owns a 50-21-7 mark in Morgantown since 2010.

The Eagles (1-1) come to West Virginia for the second time in three seasons. West Virginia is 5-1-1 all-time against American, including a 3-0 home win in 2016 and a 3-0 victory in Washington D.C. last season.

Senior midfielder Joey Piatczyc leads the team with three points, scoring a goal and adding an assist in WVU's season opener. He is tied for No. 5 nationally with one game-winning goal. His assist on Friday gives him 26 in his career, the second-most in program history and one shy of tying the program record of 27, set by Dan Stratford from 2004-07.

Sophomore goalkeeper Steven Tekesky is second on the Mid-American Conference with eight saves and a .889 save percentage. His one shutout on the season is tied for No. 11 in the country.

## 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 | 462-385-94 (.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 | 115-85-32 (.565) |
| Career Record | 119-88-32 (.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
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|---|---|
| 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 |
| 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.

### WVUSPORTS.COM
Visit WVUsports.com for player and coaching staff bios, the latest stories, updated stats and the WVU men's soccer record book.

## STATISTICAL COMPARISON
(NCAA/Conference Rankings in parentheses)

| | WVU | American |
|---|---|---|
| Overall Record | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| Conference Record | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Home / Road Record | 0-0/1-0 | 1-0/0-1 |
| Neutral Record | 0-1 | 0-0 |
| Versus Top 25 | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| United Coaches National Rank | RV | NR |
| United Coaches Regional Rank | 5 | 7 |
| Top Drawer Soccer | NR | NR |
| Soccer America | NR | NR |
| College Soccer News | NR | NR |
| W-L-T Percentage | .500 (72/2) | .500 (72/4) |
| | | |
| Total Goals | 2 (91/3) | 2 (91/4) |
| Total Assists | 1 (114/6) | 2 (79/4) |
| Total Points | 5 (115/6) | 6 (98/4) |
| Scoring Offense | 1 (97/3) | 1 (97/5) |
| Shots Per Game | 13.5 (55/4) | 9.0 (136/47) |
| Shots on Goal Per Game | 5.00 (75/3) | 5.00 (75/2) |
| | | |
| Saves Per Game | 4.0 (51/2) | 3 (157/3) |
| Save Percentage | .889 (28/1) | .417 (189/10) |
| Team Goals Against Avg. | 0.50 (34/1) | 3.50 (190/10) |
| Shutout Percentage | .500 (23/1) | .000 (95/5) |
| Shutouts | 1 | 0 |
| Goals Allowed | 1 | 7 |

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL RANKINGS
Players in the top 50 nationally or top 5 in the MAC

| Statistic | Player | Total | NCAA | MAC |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Game-Winning Goals | Joey Piatczyc | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Shutouts | Steven Tekesky | 1 | 11 | 1 |
| Save Percentage | Steven Tekesky | .889 | 32 | 2 |
| Total Saves | Steven Tekesky | 8 | 37 | 2 |
| Shot Accuracy | Ethan Shim | .750 | 37 | 2 |
| Goals Against Avg. | Steven Tekesky | 0.50 | 39 | 2 |
| Total Assists | Joey Piatczyc | 1 | 44 | 2 |
| Saves Per Game | Steven Tekesky | 4.00 | 49 | 3 |
| Goalie Min. Played | Steven Tekesky | 180:00 | 66 | 3 |
| Assists Per Game | Joey Piatczyc | 0.50 | 69 | 2 |
| Shots Per Game | Andres Muriel Albino | 3.00 | 81 | 5 |
| Total Goals | Joey Piatczyc | 1 | 84 | 5 |
| | Ethan Shim | 1 | 84 | 5 |
| Total Points | Joey Piatczyc | 3 | 90 | 5 |
| Shots on Goal/Game | Ethan Shim | 1.50 | 104 | 5 |
| Goals Per Game | Joey Piatczyc | 0.50 | 120 | 5 |
| | Ethan Shim | 0.50 | 120 | 5 |
| Points Per Game | Joey Piatczyc | 1.50 | 128 | 5 |

## AWARDS BREAKDOWN

### JOEY PIATCZYC
- 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 | College Soccer News |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Preseason | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| 1 - 8/27 | RV/5 | NR | NR | NR |

## SCOUTING AMERICAN
American is 1-1 on the season, with a 2-1 victory at home against George Mason last Friday and a 6-0 loss at George Washington on Monday.

Fabio Massaro and Jerry Zouantcha have one goal on the season, and Massaro has a team-high-tying five shots. Lucas Manso is 1-1 in goal and has made three saves.

Todd West is in his 19th season as the head coach of American. With a 165-143-47 record, he has guided the Eagles to three NCAA Tournaments, including a trip to the third round in 2001. West has been named the Patriot League Coach of the Year four times, and his squads have won seven PL titles.

### SERIES HISTORY VS. THE EAGLES
WVU is 5-1-1 all-time against AU, following back-to-back 3-0 wins in 2016 and 2017. The series began with a 5-1 road loss in 1988, and the Mountaineers have won four of the last five. West Virginia posted a 2-0 road win in 2005, followed by a 2-0 home victory in 2012. A scoreless draw followed in 2013 before a pair of 3-0 wins, at home in 2016 and on the road in 2017.

Last year in Washington D.C., current Mountaineer Albert Andres-Llop led the Mountaineers with a goal and the game-winning assist, while Sebastian Garcia-Herreros and Spenser Myers also earned assists. Andres-Llop assisted on West Virginia's first goal, in the 21st minute, and scored two minutes later, in the 23rd. In goal, Stephen Banick made two saves in 65 minutes in goal as WVU posted the shutout.

In the 2016 victory, Rushawn Larmond scored WVU's second goal, with an assist to Joey Piatczyc.

| DATE | SITE | RESULT | SCORE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9/18/1988 | Away | L | 1-5 |
| 10/19/2005 | Away | W | 2-0 |
| 9/15/2012 | Home | W | 2-0 |
| 10/22/2013 | Away | T | 0-0 (2OT) |
| 9/20/2016 | Home | W | 3-0 |
| 9/19/2017 | Away | W | 3-0 |

## UP NEXT: FRIDAY AT UCF
West Virginia is back on the road for a pair of matches, beginning on Friday, Sept. 7, at UCF. Kickoff in Orlando is set for 7 p.m. ET. After a contest at Maryland on Monday, Sept. 10, the Mountaineers return home to host St. Francis (Pa.) on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m., at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium. Tickets are available at WVUGAME.com or by calling 1-800 WVU GAME.

## LAST TIME OUT: OPENING WEEKEND
The Mountaineers opened the 2018 season with a 2-0 victory at the College of Charleston on Friday night. Senior midfielder Joey Piatczyc and junior midfielder Ethan Shim scored for WVU, both in the second half, while Piatczyc 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.

On Sunday, 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.

## RECORD BREAKDOWN

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

## WVU SCORING BREAKDOWN

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

## WVU W-L-T BREAKDOWN

| | WINS (1) | LOSSES (1) | TIES (0) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Goals | 2 (2.00) | 0 (0.00) | 0 (0.00) |
| Assists | 1 (1.00) | 0 (0.00) | 0 (0.00) |
| Shots | 9 (9.00) | 18 (18.00) | 0 (0.00) |
| Shots on goal | 3 (3.00) | 7 (7.00) | 0 (0.00) |
| Corner kicks | 6 (6.00) | 6 (6.00) | 0 (0.00) |
| Saves | 2 (2.00) | 6 (6.00) | 0 (0.00) |
| Fouls | 9 (9.00) | 6 (6.00) | 0 (0.00) |
| Yellow/Red Cards | 0/0 | 2/0 | 0/0 |
| Allowed 0-1 goals | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Allowed 2+ goals | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## WVU GAME WINNERS BY PERIOD

| First Half | 0 |
|---|---|
| Second Half | 1 |
| First Overtime | 0 |
| Second Overtime | 0 |

## PIATCZYC CHASING RECORDS

Senior midfielder Joey Piatczyc is climbing up the record books in several statistical categories. He holds the program record for assists per game in a career, with 0.48, while he ranks No. 2 all-time with 26 assists and 11 game-winning assists. He also is tied for No. 3 with three multi-assist games.

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

| Statistic | Career Total | WVU Rank | Next-Highest Total / Rank | WVU Record |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Assists | 26 | 2nd | 27 / 1st | 27 |
| Multi-Assist Games | 3 | T-3rd | 4 / 1st | 4 |
| Game-Winning Assists | 11 | 2nd | 13 / 1st | 13 |
| Game-Winning Points | 13 | 11th | 14 / T-9th | 31 |
| **Assists Per Game** | **0.48** | **1st** | **--** | **0.48** |

Piatczyc's 26 assists in his career are the second-most in program history and one shy of tying the program 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, Piatczyc'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. Piatczyc set the team record with four assists in a single match on Aug. 30, vs. San Francisco.

As a freshman in 2014, Piatczyc 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.

This season, Piatczyc was named the season's first MAC Player of the Week 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 Friday night in the season opener. Piatczyc scored the game-winning goal in the 51st minute and added an assist on WVU's second goal in the 72nd minute.

The game-winning goal came on a free kick from approximately 30 yards out that hit the top-left post and bounced in.

Also named the WVU Student-Athlete of the Week, Piatczyc was recognized with a MAC weekly accolade for the first time in his career. His three-point performance in the opener was his first match back after missing the 2017 season with an injury.

## TWO OR MORE = VICTORY

Since Marlon LeBlanc's arrival in 2006, the Mountaineers are 70-9-4 when they have scored at least two goals in a game. That includes a perfect 9-0-0 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 | 1-0-0 |

## 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 |
| 2018 | 10.0 | 4.5 |

## 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)

## 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 115-85-32 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 119-88-32.

## 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 |

## 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 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 |

## UNITED SOCCER COACHES
### August 28

| | TEAM | PTS. | PREV. | RECORD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Wake Forest (24) | 692 | 5 | 2-0-0 |
| 2 | Duke (2) | 632 | 10 | 2-0-0 |
| 3 | Washington | 591 | 24 | 2-0-0 |
| 4 | Akron (2) | 582 | 4 | 0-1-1 |
| 5 | Michigan State | 551 | 7 | 1-0-1 |
| 6 | Indiana | 535 | 2 | 1-1-0 |
| 7 | Virginia | 511 | 15 | 1-0-0 |
| 8 | UCLA | 488 | NR | 1-0-0 |
| 9 | Louisville | 472 | 6 | 1-0-0 |
| 10 | Stanford | 445 | 1 | 0-0-1 |
| 11 | Butler | 422 | NR | 0-1-1 |
| 12 | North Carolina | 395 | 9 | 1-1-0 |
| 13 | UNC Wilmington | 323 | NR | 2-0-0 |
| 14 | California | 304 | NR | 2-0-0 |
| 15 | Fordham | 277 | 16 | 1-0-0 |
| 16 | Western Michigan | 259 | 14 | 1-1-0 |
| 17 | Pacific | 243 | NR | 1-1-0 |
| 18 | UConn | 195 | NR | 2-0-0 |
| 19 | Denver | 181 | NR | 1-0-0 |
| 20 | Creighton | 162 | NR | 1-0-1 |
| 21 | Colgate | 129 | 25 | 2-0-0 |
| 22 | Dartmouth | 118 | 23 | 0-0-0 |
| 23 | Tulsa | 104 | NR | 1-0-1 |
| 24 | Notre Dame | 81 | 17 | 0-0-1 |
| 25 | Old Dominion | 68 | NR | 1-0-1 |

**Receiving Votes:** Virginia Tech (59), Portland (49), Georgetown (32), NC State (29), Clemson (22), New Hampshire (21), Coastal Carolina (19), UC Irvine (18), UC Santa Barbara (17), Albany (8), Grand Canyon (8), Vermont (7), UIC (7), New Mexico (6), SMU (6), Wisconsin (6), William & Mary (6), Marquette (5), Charlotte (4), **UCF** (3), Xavier (3), **WEST VIRGINIA (2)**, Kentucky (2), Drake (1)

## TOP DRAWER SOCCER
### August 27

| | TEAM | W-L-T | CONF. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Wake Forest | 2-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| 2. | **Akron** | 0-1-1 | 0-0-0 |
| 3. | Indiana | 1-1-0 | 0-0-0 |
| 4. | Stanford | 0-0-1 | 0-0-0 |
| 5. | Denver | 1-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| 6. | North Carolina | 1-1-0 | 0-0-0 |
| 7. | Louisville | 2-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| 8. | Duke | 2-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| 9. | Butler | 0-1-1 | 0-0-0 |
| 10. | **Western Michigan** | 1-1-0 | 0-0-0 |
| 11. | Michigan State | 1-0-1 | 0-0-0 |
| 12. | UCLA | 1-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| 13. | Virginia | 1-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| 14. | **UNC Wilmington** | 2-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| 15. | Tulsa | 1-0-1 | 0-0-0 |
| 16. | Notre Dame | 0-0-1 | 0-0-0 |
| 17. | NC State | 2-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| 18. | Washington | 2-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| 19. | Fordham | 1-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| 20. | UIC | 2-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| 21. | California | 2-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| 22. | Marquette | 1-0-0 | 0-0-0 |
| 23. | Creighton | 1-0-1 | 0-0-0 |
| 24. | Xavier | 1-0-1 | 0-0-0 |
| 25. | Virginia Tech | 2-0-0 | 0-0-0 |

**Also Considered:** UC Santa Barbara (2-0-0), New Hampshire (1-1-0), Colgate (2-0-0), Vermont (1-1-0), Saint Louis (0-1-1)

## SOCCER AMERICA
### August 28

| | TEAM | W-L-T | CONF. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Wake Forest | (2-0-0) | 6 |
| 2. | Indiana | (1-1-0) | 1 |
| 3. | Stanford | (0-0-1) | 3 |
| 4. | North Carolina | (1-1-0) | 2 |
| 5. | Louisville | (1-0-0) | 7 |
| 6. | Michigan State | (1-0-1) | 4 |
| 7. | **Akron** | (0-0-1) | 5 |
| 8. | **Western Michigan** | (1-0-0) | 12 |
| 9. | Duke | (2-0-0) | 14 |
| 10. | Washington | (1-0-0) | 15 |
| 11. | Virginia | (1-0-0) | 17 |
| 12. | UCLA | (1-0-0) | 18 |
| 13. | Butler | (0-0-1) | 13 |
| 14. | N.C. State | (1-0-0) | 23 |
| 15. | Creighton | (1-0-1) | NR |
| 16. | Tulsa | (1-0-1) | NR |
| 17. | New Mexico | (1-0-0) | NR |
| 18. | SMU | (1-1-0) | 6 |
| 19. | Clemson | (1-1-0) | 8 |
| 20. | Portland | (1-0-1) | 22 |
| 21. | Fordham | (1-0-0) | 23 |
| 22. | Coastal Carolina | (1-1-0) | 25 |
| 23. | Georgetown | (1-1-0) | 9 |
| 24. | Michigan | (1-1-0) | 10 |
| 25. | Notre Dame | (0-0-1) | 21 |

WVU Opponents Listed in **Bold**

## COLLEGE SOCCER NEWS
### August 27

| | TEAM | W-L-T | CONF. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Stanford | 0-0-1 | 1 |
| 2 | Wake Forest | 2-0-0 | 8 |
| 3 | Indiana | 1-1-0 | 2 |
| 4 | North Carolina | 1-1-0 | 3 |
| 5 | Michigan State | 1-0-1 | 4 |
| 6 | Louisville | 1-0-0 | 5 |
| 7 | Duke | 2-0-0 | 9 |
| 8 | Akron | 0-0-1 | 7 |
| 9 | Butler | 0-0-1 | 11 |
| 10 | Georgetown | 1-1-0 | 6 |
| 11 | Western Michigan | 1-0-0 | 14 |
| 12 | Clemson | 1-1-0 | 12 |
| 13 | SMU | 1-1-0 | 10 |
| 14 | Virginia | 1-0-0 | 15 |
| 15 | Fordham | 1-0-0 | 16 |
| 16 | Washington | 1-0-0 | 19 |
| 17 | UCLA | 1-0-0 | 28 |
| 18 | Colgate | 1-0-0 | 21 |
| 19 | Tulsa | 1-0-1 | NR |
| 20 | Notre Dame | 0-0-1 | 20 |
| 21 | Michigan | 0-1-0 | 17 |
| 22 | Dartmouth | 0-0-0 | 22 |
| 23 | N.C. State | 1-0-0 | 29 |
| 24 | Seattle | 0-1-0 | 18 |
| 25 | Coastal Carolina | 1-1-0 | 24 |
| 26 | New Hampshire | 0-1-0 | 25 |
| 27 | Pacific | 1-0-0 | 27 |
| 28 | Maryland | 0-1-0 | 23 |
| 29 | William and Mary | 1-0-0 | 30 |
| 30 | Cal State Fullerton | 1-0-0 | 30 |
| 30 | Denver | 1-0-0 | RV |

**Receiving Votes: UNCW**, Wisconsin, New Mexico, FIU, Creighton, California, Virginia Tech, Charlotte, UC Santa Barbara, Albany, High Point, Old Dominion, St. Francis Brooklyn, Xavier, UIC, UMass Lowell

## 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.

## 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 |

## 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.

"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.

| ## | Player | gp-gs | min | g | a | pts | sh | sh% | sog | sog% | yc | rc | gwg | pk-att | cnr |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 | Joey Piatczyc | 2-2 | 174 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | .500 | 1 | .500 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0-0 | 8 |
| 16 | Ethan Shim | 2-2 | 90 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | .250 | 3 | .750 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| 10 | Andres Muriel Albino | 2-2 | 180 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | .000 | 2 | .333 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| 3 | Albert Andres-Llop | 2-2 | 168 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | .000 | 1 | .200 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| 14 | Tsubasa Takada | 2-2 | 143 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 4 |
| 25 | Pascal Derwaritsch | 2-2 | 173 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| 5 | Kevin Morris | 2-2 | 180 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .000 | 1 | .500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| 9 | Brendan Hogan | 2-2 | 79 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .000 | 1 | 1.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| 6 | Logan Lucas | 2-2 | 180 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .000 | 1 | 1.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| 22 | Spenser Myers | 1-0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| 11 | Rushawn Larmond | 2-0 | 76 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| 8 | Jorge Quintanilla | 2-0 | 71 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| 7 | Sebastian Garcia-Her | 2-2 | 180 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
| 4 | Ryan Kellogg | 2-0 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 |
|  | Total | 2 | - | 2 | 1 | 5 | 27 | .074 | 10 | .370 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0-0 | - |
|  | Opponents | 2 | - | 1 | 1 | 3 | 20 | .050 | 9 | .450 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0-0 | - |

| # | Goalie | gp-gs | Goal Average | | | Saves | | Record | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | min | ga | gaavg | saves | pct | w | l | t | sho/cbo |
| 18 | Steven Tekesky | 2-2 | 180:00 | 1 | 0.50 | 8 | .889 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1/0 |
| | Total | 2 | 180:00 | 1 | 0.50 | 8 | .889 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | Opponents | 2 | 180:00 | 2 | 1.00 | 8 | .800 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Team saves: 0

| Goals by Period | 1st | 2nd | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| WVU | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Opponents | 1 | 0 | 1 |

| Shots by Period | 1st | 2nd | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| WVU | 14 | 13 | 27 |
| Opponents | 11 | 9 | 20 |

| Saves by Period | 1st | 2nd | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| WVU | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| Opponents | 4 | 4 | 8 |

| Corners by Period | 1st | 2nd | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| WVU | 5 | 7 | 12 |
| Opponents | 3 | 3 | 6 |

| Fouls by Period | 1st | 2nd | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| WVU | 7 | 8 | 15 |
| Opponents | 14 | 16 | 30 |

| Attendance Summary | WVU | Opponent |
|---|---|---|
| Total | 0 | 1781 |
| Dates/Avg Per Date | 0/0 | 1/1781 |
| Neutral Site #/Avg | 1/0 | |

**1-1-0 OVERALL • 0-0-0 MAC • 0-0-0 HOME • 1-0-0 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 |

\* - MAC Match

% - Aaron

| Date | Opponent | Result | Site | Atten. | Record | WVU 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<br>Ethan Shim (Joey Piatczyc) - 71:23 |
| 8/26 | vs. UNC Wilmington % | 2 p.m. | Patriots Point, Charleston, South Carolina | 460 | 1-1-0 | |
| 8/31 | American | 7 p.m. | Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium, Morgantown | | | |
| 9/7 | at UCF | 7 p.m. | Orlando, Florida | | | |
| 9/10 | at Maryland | 7 p.m. | College Park, Maryland | | | |
| 9/15 | St. Francis (Pa.) | 7 p.m. | Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium, Morgantown | | | |
| 9/18 | Cincinnati | 7 p.m. | Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium, Morgantown | | | |
| 9/22 | at Dayton | 7 p.m. | Dayton, Ohio | | | |
| 9/25 | Radford | 7 p.m. | Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium, Morgantown | | | |
| 9/29 | Delaware | 7 p.m. | Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium, Morgantown | | | |
| 10/2 | Binghamton | 7 p.m. | Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium, Morgantown | | | |
| 10/6 | at Western Michigan * | 4 p.m. | Kalamazoo, Michigan | | | |
| 10/9 | at Wright State | 7 p.m. | Dayton, Ohio | | | |
| 10/13 | at Akron * | 7 p.m. | 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. | DeKalb, Illinois | | | |

* - MAC Match
% - Aaron

## 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**

| | |
|---|---|
| Freshmen | 5 |
| Sophomores | 9 |
| Juniors | 7 |
| Seniors | 4 |

**By Position**

| | |
|---|---|
| Goalkeepers | 3 |
| Defenders | 6 |
| Midfielders | 11 |
| Forwards | 5 |

**By State/Country**

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