2022 UAB SOFTBALL GAME N

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April 8-10 • @UAB_SB • #WinAsOne Mary Bowers Field • Birmingham, AL.

2022 SCHEDULE

Overall 20-13 | C-USA 8-1

Overall 20-13 C-03	A 0-1	
Day Date FEBRUARY	Opponent	Time/Result
Fri. 11 Fri. 11 Sat. 12 Sat. 12	LOUISIANA % LOUISIANA % at TULSA % McNEESE STATE % TULSA %	L, O-2 L, O-23. W, 5-1. L, 3-4 L, 12-13
Sun. 13 Wed. 16 Fri. 18 Fru. 18	TROY	L, 3-6
Sat. 19 Sat. 19 Sun. 20	NORTH DAKOTA! NORTH DAKOTA! MURRAY STATE! MURRAY STATE!	w, 8-u. W. 1-0 W, 2-0 L, 9,0 L, 8-4
Fri. 25 Sat. 26	IUPUI ^ NORTH ALABAMA ^ IUPUI ^ AUSTIN PEAY ^ AUSTIN PEAY^	W, 8-0 L, 9-11 W, 5-3 W, 7-3 Canceled
MARCH Wed. 2 Fri. 4 Fri. 4	at ALABAMA ~ LONGWOOD# LONGWOOD#	L, 0-7. W, 8-3 W, 7-3.
Sat. 5 Sat. 5 Sun. 6 Tue. 8	LONGWOOD# HARVARD# HARVARD# SAMFORD FIU*	W.2-0 W, 6-0 W, 5-0. Postponed
Sat. 12 Sun. 13	FIU* FIU*	W. 8-0 W, 13-1 L, 1-0 Canceled W, 1-0
Sat. 19 Sun. 20 Wed. 23 Fri. 25	MARSHALL* MARSHALL* MARSHALL * ALABAMA SOUTHERN MISS*	W, 5-2 W, 8-7
Sat. 26 Sun. 27 APRIL Fri. 1	ALABAMA SOUTHERN MISS* SOUTHERN MISS* SOUTHERN MISS*	I 11-1
Sat. 2 Wed. 6 Fri. 8 Sat. 9	OKLAHOMA SAMFORD WESTERN KENTUCKY WESTERN KENTUCKY WESTERN KENTUCKY	L, 2-0 Canceled * 6 n m
Wed. 13 Fri. 15 Sat 16 Sun. 17	GEORGIA TECH UTSA * UTSA * UTSA *	1 p.m. 12 p.m.
Fri. 22 Sat. 23 Sun. 24 Sat 29 Sat 30	LA TECH * LA TECH * LA TECH * NORTH TEXAS * NORTH TEXAS *	6 p.m. 2 p.m. 1 p.m. 6 p.m. 1 p.m.
MAY Sun. 1	NORTH TEXAS*	12 p.m.
Wed . 4 Fri. 6 Sat. 7 Sun. 8	SAMFORD UTEP UTEP UTEP	6 p.m. 6 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 12 p.m.



Blazers

QUICK FACTS

2022 Record: 20-13 C-USA Record: 8-1 Head Coach: Joe Guthrie

STAT LEADERS

Averge: Wiggins .341 Home Runs: Crowe, 4 RBI: Frazier, 26 Strikeouts: Valbak, 56



Kentucky

QUICK FACTS 2022 Record: 25-7

C-USA: 9-3 Head Coach: Amy Tudor

STAT LEADERS

Average: Davis (.441) Home Runs: Curry (7) RBI: Sanders (30) Strikeouts: Nunn (83)

- UAB and WKU are leading their respective divisions in C-USA.
- The Blazers have six players with 20+ hits, and two with 30+.
- UAB and WKU last faced off in the C-USA championship game in
- Sierra Frazier leads the team with a .500 slugging percentage.
- UAB is currently ranked #1 in Conference USA standings.

Quick Facts

- Head coach Joe Guthrie set the program wins for most wins by a first year head coach in 2021 (31).
- The Blazers have played in six extra inning games so far this season.
- UAB has four transfers on its roster, Jolie Readeaux (Louisiana) Tyler Armistead (Georgia) Makenna Pierce (Southern Miss) Bailey Tindell (North Texas)
- Sierra Frazier is a Preseason First Team All-Conference USA Selection.
- 10 different true freshman have appeared in games this season for the Blazers.

UAB General Information

Location	Birmingham, Ala.
	1969
Enrollment	22,080
President	Dr. Ray Watts
Athletics Director	Mark Ingram
Nickname	Blazers
Colors	Forest Green and Old Gold
	Conference USA

SOFTBALL HISTORY

First Season	2000
All-Time Record	670-631-1
All-Time C-USA Record	274-216-1
NCAA Tournament Appearances	5
C-USA Regular Season/Tournament Titles	1/0
Regional/Super Regional Appearances	
NCAA Tournament Record	

2022 ROSTER

Numerical Roster

#	Name	Pos.	Class	B/T	Ht.	Hometown/Previous School
00	Tyler Armistead	OF	Jr.	R/R	5-8	Butler, Ala./Georgia
1	Lindsey Smith	INF	Fr.	R/R	5-8	Hayden, Ala./Hayden HS
2	Bella Wiggins	OF	Fr.	L/L	5-7	Fairhope, Ala./Fairhope HS
3	Faith Hegh	OF	Jr.	L/L	5-9	Egg Harbor, N.J./Mainland Regional HS
4	Taylor Yeager	OF	Fr.	L/R	5-1	Hayden, Ala./Hayden HS
5	Reese Lowery	INF	Fr.	L/R	5-4	McCalla, Ala/McAdory HS
6	Makenna Cortez	UTL	Fr.	L/R	5-3	Bayou Gauche, La./Hahnville HS
7	Makenzie Droddy	, C	Fr.	R/R	5-8	Iota, La./Northside Christian HS
8	Sarah Cespedes	RHP	Jr.	R/R	5-7	Sterrett, Ala./Chelsea HS
9	Lauren Brock	INF	Fr.	L/R	5-6	Marianna, Fla/Marianna HS
10	Makenna Pierce	Р	Jr.	R/R	5-8	Daphne, Ala./Southern Miss
11	Ja'Nae Wray	UTL	Fr.	/R	5-8	Douglasville, Ga./Alexander HS
12	Sophie Page	INF	Fr.	R/R	5-7	Chatom, Ala./Satsuma HS
13	Jaden Goodwin	OF	Fr.	L/R	5-5	Corner, Ala./Corner
15	Bailey Tindell	Р	Jr.	R/R	5-7	Salado, Texas/North Texas
17	Lilly Crowe	UTL/OF	So.	L/R	5-5	Moody, Ala./Moody HS
20	Sierra Frazier	C	Jr.	R/R	5-10	Corona, Calif./Santiago HS
21	Olivia Valbak	RHP/INF	Fr.	R/R	5-11	Ashburn, Va./Stone Bridge HS
22	Jolie Readeaux	INF	Sr.	R/R	5-6	Houston, Texas/Louisiana
24	Sadie Frazier	INF	Sr.	R/R	5-8	Corona, Calif./Santiago HS
25	Oliva Nay	OF	Fr.	L/R	5-6	Auburn, Ala/Auburn HS
26	Arden Plugge	RHP	R-Fr.	R/R	5-11	Vestavia Hills, Ala./Vestavia Hills HS
55	Alyssa Aguilar	UTL	Fr.	L/L	5-6	Burbank Calif/Notre Dame HS
64	Chloe Bahruth	OF	So.	R/R	5-7	Claremont, Calif./Glendora HS

Alphabetical Roster

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55	Alyssa Aguilar	UTL	Fr.	L/L	5-6	Burbank Calif,/ Notre Dame HS
00	Tyler Armistead	OF	Jr.	R/R	5-8	Butler, Ala./Georgia
64	Chloe Bahruth	OF	So.	R/R	5-7	Claremont, Calif./Glendora HS
9	Lauren Brock	INF	Fr.	L/R	5-6	Marianna, Fla/Marianna HS
8	Sarah Cespedes	RHP	Sr.	R/R	5-7	Sterrett, Ala./Chelsea HS
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BY STATE Alabama Sarah Cespedes.....Sterrett Lindsey Smith Hayden Taylor Yeager..... Hayden Reese Lowery......McCalla Makenna Pierce.....Daphne Sophie Page.....Corner Tyler Armistead.....Butler Olivia Nay.....Auburn California Chloe Bahruth......Claremont Sadie FrazierCorona Sierra Frazier......Corona Alyssa Aguilar.....Burbank Florida Lauren Brock......Marianna **Georgia** Ja'Nae Wray......Douglasville **Louisiana** Makenna Cortez.....Bayou Gauche Makenzie Droddy.....lota **Texas** Bailey Tindell Salado Jolie Readeaux.....Houston Virginia Olivia Valbak.....Ashburn **BY YEAR** Senior Sadie Frazier Jolie Readeaux..... Junior Bailey Tindell..... Sarah Cespedes..... Tyler Armistead..... Sierra Frazier..... Makenna Pierce..... Faith Hegh..... Sophomore Lilly Crowe..... Chloe Bahruth..... **Freshman** Arden Plugge..... Alyssa Aguilar..... Olivia Valbak..... Jaden Goodwin..... Sophie Page..... Ja'nae Wray..... Lauren Brock..... Makenzie Droddy..... Makenna Cortez..... Reese Lowery..... Taylor Yeager..... Bella Wiggins..... Olivia Nay.....

Lindsey Smith.....

2022 SEASON STATS

2022 University of Alabama at Birmingham Softball Overall Statistics (as of Apr 2, 2022)

Overall Record: 20-13 Conf: 8-1 Home: 14-5 Away: 5-7 Neutral: 1-1

All games Sorted by Batting Avg

# Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	Н	2B	ЗВ	HR	RBI	ТВ	SLG%	ВВ	НВР	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	РО	Α	Е	FLD%
2 Wiggins, Bella	.341	31-26	88	15	30	6	1	1	12	41	.466	5	4	13	0	.390	3	1	3-7	6	3	1	.900
3 Hegh, Faith	.340	33-33	103	17	35	8	3	0	16	49	.476	3	3	6	0	.376	0	0	3-5	41	1	2	.955
22 Readeaux, Jolie	.295	31-22	61	5	18	3	1	0	9	23	.377	3	4	5	0	.357	2	1	0-0	176	2	4	.978
20 Frazier, Sierra	.283	33-32	92	16	26	7	2	3	26	46	.500	7	8	7	1	.376	2	0	0-0	143	20	7	.959
1 Smith, Lindsey	.281	33-33	89	19	25	7	1	2	13	40	.449	7	2	12	0	.337	3	0	1-3	30	104	9	.937
0 Armistead, Tyler	.276	33-31	98	20	27	4	1	1	10	36	.367	12	3	13	0	.362	3	0	5-5	20	0	1	.952
17 Crowe, Lilly	.258	33-32	97	14	25	5	1	4	21	44	.454	6	1	12	0	.305	1	1	2-3	41	2	0	1.000
9 Brock, Lauren	.237	32-29	76	11	18	1	0	0	8	19	.250	14	0	13	1	.356	0	1	4-6	41	64	6	.946
21 Valbak, Olivia	.172	32-28	64	7	11	1	1	0	3	14	.219	4	1	3	1	.232	0	2	1-2	27	56	1	.988
12 Page, Sophie	.269	28-16	26	5	7	0	0	0	5	7	.269	2	0	2	0	.310	1	0	1-1	16	45	3	.953
7 Droddy, Makenzie	.250	15-7	20	2	5	1	0	0	6	6	.300	3	0	8	0	.333	1	0	0-0	18	3	1	.955
24 Frazier, Sadie	.200	7-0	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.200	2	0	1	0	.429	0	0	0-0	3	0	1	.750
55 Aguilar, Alyssa	.195	29-13	41	5	8	2	0	0	5	10	.244	4	0	4	0	.267	0	0	0-0	109	2	1	.991
6 Cortez, Makenna	.000	11-0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000
4 Yeager, Taylor	.000	20-0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	.000
64 Bahruth, Chloe	.000	20-1	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	1	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
5 Lowery, Reese	.000	9-0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
13 Goodwin, Jaden	.000	3-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000
Totals	.270	33-33	873	147	236	45	11	11	135	336	.385	73	26	104	3	.339	16	7	21-33	676	329	41	.961
Opponents	.256	33-33	902	139	231	33	18	22	122	366	.406	67	15	167	5	.316	6	12	12-17	659	265	41	.958

LOB: Team (189), Opp (183) DPs Turned: Team (21), Opp (8) IBB: Team (1), Frazier (1), Opp (0) Picked Off: Wiggins (1)

All games Sorted by Earned Run Avg

#	Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	Н	R	ER	ВВ	SO	2B	3B	HR	B/AVG	WP	HP	ВК	SFA	SHA
21	Valbak, Olivia	3.10	3-5	22	6	0	0-4	1	58.0	59	32	20	16	56	9	4	3	.251	6	1	0	0	5
8	Cespedes, Sarah	4.07	8-3	22	14	2	0-6	1	73.0	68	38	33	23	51	10	5	6	.237	3	8	0	1	0
10	Pierce, Makenna	4.30	5-1	19	9	2	2-1	0	52.1	46	27	25	17	41	5	5	6	.234	6	4	0	1	3
15	Tindell, Bailey	4.71	2-4	18	4	0	0-3	1	36.1	45	30	19	7	16	8	4	3	.294	1	2	0	2	4
26	Plugge, Arden	12.15	1-0	7	0	0	0-1	0	6.2	13	12	9	4	3	1	0	4	.433	0	0	0	2	0
Tot	als	4.18	19-13	88	33	4	9	3	226.1	231	139	105	67	167	33	18	22	.256	16	15	0	6	12
Op	ponents	4.53	13-20	59	33	11	6	1	216.2	232	145	109	71	103	43	11	11	.269	12	26	0	16	7

PB: Team (6), Totals (6), Droddy (3), Frazier (3), Opp (11) Pickoffs: Team (0), Totals , Opp (1) SBA/ATT: Totals (24-34), Frazier (11-15), Tindell (5-6), Cespedes (4-7), Pierce (2-2), Droddy (1-2), Plugge (1-1)

2022 SEASON STATS

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All games Sorted by Fielding Pct

#	Player	С	PO	Α	Е	FLD%	DP	SBA	CSB	SBA%	РВ	CI
17	Crowe, Lilly	43	41	2	0	1.000	2	0	0	-	0	0
10	Pierce, Makenna	14	2	12	0	1.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
8	Cespedes, Sarah	9	1	8	0	1.000	0	4	3	.571	0	0
64	Bahruth, Chloe	2	2	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	_	0	0
26	Plugge, Arden	2	0	2	0	1.000	1	1	0	1.000	0	0
13	Goodwin, Jaden	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	_	0	0
6	Cortez, Makenna	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	_	0	0
55	Aguilar, Alyssa	112	109	2	1	.991	7	0	0	_	0	0
21	Valbak, Olivia	84	27	56	1	.988	7	0	1	_	0	0
22	Readeaux, Jolie	182	176	2	4	.978	10	0	0	-	0	0
20	Frazier, Sierra	170	143	20	7	.959	0	11	4	.733	3	2
3	Hegh, Faith	44	41	1	2	.955	1	0	0	_	0	0
7	Droddy, Makenzie	22	18	3	1	.955	0	1	1	.500	3	0
12	Page, Sophie	64	16	45	3	.953	2	0	0	_	0	0
0	Armistead, Tyler	21	20	0	1	.952	0	0	0	_	0	0
9	Brock, Lauren	111	41	64	6	.946	9	0	0	_	0	0
1	Smith, Lindsey	143	30	104	9	.937	10	0	0	_	0	0
2	Wiggins, Bella	10	6	3	1	.900	1	0	0	_	0	0
24	Frazier, Sadie	4	3	0	1	.750	0	0	0	_	0	0
15	Tindell, Bailey	7	0	3	4	.429	0	5	1	.833	0	0
5	Lowery, Reese	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	_	0	0
4	Yeager, Taylor	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	_	0	0
Tota	ls	1046	676	329	41	.961	50	12	5	.706	6	2
Oppo	onents	965	659	265	41	.958	16	21	12	.636	11	0

Hitting minimums - 75% of games played, 2 AB/G



HEAD COACH

Second Season

oe Guthrie was named the fourth Head $oldsymbol{J}$ Coach in UAB softball history on July 9, 2020. He was originally hired as an assistant for the Blazers in July of 2018 and promoted to Associate Head Coach in January of 2020.

In his first two seasons with the Blazers he worked heavily with the defense which ranked third in Conference USA in 2020 before the season was cut short due to COVID-19. The Blazers led C-USA in chances and putouts and finished second in assists. In 2019 the Blazers defense tied for second in C-USA in double plays with 26, ranking 11th in the nation in double plays per game (0.52). Guthrie also contributed to base running, hitting and recruiting for the UAB program.

In 2021, Guthrie guided the Blazers to the highest program winning percentage (.620) since 2015. He coached the Blazers to the second-best conference winning percentage in program history (.750) and highest since 2006.

UAB tied program record of five All-Conference Team selections, including a program-first four first-team selections (Sierra Frazier, JoJo Readeaux, Jenna Olszewski and Amy Woodham) Set the record for most home game victories in a season at Mary Bowers Field (20) Led UAB to its third-ever C-USA Championship title game appearance Conference USA regular season runner-up

Run-ruled Ole Miss in five innings 13-5, UAB's first win over an SEC team since 2016. Secured UAB's first 30-win season since 2015.

He previously served as an assistant coach at Louisiana, spending the 2018 season with the Ragin' Cajuns. While there, Louisiana went 41-16, finishing second in the Sun Belt during the regular season and were runnersup in conference championship. Guthrie helped guide Louisiana to its 19th straight NCAA Tournament appearance.

Prior to Louisiana, Guthrie spent time in the National Pro Fastpitch League with the Scrapyard Dogs in 2017. Guthrie served as a volunteer assistant at Bucknell during the 2017 season after two years as an assistant coach at Penn State (2014-16). At Penn State, the Nittany Lions broke over 30 records as he coached six All-Big Ten selections, three All-Region selections and two players who earned All-Big Ten Tournament selections.

Guthrie spent six seasons as the head softball coach and assistant athletics director at Marion Military Institute in Marion, Ala. and also served as a scout in the Miami Marlins organization from 2006-07.

THE GUTHRIE FILE College Head Coach

Second Year

Hired as Head Coach at UAB July 9, 2020

PERSONAL Hometown

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Alma Mater

Alabama

Family

Wife Courtnay Foster, son Bobby, daughter Rustin

COACHING RESUME **Varsity Boys**

College Assistant

Penn State, Bucknell, Louisiana, UAB, 2018-19

College Assoc. Head Coach

UAB, 2020

College Head Coach

Marion Military Institute, UAB, present

Professional

NPF Scrapyard Dogs, 2017

PLAYING CAREER College

Alabama



oster was named Associate
Head Coach on September 24,
2020. She begins her fifth season
working with the UAB pitchers
and first season as Associate Head
Coach.

She previously spent one season at Louisiana as a volunteer assistant coach and working with the Ragin'

COURTNAY FOSTER ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH

Second Season

Cajuns pitchers. Before making the move to Louisiana, Foster was the head coach at Bucknell (2016-17) where she guided the Bison to a 50-43 record and saw four of her players earn five All-Patriot League awards.

She also had a five-year stint (2011-15) as an assistant coach at her alma mater, Northwestern. With the Wildcats, she coached Kristen Wood and Amy Letourneau as they both led the Big Ten in strikeouts and ranked in the top 20 nationally in strikeouts in 2013 and 2014, respectively.

As a student-athlete for Northwestern, Foster was a threetime All-Big Ten and Academic All-Big Ten selection, a two-time NFCA All-Mideast Region award winner and a 2005 NFCA All-American. She racked up 80 wins, 1,014 career strikeouts and led Northwestern to a WCWS victory over Alabama in 2006.



Veach is in his first season as a volunteer assistant coach for the Blazers. He joined coach Joe Guthrie's staff in Oct. 2020.

veach is also part of the Chinese women's national softball team staff. He has traveled abroad to various countries with team China, competing in tournaments in Australia, Indonesia and China while winning bronze, silver, and gold medals during international competition.

HUNTER VEACH ASSISTANT COACH

First Season

Prior to UAB, Veach was the head coach for the National Professional Fastpitch (NPF) team Beijing Shougang Eagles from 2018-20 and was also an assistant coach for the NPF team the Cleveland Comets from 2017-18.

As an assistant coach at Auburn University during the 2016 season when the Tigers finished runner-up in the Women's College World Series. As the pitching coach, he also helped lead Auburn's program to a Super-Regional finish in 2017.

He joined the staff after spending three years as a volunteer assistant coach at Auburn-Montgomery. He was instrumental in the Warhawks' success helping lead the program to two NAIA National Championships in 2014 and 2015. Both times AUM won the national championship, the coaching staff earned accolades as the NAIA Softball National Coaching Staff of the Year.

While in Montgomery, Veach helped coach four NAIA All-Americans and tutored Cassie Jones who was named the 2015 NAIA Player of the Year. Auburn-Montgomery team went 45-12, 44-7 and 46-8 advancing to the NAIA Softball World Series all three seasons (2013-15) Veach spent at AUM.

A native of Selma, Alabama, Veach graduated from Auburn in 2017 wih a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies with an emphasis in sports coach and sports communication.

His sister, Kendall, was a decorated college athlete at Auburn. Veach drafted her in the 2019 NPF draft and she played professional softball under his leadership for the Beijing Shougang Eagles.



Lexie Higgins VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH

Lexie Higgins is a Volunteer Assistant Coach. Higgins was a shortstop and third baseman for Samford University from 2015-2018. During her senior season at Samford, Higgins led the team in homeruns, (9) and slugging percentage (.496). Higgins graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Sports Administration. She will coach first base.



ASHLYN INGRAMDirector of Operations
First Season



ABBEY PARKSGraduate Assistant
First Season



CARLI WHITE Athletic Trainer Second Season



Tyler Armistead Jr. · OF · 5-8



Lindsey Smith Fr. · INF/UTL · 5-7



Faith Hegh Jr. · OF · 5-9



Bella Wiggins Fr. · OF · 5-7



Taylor Yeager Fr. · OF · 5-1



Sarah Cespedes Jr. · P · 5-7



Makenzie Droddy Fr. · C · 5-8



Lauren Brock Fr. · INF · 5-6



Makenna Pierce Jr. · P · 5-8



Ja'Nae Wray Fr. · UTL · 5-8



Sophie Page Fr. · INF · 5-7



Jaden Goodwin Fr. · OF · 5-5



Lilly Crowe So. · UTL/OF · 5-5



Bailey Tindell Jr. · P · 5-7



Sierra Frazier Jr. · C · 5-10



Olivia Valbak Fr. · INF/RHP · 5-11



Jolie Readeaux Sr. · INF · 5-6



Alyssa Aguilar Fr. · UTL · 5-6



Sadie Frazier Sr. · INF · 5-8



Reese Lowery Fr. · INF · 5-4



Arden Plugge R-Fr. · RHP · 5-11



Makenna Cortez Fr. · UTL · 5-3



Chloe Bahruth So. · OF · 5-7



Olivia Nay Fr. · OF· 5-6



SOPHIE PAGE Freshman | Infield | 5-7

Freshman | Infield | 5-7 Chatom, Ala. | Satsuma

High School

Played for coach BJ Darawich
Helped lead Satsuma to a 2021 Class 5A state
championship
Named 2021 5A State Tournament MVP
Four-time All-Region selection
Travel Team
Played for Florida Impact under coach Michael Andrews
Personal
Born January 24, 2003

Daughter of Shane Page and Ashli Page

Has an older sister, Josie



CHLOE BAHRUTH

Sophomore | Outfield | 5-7

Claremont, Calif. | Glendora

2021 (Freshman COVID)

Appeared in 20 games, primarily as a pinch runner, scoring nine runs
Named to the Conference USA Commissioner's
Academic Honor Roll

2020: Freshman Named to the Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll... Appeared in three contests... Came to the plate three times.

High School: Three-time First Team All-League... Three-time First Team All-Area... Three-time All-Star League Champion in 2017.

Personal: Daughter of Peter and Meagan Bahruth... Has two brothers: Carson and Chase.



LAUREN BROCK



Freshman | Infield | 5-6 Marianna, Florida | Marianna

High School

Played four years of varsity softball at Marianna Averaged .461 in 60 career games with 69 stolen bases Helped lead the Bulldogs to 2019 5A State Runner-Up title

Named Marianna's 2021 Female Athlete of the Year Served as team captain junior and senior seasons Dual-enrolled at Chipola College since junior year Also weightlifted and played volleyball

Personal

Daughter of Mason Brock and Heather Cook Has a younger brother, Brock



SARAH CESPEDES

Junior | Pitcher | 5-7 Sterrett, Ala. | Chelsea

2021: Sophomore 2021 (Sophomore)

Made 22 appearances in the circle with four starts, tallying three wins

Held second lowest ERA (.98) in C-USA play in the league Finished the season with a 1.85 ERA, second-lowest on the team, in 45.1 innings pitched

Earned her first two saves of the season in the quarterfinal and semifinals of the C-USA Championship, throwing a combined 5.1 score-less innings against Charlotte and North Texas

C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal recipient

2020: Sophomore (COVID) Named to the Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll... Led C-USA in games in relief (14) and tied for tops in appearances (19)... Finished the season with a 3.48 ERA... Recorded one save against Georgia Tech (Feb. 7) to help UAB defeat the Yellow Jackets for the first time in program history... Combined for one shutout against UT Martin (March 1)... Tallied three wins in the circle for the Blazers... Led the team with 51 strikeouts.

2019: Easton NFCA All-Academic Scholar Athlete... Appeared in 34 games with nine starts in the circle as a freshman... Recorded a team best 3.25 ERA with 56 strikeouts... Won seven games and recorded one save in 90.1 innings of work.

High School: Led Chelsea to the 2016 6A State
Championship and was named the 6A State MVP...
2015 AL.com Player of the Year and 2015 All-County First
Team... 2016 Sportz Blitz Player of the Week and Shelby
County Player of the Year... Named to the All-Region Softball
Team and to the 6A State First Team.... 2017 6A State Second
Team, Birmingham All-Region Softball Team and All-County
First Team... Tossed two no-hitters for Chelsea in 2015
against Oxford and in 2016 against Pell City.

Personal: Daughter of John and Wendy Cespedes... Has two brothers: Jake and Luke... Brother Jake played soccer at Faulkner University... Majoring in elementary education.



BAILEY TINDELL

Junior | Pitcher | 5-7 Salado, Texas | North Texas

2021 (Junior) - North Texas

Made six appearances and one start in the circle for North Texas, posting a 1-0 record, 0.88 ERA and three strikeouts in 8.0 innings pitched

Held opponents to a .148 batting average and only issued two walks

Earned her first start of the season in the series finale win at Louisiana Tech on May 8, tossing two innings Picked up sole win of the season against Southern Miss on April 25

Named to the Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll

2020 (Sophomore) - North Texas

Made 13 appearances and seven starts in the circle for the Mean Green

Finished the season with a 6-3 record, a 2.70 ERA and 25 strikeouts in 46.2 innings pitched

Held opponents to a .242 batting average, tossed one complete game and picked up a save

Earned the win at No. 5 Oklahoma on Feb. 29 after tossing 2.0 innings and allowing just one unearned run Named to the Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll

2019 (Freshman) - North Texas

Made 28 appearances and 18 starts in the circle Finished the season with a 6-9 record, a 3.07 ERA and 27 strikeouts in 91.1 innings pitched Led Conference USA on fewest walks allowed (14) Earned a pair of wins after allowing just two runs in a pair of complete game efforts at UAB on March 27 and 28



LINDSEY **SMITH**

Freshman | INF | 5-8 Hayden, Ala. | Hayden

High School

2019/2021 5A Hitter of the Year 52 career home runs, .493 career batting average Played for coach John Simmons Travel

Tennessee Fury Premier Played under coach Joe Yeager

Personal

Daughter of John and Leslie Smith Has five siblings: Mandi, Jake, Kelsi, Luke and Kaci



SADIE PRAZIER

Senior | Infield | 5-8 Corona, Calif. | Santiago

2021 (Sophomore)

Appeared in 10 games Batted in two runs vs. Nicholls State on Feb. 27 C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal recipient 2020 (Sophomore)

Named to the Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll

Appeared in six games with two starts Walked twice

Recorded a .429 on-base percentage

2019 (Freshman)
Easton NFCA All-Academic Scholar Athlete

Appeared in 18 games with 13 starts as a freshman Recorded two RBI off five hits including one home run Accounted for 55 putouts at first base

HIGH SCHOOL

Led the Sharks to the playoffs in each of her first three seasons, making it to the third round of the California State Playoffs.

PERSONAL

Daughter of Randy and Patricia Frazier Has one brother, Tyler and a twin sister, Sierra, who also plays for UAB.

Plans to major in elementary education



SIERRA DE O

Junior | Catcher | 5-10 Corona, Calif. | Santiago

Sophomore (2021)
All-Conference First Team
Mideast Region Second Team
Conference USA All-Academic Team

Led UAB in batting average (.371), runs (33), home runs (9), t-1 doubles (12), walks (32), slugging (.682), on-base (.517), and total bases (90)

Only Blazer to start all 50 games, played primarily as catcher but also at third base and as designated hitter

Had 11 multi-hit games and seven multi-RBI games Finished the season on a 33 game on-base streak Set the new single-season program record for on base-percentage

Perfect fielding percentage, top in C-USA, and one of just three Blazers in program history to be perfect in a season Batted .423 in C-USA play

Hit two walk-offs, first vs. Southern Illinois (Mar. 13) and vs. Southern Miss (May 8)

C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal recipient

2020: Awarded the C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal... Named to the Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll... Started all 26 games behind the plate... Drove in 24 runs, the most on the team... Hit four home runs, tied for a team-high... Finished the season with 14 extra base hits and 50 total bases, a squad-best

Batted .329, the second-highest average on the team... Slugged a team high .610... Recorded nine hits including three home runs, four doubles and nine RBI while batting .562 and slugging 1.375 in the Buzz Classic (Feb. 7-9)... Went three-for-four with two home runs and four RBI against No. 1 Washington (Feb. 8)... Named C-USA Player of the Week (Feb. 10).

2019: All-Conference USA Second Team... Easton NFCA All-Academic Scholar Athlete... Appeared in 46 games with 43 starts as a freshman... Led the team with 34 RBI, six home runs and a .512 slugging percentage... Recorded 37 hits including 10 doubles and scored 15 runs... Accounted for 166 putouts behind the plate with 13 assists.

High School: Led Santiago to the California State Playoffs in each of her first three seasons... Named All-CIF 2016, All-League in 2016-17... Offensive Player of the Year in 2016-17... Holds the Santiago record for highest batting average at .619.

Personal: Daughter of Randy and Patricia Frazier... Has one brother, Tyler and twin sister, Sadie who also plays for UAB... Majoring in kinesiology.



FAITH HEGH Junior | Outfield | 5-9

Egg Harbor, N.J. | Mainland Regional

2021: Sophomore (2021) All-Conference First Team Mideast Region Second Team Conference USA All-Academic Team

Led UAB in batting average (.371), runs (33), home runs (9), t-1 doubles (12), walks (32), slugging (.682), on-base (.517), and total bases (90)

Only Blazer to start all 50 games, played primarily as catcher but also at third base and as designated hitter

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Set the new single-season program record for on base-percentage (.517)

Perfect fielding percentage, top in C-USA, and one of just three Blazers in program history to be perfect in a season Batted .423 in C-USA play

Hit two walk-offs, first vs. Southern Illinois (Mar. 13) and vs. Southern Miss (May 8)

C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal recipient

2020: Named to the Conference USA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll... Appeared in 25 games making 19 starts for the Blazers... Recorded 66 at-bats, with 16 base hits... Scored 11 runs while batting in five... Slugged first career home run against South Dakota State (Feb. 14).

2019: Conference USA All-Freshman Team... Started 48 games for UAB... Led the team with 55 hits and .357 batting average including 16 doubles and 21 RBI... Struck out only seven times in 154 at bats, the 44th best mark in the country... Tied for highest batting average in C-USA with at least 150 at bats... Recorded 45 putouts and one assist from the outfield.

High School: Led the Mustangs to the 2016 Conference Championship... Has the single season school record for highest batting average, most triples and most steals... In 2017, she had a .600 hitting percentage with 48 hits, 37 RBI, 32 runs, four home runs, 13 doubles and seven stolen bases... Won her high schools Big Bat and Golden Glove award as a sophomore and junior... Named to the First Team All-Cape Atlantic League, Tri-Cape All-Star, First Team All-South Jersey and to the Third Team All-State team.

Personal: Daughter of Gary and Coleen Hegh... Has one sister, Sierra... Majoring in criminal justice.



TAYLOR YEAGER

Freshman | Infield | 5-1

Hayden, Ala. | Hayden

High School
Played for coach John Simmons at Hayden
2019 Class 5A State Champion
Travel
Tennessee Fury 2021 Premier
Played for dad Joe Yeager and Jason Goodwin
Personal
Born March 18, 2003

Daughter of Joe and Hollie Yeager

Has an older sister, Skylar



MAKENNA PIERCE



Junior | Pitcher | 5-8
Daphne, Ala. | Southern Miss

2021 (Sophomore) - Southern Miss

Appeared in 19 games, making seven starts Pitched 69.1 innings, tallying 51 strikeouts Finished the season with a 2-9 record in the circle and a 3.43 ERA **2020 (Sophomore) - Southern Miss**

Earned four starts in 10 appearances as a Golden Eagle Pitched 33.1 innings, recording a 1.89 ERA and a 5-1 record in the circle

Tallied 34 strikeouts

2020 (Freshman) - Southern Miss

Made 19 appearances as a freshman, making eight starts
Pitched a total of 65.0 innings, notching 38 strikeouts
Held a 5-3 record in the circle with a 2.80 ERA, earning seven saves
Led the team in games finished (9) and relief appearances (11)
Had second-lowest opposing batting average on team (.225)
Against Sam Houston State (2/26/19), threw for four strikeouts, only
allowing one run through 5.1 innings pitched and a 1.24 ERA
Tallied a season-high six strikeouts against Marshall (3/30/19)

High School

Played for coach Lawrence Yelding at Daphne Finished her career with a 111-26 record

Posted a 0.84 career ERA, a 0.43 ERA as a junior and a 0.63 ERA as a senior

Recorded 10 no-hitters over the course of her junior and senior campaigns

Batted .421 as a senior and finished her high school career with a total of 34 home runs

Named a 2018 NFCA All-American

Garnered Alabama 6A Pitcher of the Year honors in 2017 and 2018 Super All-State selection in 2017 and 2018, an All-State selection in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018

All-State Tournament selection in 2015 and 2017

Named Daphne High School MVP Player of the Year in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018

A six-time letter winner in softball, a two-time letter winner in basketball and also lettered in swimming one year

Played club softball for the West Mobile Express coached by David Head

Personal

Born on January 15, 2000

Daughter of Stephen and Torrie Pierce

Father, Stephen was a tight end on the Southern Miss football team from 1984-1989

The oldest of four children, she has three siblings: Karsen, Kaden and

Sister Karsen plays softball at Texas State



MAKENNA CORTEZ Freshman | UTL | 5-3 Bayou Gauche, La. | Hahnville

High School

Played for coach Gerad Nugent
First Team All-District selection
2019 7-5A State Championship Runner-Up
Played in the 20-21 Louisiana High School All-Star Game
Tony Waguespack Scholarship recipient
Travel Team
Played for Tammy Vermeulen
Part of SO Cal Athletics - Marinakas & D1VISION

Personal
Born April 8, 2003

Daughter of Melissa and Clint Cortez

Has a younger brother, Landon



TYLER ARMISTEAD

Junior | Outfield | 5-8 Butler, Ala. | Georgia

2021 (Junior) - GeorgiaAppeared in five games, making three starts **2020 (Junior) - Georgia**

Made 16 appearances including three starts in the outfield

Scored eight runs and picked up two hits in nine at bats Tied a career-best two RBI against Howard (2/9) Knocked a triple against Central Michigan (2/22) Member of the Spring SEC Academic Honor Roll

2019 (Sophomore) - Georgia

Played 49 games, making 34 starts Started 26 games in left field, one in right, and seven as the designated players

Concluded the season with a .252 batting average, scoring 27 runs with 27 hits

Hit three doubles, a triple, a pair of home runs and drove in 13 runs

Stole three bases on four attempts

Fielded 1.000 with 51 putouts and an assists in the outfield

Recorded four multi-hit games including a three-hit performance coming against Texas A&M (4/5)
Hit her first home run at Alabama (4/15) to tie the game at 3-3 in the fifth inning

Hit her second home run five days later against Tennessee (4/20)

Hit a walk-off triple in the bottom of the seventh to defeat Ole Miss (5/2), her first career triple Named to Spring SEC Academic Honor Roll and J. Reid Parker Director of Athletics Honor Roll

2018 (Freshman) - Georgia

Made 37 total appearances including four starts as the designated player

Scored 19 runs with four hits

Made her college debut against San Diego State (2/8) Earned her first start against Missouri (4/8) where she tallied a season-high two hits

Drew three walks against Georgia State (4/11)

Named to J. Reid Parker Director of Athletics Honor Roll

High School

In addition to softball, lettered in basketball, track, and volleyball at Patrician Academy
Collected seven state championships in high school in the 100-meter dash, the 200-meter dash, the 400-meter relay, the 800-meter relay, long jump, and a

championship apiece in basketball and softball Recognized as the Team MVP, an AISA All-Star, and a member of both the state All-Tournament team, and the Alabama Sports Writer Association All-State First Team As a senior in basketball named the State Tournament, Region Tournament, and Team MVP Played travel ball with the Birmingham Vipers and Birmingham Thunderbolts

Personal

Born April 13, 1999
Daughter of Tara and Michael Armistead
Has two siblings, Barr and Kaci
Mother Tara played basketball at Mississippi State
Grandfather played basketball and baseball at
Huntington College



JADEN GOODWIN

Freshman | Outfield | 5-5 Corner, Ala. | Corner

High School

2021 5A First Team All-State selection Two-time AL.com Alabama Terrific 20 (Birmingham region) selection

Finished four-year varsity career batting .478 with 90 stolen bases

Played for coach Preslie Norris

Travel

Played for the Tennessee Fury 2021 Premiere Coached by Joe Yeager, father of teammate Taylor Yeager

Personal

Born January 20, 2003 Daughter of Jason and Tonya Goodwin Has an older sister, Brittani Holmes



JOLIE READEAUX

Senior | Infield | 5-8 Houston, Texas | Cypress Lakes

2021 (Junior)

First Team All-Conference selection Appeared in 45 games making 42 starts in the outfield Batted .371 in C-USA play, the third-highest on the team Finished the season batting .294 with 32 hits, 16 RBIs, 12 runs, and drew nine walks

Had back-to-back 3 RBI games against LA Tech and UTSA

2020 (Lousiana): Spent the season in rehab. Took redshirt

2019 (Lousiana): Competed in 28 games, primarily as a pinch runner and defensive replacement at second base. Appeared second base in 14 games and at shortstop for the first time in her collegiate career. Scored nine runs. Struck out only once in 12 plate appearances.

2018 (Lousiana): She appeared in 42 games with 21 starts spread between first base (3), second base (10), right field (2) and designated player (6) and posted four multiple-hit and four multiple-RBI games. She produced three sacrifice flies and four sacrifice hits and was a perfect 5-for-5 in stolen bases.

Personal: Born May 20, 1999 ... daughter of Steven and Rhonda Readeaux ... has two older sisters: Kioloni, and Monet.



BELLA WIGGINS Freshman | Outfield | 5-7 Fairhope, Ala. | Fairhope

High School

Two-time 7A First-Team All-State selection
2018 7A State Champion
2018 Max Preps All-American Outfielder
Two-time Alabama Teriffic 20 - Coastal
Plaued for coach Trevor Powell
Graduated Summa Cum Laude
Also played beach volleyball
Played travel ball through Fall 2020 with the Birmingham
Thunderbolts

Personal

Born July 10, 2003 Daughter of Darrell and Mandy Wiggins Has a younger sister, Bailey



JA'NAE

Freshman | UTL | 5-8 Douglasville, Ga. | Alexander

High School

2020-2021 Region 5-6A Player of the Year 2021 GACA 6A Georgia All-State Team selection All-Region selection (2017-2021) 2020 Regional Champions Batted .525 in 2021 and finished with .400 career batting average Also played basketball and ran track and field

Played for coach Jamie Monroe

Travel Team

Played for the EC Bullets Gold 18U-Joseph and RBI Lady **Braves Extreme**

Teams were coached by Patrick Joseph and coach Britt **Finley**

Personal

Born February 15, 2004 Daughter of Gregory and Omar Wray Has an older brother, Ga'von, who plays baseball for Georgia Southern



LILLY **CROWE** Sophomore | Utility/Outfield | 5-5

2021 (Freshman)

Appeared in 30 games, making 13 starts in the outfield Finished the season batting .250 after 40 at bats, recording 10 hits Plated 14 runs, the most of any first-year UAB freshmen C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal recipient

High School: Earned 2018 All-State Tournament Team honors... Two-time St. Clair All-County selection (2018, 2019)... Graduated from Moody High School with honors... Student Council Association President.

Travel Ball: Ranked #268 for the class of 2020 by Extra Innings Softball... 2017 Colorado Sparklers Power Pool Champion... 2017 Triple Crown... Southeast Summer Nationals Champion.

Personal: Born June 15, 2002... Daughter of David Crowe, Joni Johnson and Scott Johnson... Has three siblings; Sophie Crowe, Braden Johnson and Travis Johnson.



REESE Freshman | Infield | 5-4 McCalla, Ala. | McAdory

High School

Helped lead Yellow Jackets to a 2021 AHSAA Softball Class 6A Area 8 Championship

Earned the 'Jacket Award' for best all-around student athlete

Graduated with honors, earning an academic scholarship to UAB

Personal

Born April 5, 2003

Daughter of Jason and Memory Lowery

Has two siblings, Egan Lowery and fraternal twin sister

Piper plays softball at Birmingham Southern



OLIVIA 25

Freshman | Outfielder | 5-6 Auburn, Alabama | Auburn

High SchoolPlayed in the outfield for Auburn High.



MAKENZIE DRODDY

Ereshman | Catcher | 5-8

Freshman | Catcher | 5-8 lota, La. | Northside Christian

High School

Played for coach Ryan Hanagriff at Northside Christian Louisiana High School Coaches Association All-State selection

2018 Extra Inning Softball 2018 First Team All-American 2018 5-3A First-Team All-District

Batted .533 with 17 home runs, 63 RBIs and was walked 35 times (17 intentionally) as a freshman

Travel Team

Played for the Birmingham Thunderbolts under coach Rock Thompson

Personal

Daughter of Tiffany and Dustin Droddy Has a younger brother, John-Ryan



ALYSSA AGUILAR

Freshman | UTL | 5-6

Burbank, Calif. | Notre Dame HS

High School

Three-time First-Team all-league selection Received "Best Offensive Player" award Played for coach Dana Vasquez Travel

First-generation college student

Part of the SoCal Choppers Fausett 18u travel team Coached by Dean Fausett

Personal

Born November 26, 2003
Daughter of Luis and Gionna Aguilar
Has two older siblings: Cynthia Hernandez and Brandon
Aguilar



ARDEN 6
PLUGGE

R-Freshman | Pitcher | 5-11

Vestavia Hills, Ala. | Vestavia Hills

2021: Freshman-Redshirt

High School: Named Second Team All-South Metro in 2020... Awarded 2017 Female Freshman Athlete of the Year at VHHS... Earned the 2018 Rising Rebel Award... Four-time A Honor Roll member... Member of National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society... Scott Waggoner Rebel Spirit Scholarship winner.

Travel Ball: ASA/USA Nationals second round 2017... ASA/USA Alabama State Runner Up 2017.

Personal: Born August 23, 2002... Daughter of Stacy and Rosh Plugge... Has three siblings; Averie, Miles and Adair Plugge.



OLIVIA VALBAK Freshman | Infield/Pitcher | 5-11 Ashburn, Va. | Stone Bridge

2021 (Freshman)

C-USA All-Tournament Team

Appeared in all 50 games, making 47 starts at shortstop Tallied four saves in the circle, the third-most saves in a single season in program history

Plated 20 runs and had 23 hits, the most of any first-year freshman for UAB this season

Finished the season with a .78 ERA with 18 innings pitched and 24 strikeouts

Had four multi-RBI games

Recorded a career-high five strikeouts vs. North Alabama (March 10)

Lowest opposing batting average on the team (.167) C-USA Commissioner's Academic Medal recipient

High School: Awarded First Team All-State, All-Region and All-District as a shortstop.. Named Virginia 5A State Player of the Year in 2019... Helped lead Stone Bridge High School to 5A State Championship... Honored as Stone Bridge Female Athlete of the Year 2019-20... Four year A Honor Roll member.

Travel Ball: Placed third in PGF Nationals in 2017.

Personal: Born on September 11, 2002... Daughter of Dan and Sarah Valbak... Has one sibling, Chandler Valbak.