



# ARGONAUTS



**MAY 23-27 // NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP**

No. 2 Argonauts
53-9 Overall
25-4 GSC
Ashliegh McLean Head Coach

West Chester Golden Rams
39-20 Overall
11-5 PSAC
Diane Lokey Head Coach



.322	BA	.312
348	R	341
526	H	514
92	2B	92
28	3B	19
23	HR	22
298	RBI	294
743	TB	710
.399	OBP	.382
.455	SLG	.430
169	BB	178
185	K	207
118	SB	52
41	E	65
.977	FLD	.963
1.77	ERA	2.66
286	H	404
125	R	197
18	SHO	9
123	BB	133
302	K	213
.192	BA	.259

## In the NCAA Tournament

A 2-seed at the NCAA Championship, West Florida is making its 14th NCAA Tournament appearance, and the Argonauts have been one of the best teams in the Gulf South Conference in NCAA Tournament play. UWF has 35 wins all-time in the NCAA Tournament -- third-most among GSC teams -- and the Argos hold a .556 winning percentage in the Tournament.

UWF's 14 wins in the NCAA Tournament since 2017 are the most in the GSC, and the Argonauts advanced to the NCAA Championship as recently as 2017.

West Florida has now reached four consecutive NCAA Tournaments, marking the first time the team has done so since 1998-2001.

The NCAA Championship is a double-elimination tournament, with the final two teams playing in a best-of-three series on Sunday, May 26 and Monday, May 27. This is UWF's fourth trip to the NCAA Championship, and the Argonauts hold a 2-6 all-time record in the tournament -- including a win in 2017 against last year's national champion Southern Indiana.

## About West Chester

The Argonauts will see a somewhat familiar face on Thursday when the team plays West Chester. UWF and WCUP faced off at the Leadoff Classic in Clearwater, Florida, in early February, when West Florida took an 8-3 win over the then-No. 8 Golden Rams.

The only team to return to the NCAA Championship from last year's field, West Chester comes in with a 39-20 record. WCUP has a few of big bats, in Emily Maseth, Heidi McColister, and Bri Garber. Maseth is hitting .398 with 21

## Last Week's Starters

#	Name	Pos.	Notes
19	Jacquelynne Poling	C	11-game hitting streak to start year... Go-ahead HR vs. West Alabama in GSC Tourney
24	Rhiannon Sassman	3B	GSC and D2CCA South Region Player of the Year... Leads Division II in triples (8)
18	Mika Garcia	SS	Since March 23: .333 AVG, .493 SLG, .422 OBP... 9 multi-hit games
9	Teala Howard	LF	GSC Freshman of the Year... Leads GSC in batting (.470), hits (95), and steals (49)
14	Rachel Wright	CF	Has started all but 5 games since 2016... Career .300 hitter... 48 career doubles
11	Courtney McLellan	RF	1st team All-GSC, 2nd team D2CCA All-Region... Hit .344 with 2 home runs in April
22	Kathleen Smiley	DP	8th in UWF history with 21 career HR... Leads UWF with 5 home runs
13	Grace Gilbert	UTIL	7-0 in postseason, with 0.85 ERA... Walkoff single in Regional Final against Tampa
5	Kelsey Sweatt	P	D2CCA South Region Pitcher of the Year... GSC Tournament Most Outstanding Player

## Schedule

Home: 30-2      Away: 12-5      Neutral: 11-2

### February

1	#5 Saint Leo %	W, 9-2
2	Lander %	W, 13-2
2	Eckerd %	W, 7-4
3	Tuskegee %	W, 6-0
8	Florida Tech #	L, 0-1
8	#5 Saint Leo #	W, 3-2
9	California (Pa.) #	W, 8-0
9	#18 PBA #	W, 11-5
10	#8 West Chester #	W, 8-3
13	Spring Hill (DH)	W, 8-3; W, 8-0
16	CBU (DH)*	W, 24-2; W, 8-3
17	CBU*	W, 9-1
22	AUM*	W, 5-0
23	AUM (DH)*	W, 3-0; W, 6-0
27	Miles (DH)	W, 11-2; W, 11-0

### March

1	Miss. College*	W, 1-0
2	Miss. College (DH)*	W, 9-6; W, 3-2
10	#4 North Georgia	L, 0-2
10	#21 Wingate (at UNG)	W, 3-0
11	#21 Wingate (at UNG)	W, 9-1
11	#4 North Georgia	L, 1-5
13	Montevallo (DH)*	W, 11-0; W, 4-2
16	#9 Valdosta State (DH)*	W, 6-3; W, 4-1
17	#9 Valdosta State*	L, 3-4
20	Spring Hill	W, 5-0
23	Delta State (DH)*	W, 5-3; W, 5-1
24	Delta State*	W, 4-2
30	Shorter (DH)*	W, 4-2; W, 6-1
31	Shorter*	L, 3-6

### April

5	Union*	W, 5-3
6	Union (DH)*	W, 7-2; W, 5-3
12	Lee*	W, 7-6
13	Lee (DH)*	W, 5-1; W, 6-1
20	#18 UAH (DH)*	L, 2-10; L, 9-1
25	Florida Southern (DH) @ L	L, 3-4; W, 1-0
26	West Alabama*	W, 3-0
27	West Alabama (DH)*	W, 6-5; W, 1-0

### May

2	Delta State !	W, 10-2
3	West Alabama !	W, 5-0
4	#18 Valdosta State !	W, 9-0
5	West Georgia !	W, 4-1
9	Spring Hill &	W, 4-0
10	Tampa &	L, 0-1
10	#17 Valdosta State &	W, 4-3
11	Tampa &	W, 1-0
11	Tampa &	W, 2-1
16	Florida Tech &	W, 6-3
17	Florida Tech &	W, 7-1
23	7-seed West Chester &	4 pm MT
23-27	NCAA Championship &	TBA

% Gulf Coast Invitational

\* GSC Game

(DH) Doubleheader

**BOLD** - Home Game

# NFCA Leadoff Classic

@ Tallahassee CC

! GSC Tournament

& NCAA Tournament

# UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	B/T	Hometown	Previous School
1	Harley Tagert	OF	5-5	So.	R/R	Jay, Fla.	Jay HS
2	Madison Lanier	C/1B	5-9	R-Fr.	R/R	Uniontown, Ohio	Green HS
3	Ashley McNally	C	5-4	R-Jr.	R/R	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Jacksonville
5	Kelsey Sweatt	P	5-6	So.	R/R	Jacksonville, Fla.	USC Upstate
7	Morgan Zettle	OF	5-8	Fr.	L/R	Tallahassee, Fla.	Lincoln HS
8	Kara Wilson	MI	5-7	Jr.	R/R	Odessa, Fla.	Gaither HS
9	Teala Howard	3B/OF	5-5	Fr.	L/R	Lake Butler, Fla.	Union County HS
10	Callan Taylor	1B	5-6	Jr.	R/R	Navarre, Fla.	Navarre HS
11	Courtney McLellan	OF	5-8	So.	L/L	Bradenton, Fla.	Lakewood Ranch HS
12	Jibrasha Moore	OF	5-5	Jr.	L/L	Pensacola, Fla.	West Florida HS
13	Grace Gilbert	P/OF	5-5	So.	R/R	Chipley, Fla.	Chipley HS
14	Rachel Wright	OF	5-6	Sr.	R/R	Cantonment, Fla.	Tate HS
16	Mallory Vining	IF	5-8	Fr.	R/R	Ponchatoula, La.	Ponchatoula HS
17	Ally Merrill	1B	5-9	So.	R/R	Sarasota, Fla.	Riverview HS
18	Mika Garcia	SS	5-4	So.	R/R	Orange Park, Fla.	Oakleaf HS
19	Jacquelynne Poling	C	5-8	Jr.	R/R	Chino Hills, Calif.	Ontario Christian HS
20	Tori Perkins	P	5-8	Sr.	R/R	Pensacola, Fla.	UAB
22	Kathleen Smiley	1B	5-5	Sr.	R/R	Pensacola, Fla.	West Florida HS
24	Rhiannon Sassman	IF	5-7	Sr.	L/R	Orlando, Fla.	East River HS
25	Sara Spears	OF	5-5	Sr.	L/L	Pensacola, Fla.	Escambia HS
27	Hanna Stapleton	P	5-4	So.	R/R	Navarre, Fla.	Tallahassee CC

**Head Coach** Ashliegh McLean

**Assistant Coach** Emma Johansen

**Graduate Assistant** Becca Taylor

**Student Assistant** Taylor Baynes

## By Position

### **Pitchers (4)**

Grace Gilbert  
Tori Perkins  
Hanna Stapleton  
Kelsey Sweatt

### **Infielders (7)**

Mika Garcia  
Ally Merrill  
Rhiannon Sassman  
Kathleen Smiley  
Callan Taylor  
Mallory Vining  
Kara Wilson

### **Catchers (3)**

Madison Lanier  
Ashley McNally  
Jacquelynne Poling

### **Outfielders (6)**

Courtney McLellan  
Jibrasha Moore  
Sara Spears  
Harley Tagert  
Rachel Wright  
Morgan Zettle

### **Utility (1)**

Teala Howard

## By Hometown



### **Florida (18)**

Harley Tagert	Grace Gilbert
Ashley McNally	Rachel Wright
Kelsey Sweatt	Ally Merrill
Morgan Zettle	Mika Garcia
Kara Wilson	Tori Perkins
Teala Howard	Kathleen Smiley
Callan Taylor	Rhiannon Sassman
Courtney McLellan	Sara Spears
Jibrasha Moore	Hanna Stapleton

# QUICK FACTS

## UNIVERSITY

Name	University of West Florida
Location	Pensacola, Fla. 32514
Founded	1967
Enrollment	13,030
Nickname	Argonauts
Primary Colors	Royal Blue (PMS 285) Kelly Green (PMS 3405 / 06B085)
Affiliation	NCAA Division II
Conference	Gulf South
President	Dr. Martha Saunders
Athletic Director	Dave Scott
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Athletics Web Site	GoArgos.com

## SEASON IN REVIEW

2018 Record	31-21
GSC Finish	6th
Highest 2018 National Ranking	3rd
Final 2018 National Ranking	N/A
Starters Returning/Lost	9/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	16/5
Home Facility Capacity	UWF Softball Complex 200

## PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Softball	1986
All-Time Record	1,485-626-1 (.703)
NCAA Tournament Appearances	12
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance	2018
Record	1-2
GSC Tournament Appearances	22
Last GSC Tournament Appearance	2018
Record	1-1
GSC East Championships	7
Last GSC East Championship	2006
GSC Tournament Championships	3
Last GSC Championship	2005

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# NEWS AND NOTES

doubles, McCollester leads the team with 11 home runs and 121 total bases, and Garber has a team-high 61 runs scored to go along with her .371 average.

In the circle, first team all-region selection Reilly Gearheart has posted a 2.24 ERA and a 17-8 record. She did not face UWF in February.

In what has become standard procedure for UWF, the Argonauts trailed 3-1 heading into the 5th inning against West Chester in February, before scoring seven runs in the final two frames. Rhiannon Sassman had five RBIs in a 3-for-3 day.

## Playing the Best

West Florida has played the seventh-strongest opposition in all of Division II this year, with a .588 opponent winning percentage. The Argonauts have also played 27 games against teams that reached the NCAA Tournament, holding a 20-7 record in those contests.

The pitching has held up for UWF in such games, with a 2.18 team ERA. Grace Gilbert has been outstanding in big games like those, with a 1.59 ERA to go along with her 11-3 record. Four teams from the Gulf South Conference (UWF, Lee, Valdosta State, and West Georgia) are in the top 10 in the country in opponent winning percentage.

## A Look at Last Weekend

UWF advanced to the NCAA Championship with a pair of comeback victories over No. 4 Florida Tech last week, winning 6-3 and 7-1 with 12 of those 13 total runs coming in the fifth inning or later.

West Florida took the 7-1 win after scoring all seven runs in the final two innings, marking the fifth consecutive game in which UWF has been tied or trailed in the sixth inning. Grace Gilbert finished the weekend with a 0.00 ERA over 10 innings, allowing FIT to hit just .152.

Teala Howard hit .571 (4-7) with three steals in the series, and Rhiannon Sassman went 3-6 with two runs, a double, and an RBI.

## Last Time We Were Here

West Florida went 1-2 in the 2017 NCAA Championship, taking a win over 2018 national champions Southern Indiana. Four starters from the 2017 club will be returning to the tournament this year, in Rhiannon Sassman, Rachel Wright, Sara Spears, and Callan Taylor. Sassman hit .333 (3-9) in that tournament, Wright led UWF with 3 runs scored, Taylor hit a home run and had 3 RBIs, and Spears batted .286 with a double.

## The Defense

This year's UWF defense has been one of the best in program history, ranking 2nd in Division II with a .977 fielding percentage. That percentage is also the highest in UWF history, seven points better than the 2009 team's .970.

The Argonauts' fielding percentage is 11th across all NCAA divisions, tied with the likes of Michigan, Tennessee, and Birmingham Southern.

## GSC Champions

UWF cruised to its fourth Gulf South Conference Championship with a perfect 4-0 weekend in Pensacola, outscoring opponents 28-3 in the tournament.

# IN THE RECORD BOOKS

# NEWS AND NOTES

## Career Batting Average (Min 300 AB)

1.	.455	Jill Burnett	1997-98
2.	.409	Karri Bisbee	2010-11
3.	.395	Blake Baskin	1998-2000
4.	.395	Adrienne Hauck	1992-94
5.	.383	Bonita Rushing	1989-91
6.	.372	Misty Haynes	1990-94
7.	<b>.361</b>	<b>Rhiannon Sassman</b>	<b>2016-present</b>

## Slugging Percentage (Min & 300 AB)

1.	.768	Jill Burnett	1997-98
2.	.686	Blake Baskin	1998-2000
3.	.641	Shannon Miles	2009-10
4.	<b>.581</b>	<b>Rhiannon Sassman</b>	<b>2016-present</b>

## Doubles

1.	64	Blake Baskin	1998-2000
2.	63	Krissy Styrna	1999-2002
3.	52	Misty Haynes	1991-94
4.	<b>48</b>	<b>Rachel Wright</b>	<b>2016-present</b>
<b>t-5.</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>Rhiannon Sassman</b>	<b>2016-present</b>
t-5.	47	Jill Burnett	1997-98
7.	42	Nancy Rosado	1998-2001
8.	41	Natalie Manis	2003-06
9.	40	Robyn Eddins	1988-91
10.	37	Adrienne Hauck	1992-94

## Triples

1.	45	Misty Haynes	1990-94
2.	<b>24</b>	<b>Rhiannon Sassman</b>	<b>2016-present</b>
3.	23	Missy Cromer	1988-90

## Home Runs

1.	33	Blake Baskin	1998-2000
2.	28	Missy Cromer	1988-90
3.	26	Natalie Manis	2003-06
t-4.	25	Tabitha Hairelson	2004-06
t-4.	25	Jill Burnett	1997-98
6.	24	Lindsay Warrenfeltz	2003-06
7.	23	Shannon Miles	2009-10
8.	<b>21</b>	<b>Kathleen Smiley</b>	<b>2016-present</b>
9.	20	Allison Milliman	2001-04
10.	19	Nicky VanCamp	2007-08

## Hit By Pitch

1.	<b>34</b>	<b>Rhiannon Sassman</b>	<b>2016-present</b>
2.	26	Leann Buneta	1994-95, 97-98
3.	25	Nancy Rosado	1998-2001
4.	19	Meghan Toney	2015-18
5.	17	Andy Muzi	1999-2002

UWF ended the weekend with the best batting average (.362), best ERA (0.88), most hits (34), most runs (28), and most strikeouts in the circle (24) among all teams in the tournament.

Kelsey Sweatt, Teala Howard, and Jacquelynne Poling were each named to the GSC All-Tournament Team, with Sweatt earning the nod as the tournament's Most Outstanding Player. Sweatt threw 14.0 total innings across three games, including the final two in Sunday's championship. She allowed just one run over the weekend, good for a 0.50 ERA, while striking out 18 batters and walking just 2.

## This Group of Seniors

West Florida's class of 2019 has been one of the strongest senior groups in Argonaut history. The class has won 172 games over the last four seasons, the most in a four-year stretch since 2005.

Four-year Argonauts Rhiannon Sassman, Kathleen Smiley, Sara Spears, and Rachel Wright, along with transfer Tori Perkins, have led the Argonauts to four consecutive NCAA Tournaments -- a feat that has not been accomplished at UWF since 1998-2001. All five have been instrumental parts of one of the strongest turnarounds in college softball, including a trip to the 2017 NCAA Championship and recording the 13th-best single-season improvement (18 games) in DII history in 2016. The team has nearly matched that improvement this year, jumping from a 31-21 record to 53-9 -- good for a 17-game improvement.

## Everyone, Come See How Good We've Been

This year's West Florida team has put together one of the best seasons the program has seen in the last decade. The Argonauts' 53 total wins and 25 conference victories are the most for the team since 2005 (60; 25), their 1.77 ERA is the best since 2006 (1.44), and their 5.6 runs per game are the most since 2010 (6.3). Additionally, UWF just won its first conference championship since 2005 and held the regular-season GSC crown for the first time since 2006.

## Our All-GSC Awards

It has already been a banner year for the University of West Florida softball team, and the Argonauts added several Gulf South Conference yearly awards to the accolades in early May. Rhiannon Sassman has been named the GSC Player of the Year, Teala Howard was named Freshman of the Year, and first-year coach Ashliegh McLean has been named the GSC Coach of the Year. This marks the fifth Coach of the Year award for UWF and it is McLean's first.

In addition to those, five Argonauts earned First Team All-GSC status. Sassman is the third baseman on the first team, Courtney McLellan earned a spot as an outfielder, Howard is a utility player on the team, and pitchers Kelsey Sweatt and Grace Gilbert made the first team, with Gilbert earning an at-large spot.

McLean has led UWF to top-10 rankings in every in-season

national poll this year, which includes four weeks at the No. 1 spot in the NFCA Coaches Poll. Under the leadership of the UWF graduate, West Florida has recorded the fourth-best winning percentage in Division II this season (.855), ranks second nationally in fielding percentage (.977), 8th in shutouts (18), and 11th in ERA (1.77).

## Gilbert Dominating the Circle

The GSC leader in victories (24), Grace Gilbert earned First Team All-GSC honors for the first time in her career this season. She has a .206 opponent batting average (3rd) and a 1.73 ERA (5th) that rank among the GSC leaders, and she holds the fifth-highest single-season winning percentage in UWF history, at .857.

Gilbert added to an already impressive postseason last week, throwing a combined 10 shutout innings against Florida Tech, and she has delivered a walkoff single in Game 2 of the South 1 Regional against Tampa and a game-winning three-run triple against No. 4 Florida Tech in the Super Regional last week.

## The Impressive Rhiannon Sassman

Senior Rhiannon Sassman earned her third All-GSC honor and her first conference player of the year honor this month, and she became UWF's first-ever D2CCA South Region Player of the Year two weeks ago. Sassman, an Orlando, Florida, native, has saved her best season for last – she leads Division II with 8 triples and is the GSC career leader in triples with 24.

On top of that, she is among conference leaders in batting (.380), slugging (.603), OBP (.482), runs (46), hits (68), RBIs (50), and doubles (15), and she leads the nation with 8 triples. The senior will wrap up an extraordinary career at UWF at the end of the season, as she ranks in the top 10 in program history in batting (.361), slugging (.581), doubles (47), triples (24), runs (164), RBIs (154), total bases (361), and walks (91).

## No Sweatt

Kelsey Sweatt was declared the D2CCA South Region Pitcher of the Year two weeks ago, after putting up outstanding numbers in her first season at West Florida, with a 1.54 ERA, a 19-3 record, and a .168 opponent batting average. The reigning GSC Tournament Most Outstanding Player, Sweatt leads the GSC in ERA and hits allowed per seven innings (4.11), and she shut out West Alabama and Valdosta State in the GSC Tournament.

The sophomore transfer from USC-Upstate ranks second in the GSC with 19 wins and has a 1.25 ERA in the postseason, with 29 strikeouts in 33.2 innings. Her winning percentage of .864 (19-3) would be the fifth-best in UWF single-season history and her hits allowed per seven innings (4.1) would rank fourth.

## Postseason Superstar Teala Howard

Teala Howard has been named one of eight finalists for the 2019 Schutt Sports / NFCA Freshman of the Year, the organization announced last Wednesday. The rookie from Lake Butler, Florida, has already been named a first-team All-South Region selection by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association and the D2CCA this season, and she earned GSC Freshman of the Year honors earlier this month. She currently ranks ninth in Division II in batting (.470), third in total hits (95), and sixth in total stolen bases (49).

Howard's current batting average (.470) would be the best in UWF single-season history, her on-base percentage (.500) would be third, and her stolen base total (49) would be fourth. Howard has multiple hits in 32 of UWF's 62 games this year.

Howard is also riding a 16-game hitting streak that dates back to April 25 against Florida Southern, and she is hitting .489 over that time.

## NFCA TOP 25

Rk.	School	Record
1	Central Oklahoma (15)	45-5
2	West Florida (1)	47-8
3	Texas A&M-Kingsville	43-8
4	Florida Tech	39-10
5	North Georgia	42-11
6	Winona State	50-7
7	Grand Valley State	44-8
8	Texas A&M-Commerce	38-12
9	Concordia Irvine	44-6
10	West Texas A&M	31-13
11	Colorado Mesa	45-9
12	Arkansas Tech	44-13
13	Indianapolis	45-14
14	UC San Diego	31-14
15	Augustana (S.D.)	51-9
16	UAH	38-15
17	Valdosta State	35-16
18	Southern Arkansas	45-11
19	Tarleton State	39-13
20	Saint Anselm	37-8
21	Carson-Newman	28-10
22	Chico State	29-15
23	LIU Post	46-10
24	UMSL	35-17
25	Mississippi College	38-14

### OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:

Southern Indiana (13), Lincoln Memorial (11), Missouri Western (9), Tampa (7), Wilmington (5), Cameron (1), West Virginia State (1)

# AROUND THE LEAGUE

## GSC BATTING LEADERS

Stat	Player (School)	No.
AVG	Teala Howard (UWF)	.470
SLG	Kaitlyn Kelley (UU)	.787
OBP	Kelly Byrd (DSU)	.557
Runs	Teala Howard (UWF)	63
Hits	Teala Howard (UWF)	95
RBI	Kaitlyn Kelley (UU)	64
2B	Kaitlyn Kelley (UU)	21
3B	Rhianon Sassman (UWF)	8
HR	Kaitlyn Kelley (UU)	14
SB	Teala Howard (UWF)	49
TB	Kaitlyn Kelley (UU)	148
BB	Reagan Malone (UAH)	42

## GSC PITCHING LEADERS

Stat	Player (School)	No.
ERA	Kelsey Sweatt (UWF)	1.54
Wins	Grace Gilbert (UWF)	24
CG	Payton Lippert (Shorter)	21
SHO	Grace Gilbert (UWF)	6
	Cori Cooper (MC)	6
IP	Nora Keehn (UWA)	184.0
BB/7	Nora Keehn (UWA)	0.49
SO	Caylie Van Aken (VSU)	194
SO/7	Cori Cooper (MC)	8.6
Opp BA	Kelsey Sweatt (UWF)	.168
H/7	Kelsey Sweatt (UWF)	4.1

## PAST CHAMPIONS

Year	Tournament	Reg. Season
2019	West Florida	West Florida
2018	North Alabama	North Alabama
2017	Miss. College	Ala. Huntsville
2016	North Alabama	North Alabama
2015	Shorter	Valdosta State
2014	Valdosta State	Shorter
2013	Valdosta State	Ala. Huntsville
2012	Valdosta State	Valdosta State
2011	Valdosta State	Ala. Huntsville
2010	Valdosta State	Ala. Huntsville

## GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE STANDINGS

School	GSC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Streak
<b>West Florida</b>	<b>25-4</b>	<b>0.862</b>	<b>53-9</b>	<b>0.855</b>	<b>W5</b>
Alabama Huntsville	21-8	0.724	39-17	0.696	L2
Auburn Montgomery	20-9	0.690	43-12	0.782	W3
Mississippi College	19-9	0.679	40-16	0.714	L1
Valdosta State	14-12	0.538	36-18	0.667	L1
West Alabama	15-13	0.536	30-23	0.566	L1
West Georgia	14-16	0.467	31-27	0.534	L1
Union	14-16	0.467	30-25	0.545	L2
Delta State	12-18	0.400	22-25	0.468	L3
Montevallo	12-18	0.400	24-27	0.471	L1
Lee	10-19	0.345	22-31	0.415	L3
Shorter	8-18	0.308	15-27	0.357	L8
Christian Brothers	2-26	0.071	11-38	0.224	L1

## GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE BATTING STATISTICS

School	Avg	OBP	SLG	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
Alabama Huntsville	.343	.440	.540	437	521	107	14	55	230	189	150
<b>West Florida</b>	<b>.322</b>	<b>.399</b>	<b>.455</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>118</b>
Union	.307	.383	.468	263	473	84	13	46	163	273	79
Lee	.299	.384	.434	263	420	62	10	36	163	234	134
Mississippi College	.292	.388	.448	322	428	91	18	34	192	258	142
Shorter	.291	.346	.393	192	339	47	9	18	78	147	45
Montevallo	.287	.374	.415	256	383	78	7	26	167	220	112
Valdosta State	.282	.370	.459	285	397	64	5	58	184	231	68
Delta State	.276	.365	.401	215	338	57	2	31	137	182	59
West Georgia	.272	.347	.409	248	414	70	12	38	141	242	80
West Alabama	.271	.359	.364	253	372	53	3	23	136	178	94
Christian Brothers	.239	.325	.328	176	280	36	15	13	112	276	69

## GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE PITCHING STATISTICS

School	ERA	W-L	IP	Opp. BA	BB	SO	SHO	SV
<b>West Florida</b>	<b>1.77</b>	<b>53-9</b>	<b>412.0</b>	<b>.192</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>
Mississippi College	2.11	41-16	381.2	.242	104	333	14	8
Valdosta State	2.19	36-18	374.2	.258	45	375	10	4
West Georgia	3.18	31-27	383.1	.270	135	289	8	5
Alabama Huntsville	3.37	40-17	382.0	.292	121	199	6	10
West Alabama	3.48	30-23	353.2	.277	80	210	3	3
Delta State	3.83	22-24	300.0	.274	121	199	4	2
Montevallo	3.90	23-27	323.0	.269	162	256	6	4
Union	4.35	30-26	360.2	.276	194	279	5	5
Shorter	4.91	14-28	266.1	.278	166	130	1	0
Lee	5.18	22-31	340.2	.321	182	152	4	2
Christian Brothers	7.75	11-37	290.0	.370	176	163	1	0

## GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE WEEKLY AWARDS

Date	Player of the Week	Pitcher of the Week	Freshman of the Week
2/5	Dream Aaron (VSU)	Kasie Johnson (VSU)	Teala Howard (UWF)
2/12	Shelby Booker (UAH)	Caylie Van Aken (VSU)	Teala Howard (UWF)
2/19	<b>Rhianon Sassman (UWF)</b>	Caylie Van Aken (VSU)	Kaitlyn Kelley (UU)
2/26	Mariel Bertossi (MONT)	Cori Cooper (MC)	Hannah Creel (MC)
3/5	Amber Hammonds (UAH)	Katie Foote (UWG)	Teala Howard (UWF)
3/12	Jada Hayes (UAH)	Sydney Uhlman (UAH)	Hannah Creel (MC)
3/19	Brianna Caldwell (MC)	<b>Kelsey Sweatt (UWF)</b>	Kaitlyn Kelley (UU)
3/26	Haley Barnette (UU)	Hannah Creel (MC)	Kaitlyn Kelley (UU)
4/2	Kiara Akles (UAH)	Cori Cooper (MC)	Kaitlyn Kelley (UU)
4/9	Haley Garrett (VSU)	<b>Kelsey Sweatt (UWF)</b>	Annemarie Peavy (MC)
4/16	Lacey Crandall (VSU)	Cori Cooper (MC)	Alyssa Ward (Union)
4/23	Lexi Close (UWG)	Nora Keehn (UWA)	Taylor De Adder (Lee)
4/30	Kaitlyn Kelley (UU)	<b>Kelsey Sweatt (UWF)</b>	Kaitlyn Kelley (UU)

# THE ASHLEIGH MCLEAN FILE



Ashliegh McLean was named head coach of the UWF softball program in May 2018, after four years as an assistant at UWF, and her first season has been nothing short of incredible.

In her final three years as an assistant from 2016-18, the UWF pitching staff ranked in the top three in the Gulf South Conference in ERA (2.72), shutouts (32), opponent batting average (.241), strikeouts (822) and wins (119), and Argonaut pitchers have earned nine All-GSC or All-South Region awards.

In McLean's first season as a full-time assistant coach in 2016, her efforts led the UWF pitching staff to a 2.50 ERA and a .238 batting average against -- a major improvement from the team's 3.57 ERA and .264 batting average in 2015.

The staff improved even more on the way to the program's 2017 trip to the NCAA Championships in Salem, Virginia, posting a 2.49 ERA and .231 batting average against while recording a Gulf South Conference-best 15 shutouts.

UWF ranked second in the GSC in opponent batting average (.257), third in shutouts (7), and fourth in ERA (3.23) and strikeouts (227) under McLean in 2018, on the way to another 30-win season.

McLean first joined the UWF coaching staff after spending two-years as a pitcher for the Argonauts softball program in 2011 and 2012. She started 39 games for the Argos in the circle and over 30 games in right field being a key utility player for West Florida and was listed as one of the GSC's top newcomers in 2011.

Originally from McKinney, Texas, McLean is the daughter of Kevin McLean and Sandy Ring and earned her masters degree in Physical Education from UWF.

## **UWF Pitching Awards During McLean's Tenure**

Becca Taylor, NFCA First Team All-South Region (2017)

Kalyn Chapman, NFCA First Team All-South Region (2016)

Becca Taylor, D2CCA First Team All-South Region (2017)

Kalyn Chapman, D2CCA Second Team All-South Region (2016)

Sarah Maloney, D2CCA Second Team All-South Region (2017)

Becca Taylor, First Team All-GSC (2017)

Kalyn Chapman, Second Team All-GSC (2016)

Sarah Maloney, Second Team All-GSC (2018)

# ASSISTANT COACH EMMA JOHANSEN

Emma Johansen joined the West Florida softball staff in July 2018, after spending four years on staff at Alabama State in Montgomery.

In 2016, Johansen helped lead the team to 28 wins, which was the third-highest single-season win total in program history, and the Lady Hornets led the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) in team batting average (.321), runs scored (296), hits (482), doubles (92), and home runs (38).

Johansen also helped coach ASU to its first SWAC championship, which helped clinch an NCAA Tournament berth. Before ASU, Johansen served as the assistant softball coach for Auburn University at Montgomery and played a role in leading the team to the 2014 NAIA National Championship. In the summer of 2017, Johansen also coached the Swedish National Team in the European National Championships.

# PLAYER BIOS

## #1 • Harley Tagert



Sophomore, OF  
Jay, Fla.

**2018 (Fr.):** Appeared in 25 games and hit .200 as a freshman... Also slugged .400 and scored 12 runs... Scored first career run in season-opener against Nova Southeastern (2/2), and picked up first career hit -- a double -- against Christian Brothers (3/11).

**High School:** Named an All-Area performer by the Pensacola News Journal three times in her four years at Jay HS... Also named All-State three times.

**Personal:** Daughter of Ricky and Diann Tagert... Has one sibling, Haven... Enjoys camping and going to the beach... Member of Senior Beta Club and the National Honor Society in high school.

## #2 • Madison Lanier



R-Freshman, C/1B  
Uniontown, Ohio

**2018 (Fr.):** Redshirted.

**High School:** Three-time All-Conference, three-time All-County All-Star, two-time academic scholar, and honorable mention All-Northeast Ohio in 2015... Led team in batting and hits as a sophomore (.463, 38 hits), junior (.477, 42 hits) and senior (.403, 22 hits), and had a team-best 31 RBI as a sophomore... Team won their league in 2015.

**Personal:** Daughter of Geoff and Kim Lanier... Mom Kim played basketball at Albertus Magnus... Dad Geoff is an assistant basketball coach at Cincinnati... Enjoys going to the beach, fishing and riding her bike... Has known UWF women's basketball coach Stephanie Lawrence-Yelton for 12 years.

## #3 • Ashley McNally



Junior, C  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

**2018 (So.):** Made 23 starts and played in 36 games behind the plate... Caught fifth-most base-stealers in Gulf South Conference (8) and had the third-best caught stealing percentage in the conference (25.8%)... Posted .357 on-base percentage... Recorded first career hit and RBI against Union (3/4)... Reached base four times against Spring Hill (3/7) after picking up a hit, drawing a walk and being hit by a pitch twice all in the same game.

**High School:** Starred for Northeast High School ... Twice named second team South County and first team South County ... Career numbers: .345 batting average which included 95 hits, 63 runs, and 66 RBIs ... Team finished second in region and fourth in district ... Played club ball with the Clearwater Bombers.

**Personal:** Daughter of Carmen and Donald McNally... Has one sibling, Connor... Hopes to become a physical therapist after college... Worked with yearbook, newspaper and National Honor Society in high school... Enjoys going to the beach and reading.

## #4 • Kelsey Sweatt



Sophomore, P  
Jacksonville, Fla.

**2018 (Fr.; USC Upstate):** Made 10 appearances, including 3 starts, as a freshman at USC Upstate... Had a 3-1 win-loss record... Posted a 3.04 ERA.

**High School:** Attended Oakleaf High School where she lettered in both softball and volleyball... Posted over 50 wins in the circle during her prep career... Threw over 500 innings and struck out nearly 600 batters... Had almost 10 no-hitters... Received All-County and All-State honors and was named Player of the Year for Clay County and Jacksonville First Coast.

**Personal:** Parents are Derald and Tuesdi Sweatt... Has three sisters, Brittany and Christina Sweatt and Lorin Singleton, and two brothers, Parker Sweatt and Jordan Singleton... Her father played baseball at Brewton Parker from 1987-90.

## #7 • Morgan Zettle



Freshman, OF  
Tallahassee, Fla.

**High School:** Hit over .300 every year at Lincoln HS, batting .362 with three home runs as a junior... Started every game in center field at LHS for three years... Member of the All-Big Bend second team in 2016-17, and a member of the All-State Academic Team in 2017-18... Team was a four-time runner-up in the District Championship.

**Personal:** Daughter of Brian and Julie Zettle... Has one sibling, Emily... Both parents swam at Brevard Community College... Her uncle and aunt swam at Florida State, and her cousin, Alex, currently swims at the University of Texas... Was class president at LHS all four years... Earned Lincoln High School's Principle's Award... At LHS, worked on the yearbook, was involved in student government, worked with the dance marathon, was on the student director advisory council for Leon County, and worked with the Children's Home Society Student Leadership Council... Enjoys writing, spending time with family, and going to the beach.

## #8 • Kara Wilson



Junior, UTIL  
Odessa, Fla.

**2018 (So.):** Made 14 starts and played in 36 games... Hit .269 with 10 RBIs and a team-high 4 sacrifice flies... Hit .375 as a pinch-hitter and hit .353 (6-17) when coming off the bench... Had .571 on-base percentage when leading off an inning... Hit .333 with runners in scoring position and .300 with two outs... Had a pair of three-game hitting streaks on the year, from March 3-7 and from April 21-24... Had multi-hit game against Florida Southern (4/24)... Recorded two multi-RBI games, on 4/18 against Spring Hill and on 4/21 against Montevallo.

**2017 (Fr.):** Appeared in 28 games and made 1 start... Singled against Miles in first at-bat of career... Had a pinch-hit single, RBI and a run scored against Christian Brothers on 3/27 and West Alabama on 4/8... Hit pinch-hit single in seventh inning against Southern Indiana in 4-3 NCAA Championship victory... Hit .333 with bases empty on the year.

**High School:** Hit .370 with a .652 slugging percentage and a team-high 19 RBIs as a freshman at Steinbrenner HS.

**Personal:** Daughter of Gary and Mary... Has one sibling, Kaitlin... Member of Legacy Club and Exchangettes Service Club.

## #9 • Teala Howard



Freshman, UTIL  
Lake Butler, Fla.

**High School:** Played softball and volleyball at Union County HS... First Team All-State and the Florida Miss Softball Runner-Up in 2018... Hit .620 with a .671 OBP as a senior, and had a .674 OBP with 41 stolen bases as a sophomore in 2016... Prep Zone Player of the Year, First Team All-Area, and Offensive Player of the Year in 2017... Led team in batting average each year from 2015-17... Team won the 1A State Softball Championship in 2017 and were state runners-up in 2016.

**Personal:** Daughter of Shands and Danielle Howard... Has two siblings, Sabrena and Shands... Hopes to become an oncology nurse... Member of HOSA and FFA... Enjoys hunting, going to the beach, and spending time with her family.

# PLAYER BIOS

## #10 • Callan Taylor



Junior, IF  
Navarre, Fla.

**2018 (So.):** Played in 48 games and made 44 starts, hitting .293... Led UWF in RBIs (32) and ranked second in slugging (.488), doubles (9), and home runs (4), while recording the third-most walks (21) and fourth-most total bases (60) on the team... Led team with 9 multi-RBI games and also had 7 multi-hit games... Had 10-game reached base streak from March 24-April 8, batting .458 and leading team in batting, hits (11), runs (9), doubles (3), home runs (3), RBIs (12), total bases (23), slugging (.958) and walks (10) in that time... Named GSC Player of the Week on March 27 after leading UWF in batting (.667), hits (6), home runs (2), RBIs (7), total bases (13), slugging (1.444) and on-base percentage (.727) in the UAH series and she had at least one extra-base hit and one RBI in each game of the series... Had .385 on-base percentage when leading off an inning... Hit .339 with runners in scoring position, .348 with two outs and led team with 12 two-out RBIs... Ranked fourth in the GSC in total fielding chances (290) and was fifth in fielding double plays (12) and putouts (270).

**2017 (Fr.):** Made 58 starts and played in 60 games as a freshman... Led UWF freshmen with .271 batting average and .372 on-base percentage... Ranked second on team with 25 walks and fourth with 3 home runs... Started collegiate career with a two-hit game against Miles at the Gulf Coast Invitational (2/3)... Hit first career home run in GSC opener against Mississippi College (2/18) and added 3 RBI... Hit first career grand slam and set a personal record with 4 RBI against Barry (3/7)... Hit the go-ahead, 2-run double against Valdosta State in the South 1 Regional Tournament (5/12)... Had clutch RBI on two occasions in the NCAA Championship, with a 2-run home run against Armstrong State (5/25) and an RBI double in the 7th inning against Southern Indiana (5/26).

**High School:** Freshman year selected by Northwest Florida Daily News for All-Area first team and Pensacola News Journal for All-Area softball team... Sophomore year got voted as MVP for softball... Junior year had the highest batting average on varsity team.

**Personal:** Daughter of Angie and Greg... Has two siblings, Cade and Cota... Mother, Angie, played basketball at Troy, and father, Greg, played baseball at Lurleen B. Wallace... Member of her class board and FCA, and coaches little league softball... Enjoys playing beach volleyball and fishing.

## #11 • Courtney McLellan



Sophomore, OF  
Bradenton, Fla.

**2018 (Fr.):** Appeared in 30 games as a freshman, hitting .273 and slugging .409... Had 3 RBIs, 4 runs scored and 3 doubles on the year... Scored first career run and recorded her first career stolen base against Palm Beach Atlantic (2/7)... Picked up first career hit -- a double -- against Union (3/4)... Went 1-for-2 with an RBI and a double against Christian Brothers (3/11)... Had pinch-hit single against Delta State in GSC Tournament (5/4)... Hit .364 as a pinch-hitter.

**High School:** Member of the softball, weightlifting and volleyball teams at Lakewood Ranch HS... Team won district championship one year and was a runner-up in the region.

**Personal:** Daughter of Denise and Richard McLellan... Has two siblings, Cassidy and Cole... Hopes to become a nurse... Has been a member of SGA at Lakewood Ranch HS, FCA, National Honor Society, and Quill and Scroll, and she had perfect attendance in high school... Enjoys playing the piano, swimming and going to the beach.

## #12 • Jibrasha Moore



Junior, OF  
Pensacola, Fla.

**2018 (So.):** Started all 52 games for UWF in right field... Hit .318, which ranked third on the team, and led team with 29 stolen bases... Ranked sixth in the Gulf South Conference in steals... Ranked second on team with 48 hits... Tied for team lead with 3 outfield assists... Hit .379 with runners on base, .341 with runners in scoring position and .341 with two outs... Had UWF's longest hitting streak of the year, at 8 games... Hit .483 during 8-game hitting streak that lasted from 4/21-29 and led team in batting (.483), hits (14), total bases (15), on-base percentage (.516), multi-hit games (4), and steals (9) in that time... Did not commit an error all year... Was a perfect 21-for-21 in stolen base tries from March 24 through the end of the season... Hit .404 with 19 hits and 13 stolen bases in April... Ranked second on team with 13 multi-hit games... Hit .529 against left-handed pitching.

**2017 (Fr.):** Made 11 starts as a freshman and played in 34 games... Fourth on the team with 7 stolen bases... Had .667 OBP when leading off an inning... Scored game-winning run in season-opening tournament against Rollins... Scored game-tying run against Southern Indiana in NCAA Championship.

**High School:** Team MVP at West Florida HS as a junior and as a senior... Won district, regional and state championships as a sophomore in 2014.

**Personal:** Daughter of Titana and Dewitt Dukes... Has one sibling, Titera.

## #13 • Grace Gilbert



Sophomore, P  
Chapley, Fla.

**2018 (Fr.):** Played in 44 games and made 30 starts, with 26 appearances and 12 starts in the circle... Set UWF freshman record with .365 batting average, which also led the team... Became 2nd player in UWF history and the first since 2001 to lead the team in both pitching wins (12) and batting average (.365)... Ranked third on team with 8 doubles and fourth with 38 hits... Led team with 12 wins in the circle and ranked second in appearances (26), starts (12), ERA (3.18)... Recorded 11 multi-hit games and 3 multi-RBI games... Threw six innings of relief against Embry-Riddle in the NCAA Tournament, allowing just two hits and one unearned run in a winning effort... Had first multi-hit game of the year against Barry (2/10), going 2-4 with a double... Had two hits in back-to-back games against Alabama Huntsville on 3/24-25, with a pair of RBIs in each game... Had season-high three RBIs in a two-hit game against West Georgia on 3/30, with a double and a stolen base... Had three consecutive two-hit games from 4/28-5/3, batting .600 with four runs, an RBI and a double... Had two hits in GSC Tournament game against Alabama Huntsville (5/3) and another in NCAA Tournament against North Alabama (5/11)... Did not allow an earned run in her first 8 innings of the year... Threw complete game at Barry, going the full seven innings and not allowing an earned run... Threw 11-inning complete game at GSC Festival against West Alabama, picking up her fourth win of the year... Threw complete game shutout against Florida Southern (4/24), with five strikeouts and just three hits allowed... Had 7-game hitting streak from 3/24-4/8, hitting .417 with a team-high 10 hits and 3 doubles in that time... Hit .374 against right-handed pitching and .388 with runners on base... Hit .349 with runners in scoring position and had a .444 on-base percentage when leading off an inning.

**High School:** Played softball for four years at Chipley HS.

**Personal:** Daughter of Lana and Bill Gilbert... Has one sister, Sarah, and she plays softball at Texas A&M-Kingsville.

# PLAYER BIOS

## #14 • Rachel Wright

**2018 GSC All-Tournament Team**  
**2018 GSC Spring Academic Honor Roll**  
**2016 GSC All-Tournament Team**  
**\*\*\*Ranks 4th in UWF history in doubles (48)\*\*\***

**2018 (Jr.):** Started all 52 games for UWF in center field... Ranked fourth in the GSC with 16 doubles... Started every game UWF played for the third consecutive year, and is UWF's active career leader in games played (172) and doubles (38)... Led team with 16 doubles, ranked second with 65 total bases, and was third on team in runs scored (29), hits (42) and stolen bases (9), while ranking fifth in RBIs (9)... Recorded 10 multi-hit games... Had two RBIs, two runs scored, and two hits (a double and a home run) against Barry (2/10)... Had three consecutive multi-hit games against Spring Hill and Christian Brothers, wrapping it up with a three-hit game on CBU... Had six-game hitting streak from 3/3-12, batting .533 (8-15) with six doubles, and a .933 slugging percentage in that stretch... Had multiple doubles in four games... Recorded three outfield assists, which tied for the team lead.

**2017 (So.):** Started all 61 games in center field for UWF... Made game-saving catch at the wall and a three-hit game against Valdosta State in the South 1 Regional Semifinal... Led UWF with a .375 batting average against left-handed pitchers and was second on the team with 16 two-out RBI.

**Personal:** Daughter of Martin and Diana Wright... Has one sibling James Savage... Plans to become a physical therapist after graduation... Worked with Miracle League... Enjoys going to the beach, boating, camping, traveling, and rock and fossil hunting.

## #16 • Mallory Vining

**High School:** Played volleyball, basketball, and softball as Ponchatoula HS... All-District Honorable Mention 2015, All-District First Team 2016 & 2017, All-State Honorable Mention 2016 & 2017, Class Team Academic All-State 2018... Won district championship in softball in 2015, and helped lead basketball team to a state championship in 2015 and district championships in 2015, 2017, and 2018.



Freshman, IF  
Ponchatoula, La.

**Personal:** Daughter of Autumn and Bryce Vining... Has two siblings, Scarlett and Ashton... Hopes to attend medical school after graduation... Member of the student council at Ponchatoula HS, Interact, the Spanish Club, the National Honor Society, and was a volunteer for the Special Olympics and the Walk to End Alzheimer's... Enjoys playing with her dogs, going to the movies, camping, and spending time with her family.

## #17 • Ally Merrill

**2018 (Fr.):** Played in 27 games and made 11 starts... Had 5 RBIs, drew 5 walks, and scored 6 runs on the year... Had four-game hitting streak (2/3-10) to start her career, hitting .625 over her first 8 at-bats... Got first career hit and RBI against Tuskegee (2/3)... Had first career extra-base hit and stolen base against Nova Southeastern (2/9)... Picked up two multi-hit games as a freshman, against Barry (2/10) and West Alabama (2/17)... Hit .333 when coming off the bench... Hit .348 (8-23) with runners on base.



Sophomore, 1B  
Sarasota, Fla.

**High School:** Played softball and volleyball for four years at Riverview HS... Named softball Offensive Player of the Year as a junior and a senior.

**Personal:** Daughter of Jack and Amy Merrill... Has one sibling, Lauren... Her mom Amy played volleyball at the University of Memphis.

## #18 • Mika Garcia

**2018 (Fr.):** Played 35 games and made 34 starts as a freshman... Hit .303 with two doubles, a triple, two home runs and 16 RBIs... Had a 3-hit game in first career start, against Nova Southeastern (2/9), and she also had her first career run scored, RBI and stolen base in that game... Hit first career home run against Alabama Huntsville (3/25) in a 7-6 win... Had 6-game hitting streak from 3/24-4/7, hitting .450 with 9 hits, 5 RBIs, 3 multi-hit games and a home run in that time... Hit game-tying home run in sixth inning of GSC Tournament win over Delta State (5/4)... Had 6 multi-hit games on the year and three multi-RBI games.



Sophomore, SS  
Orange Park, Fla.

**High School:** Named Clay County Player of the Year in 2015... Two-time All-State player at Oak Leaf HS in Orange Park, and three-time all-county... Hit .360 with 35 hits and 28 RBI at OLHS as a senior... Her team at Oak Leaf HS reached the Florida state semifinals in 2015, and was named the No. 1 team in the nation by MaxPreps in 2016.

**Personal:** Daughter of Marilou Harrison and Luis Garcia... Has one sibling, Luis... Father played minor and Major League Baseball from 1993-2002, with the Detroit Tigers, St. Louis Cardinals and Pittsburgh Pirates... Played baseball through 7th grade... At 10 years old, hit a home run over the Green Monster in Cooperstown, New York, becoming one of the first girls to do so... Enjoys dancing, writing and cooking.

## #19 • Jacquelynne Poling

**2018 (So.):** Played in 39 games and made 31 starts... Slugged .343 with 16 hits and 13 RBIs... Hit first career home run against Lee (4/7)... Started season with a six-game hitting streak, including a 2-hit game against No. 8 North Georgia... Added five doubles on the year, including in a pinch-hitting effort against Spring Hill (4/18)... Had two games with 3 RBIs, against Christian Brothers (3/12) and Lee (4/7)... Had .385 on-base percentage when leading off an inning.

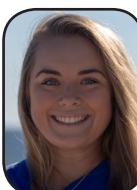


Junior, C  
Chino Hills, Calif.

**Personal:** Daughter of David Poling and Jenifer Reed-Poling... Has one sibling, Ryan... Participates with the Let It Be Foundation.

## #20 • Tori Perkins

**2018 (Jr.):** Played 49 games, with 37 starts overall and 12 starts in the circle... Ranked third on the team with a 3.94 ERA, 5 wins, 65.2 innings pitched and 39 strikeouts... Hit .283 with six doubles and four home runs... Third on the team with 23 RBIs and fourth in slugging, at .472... Ranked second on the team with a .359 batting average with runners in scoring position and hit .309 with runners on... Held right-handed batters to a .244 average, and held all opponents to a .253 average with runners on base... Hit first career home run in home-opener against Union (3/3), and hit another home run in the following game against the Bulldogs... Had a pair of hits and two RBIs in second game of season, against Saint Leo (2/2)... Went 3-for-4 with 4 RBIs and a double against Barry (2/10)... Went 3-5 with 5 RBIs, 2 home runs, 4 runs scored in doubleheader against Union (3/3)... Had two multi-hit games in series against West Georgia... Had 8 multi-hit games on the year and 6 games with multiple RBIs... Threw 7.2 innings in extra-inning loss against Saint Leo (2/2) in her first start of the year, allowing just two earned runs... Fired six scoreless innings against Nova Southeastern (2/9), striking out five... Had a stretch of 14 consecutive scoreless innings from 3/3-17.



Senior, P  
Pensacola, Fla.

**Personal:** Daughter of Chris Mason, Greg Mason and Kenny Perkins... Worked with the Tate HS Student Council, Miracle League, SAAC and FCA... Enjoys spending time with friends and family and eating at Vallartas.

# PLAYER BIOS

## #22 • Kathleen Smiley



Senior, 1B  
Pensacola, Fla.

**2018 NFCA All-South Region Second Team**  
**2018 D2CCA All-South Region Second Team**  
**\*\*\*Leads all current UWF players with 105 career RBIs\*\*\***  
**\*\*\*9th in UWF history with 19 career home runs\*\*\***  
**\*\*\*Second among active Argonauts in batting (.319), OBP (.418), slugging (.505), and walks (60)\*\*\***

**2018 (Jr.):** Made 42 starts and played in 46 games as the DP... Led team with 24 walks and ranked third in RBIs (26) and on-base percentage (.439), while ranking fifth in slugging (.471)... Hit .298 on the year and hit .314 with runners on base... Became 31st NFCA All-South Region selection in program history, and the 16th D2CCA/Daktronics All-South Region selection... Batted .373 with 20 walks and .522 on-base percentage from the start of March through the end of the regular season... Hit particularly well against Gulf South Conference pitching, batting .369, slugging .600, and posting a team-best .528 on-base percentage in league play that was good for third in the conference... 21 walks in GSC action were also the second-most in the league... Had six multi-hit games and four multi-RBI games for the year... Had a two-hit game against North Alabama in NCAA South 2 Regional (5/10)... Led team with 12 two-out RBIs... Hit .303 with 2 outs... Had .545 on-base percentage when leading off an inning.

**Personal:** Daughter of Mike and Otelia Smiley... Has two siblings, Anne Margaret and Michael... Enjoys swimming, going to the beach, paddle boarding and painting... Would like to get into real estate or marketing for Major League Baseball after graduating.

## #24 • Rhiannon Sassman



Senior, IF  
Orlando, Fla.

**2016 NFCA First Team All-America**  
**2-Time CoSIDA Academic All-District**  
**2-Time All-Gulf South Conference**  
**2-Time D2CCA All-South Region**  
**2-Time NFCA All-South Region**  
**2018 Gulf South Conference All-Academic Team**  
**3-Time GSC Spring Academic Honor Roll**  
**\*\*\* Ranks 2nd in UWF history in triples (24) \*\*\***  
**\*\*\* Ranks 4th in UWF career slugging percentage (.606) \*\*\***  
**\*\*\* Ranks 7th in UWF career batting average (.370) \*\*\***  
**\*\*\* Ranks 1st in UWF history in times hit by pitch (31) \*\*\***

**2018 (Jr.):** Made 27 starts to begin the year before suffering season-ending injury in late March... Led UWF in slugging (.535), triples (3) and on-base percentage (.490), while ranking fourth in batting (.310) and walks (16) and fifth in home runs (2)... Ended season on six-game on-base streak that lasted from 3/11-24, when she led the team in batting (.467), runs (7), home runs (2), RBIs (8), slugging (.133) and on-base percentage (.619)... Hit .545 (6-11) with three runs, two RBIs, a double, a home run and four walks at the Gulf Coast Invitational to start the year... Had a two-hit, two-RBI day against Union (3/3) with a double and two runs scored... Set career highs with 4 hits, 4 runs scored and 5 RBIs in series opener at Christian Brothers (3/11), while adding two doubles and a home run... Had three multi-RBI games and five multi-hit games... Hit .385 with runners in scoring position and hit .314 with the bases empty... Had .500 on-base percentage when leading off an inning... UWF's active leader in total bases (253), triples (16), batting (.353), runs (118), slugging (.572), walks (63) and on-base percentage (.453).

**Personal:** Daughter of Harrol and Carole Sassman... Has one sibling, Chelsea... Plans to attend pharmacy school after softball

career is over... Member of National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Athletic Training Club and True Friends... Member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) at UWF... Enjoys working out, traveling and going to the beach... Started Tae Kwon Do at four years old, and earned a black belt at eight years old.

## #25 • Sara Spears



Senior, OF  
Pensacola, Fla.

**2018:** Played in 21 games, primarily as a pinch-runner... Scored 11 runs and posted a .333 on-base percentage... Went 2-for-2 in stolen base tries... Scored game-tying run in walkoff win over Alabama Huntsville on 3/25... Earned admission into the 2018 Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems (ICPES) in Washington, D.C. for the summer semester.

**2017:** Played in 50 games and made 45 starts in right field as a sophomore... Ranked second on team with 3 outfield assists and 13 stolen bases... Ranked fourth with 16 walks on the year... Had 5-game hitting streak from 2/11-16... Doubled against Valdosta State in South 1 Regional Tournament (5/12)... Had 2-hit game against Armstrong State in NCAA Championship (5/25)... Had two hits, scored twice and drew a walk at Montevallo (3/30)... Had two hits, two RBI in GSC-opener against Mississippi College... Had two hits and two RBI against Columbus State during the Cougar Classic (2/11)... Had .393 OBP when leading off an inning.

**Personal:** Daughter of Greg and Beth Spears... Has three siblings, Emily, Drew and Josh... Hopes to attend law school and become an attorney... Member of National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Latin Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes... Was a part of the Flight Academy in Pensacola in 2011-12 and Internet Marketing Academy from 2012-2015... Has volunteered with the Red Cross at the Navy Hospital in Pensacola, the Breast Cancer Walk... Enjoys playing the guitar and reading.

## #27 • Hanna Stapleton



Sophomore, P  
Navarre, Fla.

**2018 (TCC):** Her first collegiate strikeout came in the TCC 2018 opener against St. Petersburg, where she threw 1 full inning, allowing 1 hit, 1 run, and 1 strikeout in her college debut (1.26)...threw the first 5.1 innings in game 2 against South Georgia State allowing 6 hits and 5 earned runs (2.20 ERA).

**High School:** Attended Navarre High School...trained under Kelly Hayes...played travel ball with West Florida Elite...in her senior year, played in 24 games with a batting average of .492, with 32 hits and an OBP of .600, earning 25 runs, 37 RBIs, 10 doubles and 6 home runs on the offensive side...she pitched an ERA of 4.35, 103 innings, 74 strikeouts, and a .833 fielding percentage....Hanna participated in weightlifting where her team was named state champions in both 2016 and 2017, placing 5th individually in 2016 and 2nd individually in 2017, she also set a school record...beyond softball she was actively involved in National Honor Society, treasurer of the National Art Society, and a leader in the Fellowship of Christian athletes where she won the FCA Award 3 times.

**Personal:** Daughter of Chris and Julia Stapleton... plans to major in Biology.

**2019 NCAA South Super Regional  
Games Summary for West Florida (as of May 20, 2019)  
(All games)**

<b>Score by innings</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Total</b>
West Florida	46	62	64	65	41	45	23	1	1	348
Opponents	21	17	21	16	23	14	12	1	0	125

**Record when ...**

Overall	53-9	After 4 leading	39-1
Conference	25-4	..... trailing	8-5
Non-Conference	28-5	..... tied	6-3
Home games	30-2	After 5 leading	32-0
Away games	12-5	..... trailing	7-7
Neutral site	11-2	..... tied	6-2
Day games	44-9	After 6 leading	35-0
Night games	9-0	..... trailing	2-5
vs Left starter	3-1	..... tied	5-2
vs Right starter	50-8		
1-Run games	10-4	Hit 0 home runs	34-8
2-Run games	6-1	... 1 home run	16-1
5+Run games	25-2	... 2+ home runs	3-0
Extra innings	2-1		
Shutouts	18-3	Opponent 0 home runs	39-4
		..... 1 home run	13-2
Scoring 0-2 runs	5-6	..... 2+ HRs	1-3
..... 3-5 runs	20-3		
..... 6-9 runs	21-0	Made 0 errors	28-4
..... 10+ runs	7-0	.... 1 error	19-5
		.... 2+ errors	6-0
Opponent 0-2 runs	40-3		
..... 3-5 runs	11-3	Opp. made 0 errors	11-6
..... 6-9 runs	2-2	..... 1 error	16-2
..... 10+ runs	0-1	..... 2+ errors	26-1
Scored in 1st inning	22-2	Out-hit opponent	46-2
Opp. scored in 1st	13-2	Out-hit by opponent	3-6
Scores first	38-4	Hits are tied	4-1
Opp. scores first	15-5		

**Record when team scores:**

Runs	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
W-L	0-3	4-2	1-1	5-3	7-0	8-0	7-0	4-0	5-0	5-0	7-0

**Record when opponent scores:**

Runs	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
W-L	18-0	11-2	11-1	8-0	1-2	2-1	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1

**Record when leading after:**

Inn.	1	2	3	4	5	6
W-L	20-1	28-1	35-1	39-1	32-0	35-0

**Record when trailing after:**

Inn.	1	2	3	4	5	6
W-L	10-2	7-3	8-5	8-5	7-7	2-5

**Record when tied after:**

Inn.	1	2	3	4	5	6
W-L	23-6	18-5	10-3	6-3	6-2	5-2

Current winning streak: 5

Longest winning streak: 18

Longest losing streak: 3

**2019 NCAA South Super Regional**  
**Miscellaneous Stats for West Florida (as of May 20, 2019)**  
**(All games)**

<b>Multiple Hit Games</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5+</b>	<b>Total</b>
9 Teala Howard	22	8	2	-	32
24 Rhiannon Sassman	14	5	1	-	20
14 Rachel Wright	9	3	-	-	12
19 Jacquelynne Poling	9	1	-	-	10
18 Mika Garcia	8	1	-	-	9
11 Courtney McLellan	6	3	-	-	9
22 Kathleen Smiley	6	1	-	-	7
13 Grace Gilbert	7	-	-	-	7
10 Callan Taylor	5	-	-	-	5
17 Ally Merrill	4	-	-	-	4
12 Jibrasha Moore	2	-	-	-	2
20 Tori Perkins	2	-	-	-	2
1 Harley Tagert	1	-	-	-	1
25 Sara Spears	1	-	-	-	1
16 Mallory Vining	-	1	-	-	1
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122</b>

<b>Multiple RBI Games</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5+</b>	<b>Total</b>
24 Rhiannon Sassman	1	6	1	2	10
22 Kathleen Smiley	6	3	-	-	9
14 Rachel Wright	5	3	-	-	8
18 Mika Garcia	6	1	-	-	7
9 Teala Howard	3	2	-	1	6
19 Jacquelynne Poling	5	1	-	-	6
10 Callan Taylor	2	1	-	-	3
20 Tori Perkins	2	-	-	-	2
13 Grace Gilbert	1	1	-	-	2
16 Mallory Vining	-	1	-	-	1
1 Harley Tagert	1	-	-	-	1
2 Madison Lanier	1	-	-	-	1
17 Ally Merrill	1	-	-	-	1
11 Courtney McLellan	1	-	-	-	1
3 Ashley McNally	1	-	-	-	1
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>59</b>

<b>Hitting Streaks</b>	<b>Longest</b>	<b>Current</b>
9 Teala Howard	16	16
14 Rachel Wright	13	1
19 Jacquelynne Poling	11	2
22 Kathleen Smiley	9	-
18 Mika Garcia	8	-
24 Rhiannon Sassman	6	2
11 Courtney McLellan	6	2
17 Ally Merrill	4	1
13 Grace Gilbert	4	1
10 Callan Taylor	4	-
12 Jibrasha Moore	4	3
20 Tori Perkins	4	-
3 Ashley McNally	3	-
2 Madison Lanier	3	-
8 Kara Wilson	2	-
7 Morgan Zettle	1	1
1 Harley Tagert	1	-
16 Mallory Vining	1	-
25 Sara Spears	1	-

<b>Reached Base Streaks</b>	<b>Longest</b>	<b>Current</b>
14 Rachel Wright	16	1
9 Teala Howard	16	16
24 Rhiannon Sassman	15	2
22 Kathleen Smiley	15	-
13 Grace Gilbert	12	12
11 Courtney McLellan	11	2
19 Jacquelynne Poling	11	2
18 Mika Garcia	10	6
10 Callan Taylor	9	-
17 Ally Merrill	8	1
3 Ashley McNally	7	-
12 Jibrasha Moore	6	3
20 Tori Perkins	4	-
2 Madison Lanier	4	-
7 Morgan Zettle	2	2
8 Kara Wilson	2	-
25 Sara Spears	2	-
27 Hanna Stapleton	1	1
1 Harley Tagert	1	-
16 Mallory Vining	1	-

**2019 NCAA South Super Regional**  
**Overall Statistics for West Florida (as of May 17, 2019)**  
**(All games Sorted by Batting avg)**

Record: 53-9 Home: 30-2 Away: 12-5 Neutral: 11-2 GSC: 25-4

Player	avg gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%		
9 Teala Howard	.470 61-61	202	63	95	3	4	1	30	109	.540	6	7	18	0	.500	1	6	49-53	84	27	1	.991		
24 Rhiannon Sassman	.380 62-62	179	46	68	15	8	3	50	108	.603	28	11	18	1	.482	4	3	19-23	59	116	8	.956		
19 Jacquelynne Poling	.339 43-40	127	14	43	11	1	4	29	68	.535	6	2	7	0	.378	0	2	0-1	196	17	0	1.000		
13 Grace Gilbert	.316 55-42	114	19	36	4	1	1	15	45	.395	14	2	8	0	.394	2	7	4-4	45	73	8	.937		
18 Mika Garcia	.313 52-52	128	21	40	4	4	2	23	58	.453	13	1	9	1	.375	2	7	6-8	70	106	11	.941		
11 Courtney McLellan	.306 54-47	134	22	41	11	1	3	19	63	.470	11	2	6	0	.362	2	5	3-3	37	1	0	1.000		
22 Kathleen Smiley	.304 61-61	161	21	49	10	0	5	41	74	.460	33	2	21	2	.422	3	1	1-1	26	3	0	1.000		
14 Rachel Wright	.302 57-57	179	44	54	10	5	2	29	80	.447	15	7	31	0	.376	1	3	14-16	72	2	1	.987		
10 Callan Taylor	.243 47-40	111	15	27	10	0	0	21	37	.333	11	4	14	0	.323	4	2	0-1	254	7	4	.985		
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1 Harley Tagert	.667 7-0	3	3	2	1	0	0	2	3	1.000	0	0	0	0	.667	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000		
17 Ally Merrill	.338 34-22	68	11	23	5	1	0	7	30	.441	12	3	7	0	.458	0	3	1-1	138	5	1	.993		
12 Jibrasha Moore	.321 23-21	53	13	17	0	0	0	1	17	.321	3	0	9	0	.357	0	2	7-11	25	1	0	1.000		
25 Sara Spears	.300 40-4	10	21	3	0	0	0	2	3	.300	2	1	6	0	.462	0	1	6-8	3	0	0	1.000		
20 Tori Perkins	.233 28-12	43	5	10	2	2	1	10	19	.442	2	1	11	0	.283	0	0	1-1	4	22	2	.929		
7 Morgan Zettle	.200 3-0	5	2	1	1	0	0	1	2	.400	1	0	2	0	.333	0	0	0-0	1	1	0	1.000		
2 Madison Lanier	.188 23-0	16	1	3	0	1	0	2	5	.313	4	1	3	0	.381	0	0	0-0	3	0	0	1.000		
16 Mallory Vining	.167 47-45	18	9	3	0	0	1	3	6	.333	2	0	1	0	.250	0	1	4-5	80	76	3	.981		
3 Ashley McNally	.140 27-23	57	9	8	4	0	0	8	12	.211	4	6	8	2	.269	0	7	0-1	126	10	1	.993		
8 Kara Wilson	.125 28-8	24	8	3	2	0	0	4	5	.208	1	2	5	0	.214	1	2	3-4	8	0	0	1.000		
27 Hanna Stapleton	.000 1-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000		
5 Kelsey Sweatt	.000 29-23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	5	27	1	.970		
Totals		.322	62	1633	348	526	93	28	23	298	744	.456	169	52	185	6	.399	20	52	118-141	1236	494	41	.977
Opponents		.192	62	1486	125	286	29	5	23	115	394	.265	123	30	302	9	.267	6	33	51-64	1172	450	86	.950

LOB - Team (405), Opp (317). DPs turned - Team (16), Opp (14). TPs turned - Team (1). Picked off - G. Gilbert 1.

**(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)**

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
5 Kelsey Sweatt	1.54	19-3	29	23	16	5/3	2	159.1	94	43	35	42	142	10	3	11	.168	3	9	0	2	15
13 Grace Gilbert	1.73	24-4	33	27	16	6/3	0	157.2	118	47	39	33	89	11	2	8	.206	3	13	0	1	10
20 Tori Perkins	2.21	10-2	23	12	9	2/5	2	95.0	74	35	30	48	71	8	0	4	.210	12	8	0	3	8
Totals	1.77	53-9	62	62	41	18/5	4	412.0	286	125	104	123	302	29	5	23	.192	18	30	0	6	33
Opponents	5.03	9-53	62	62	20	3/2	3	391.0	526	347	281	169	185	93	28	23	.322	30	52	0	20	52

PB - Team (4), J. Poling 4, Opp (8). Pickoffs - Team (1), A. McNally 1, Opp (1). SBA/ATT - J. Poling (36-44), T. Perkins (17-22), K. Sweatt (19-22), G. Gilbert (15-20), A. McNally (15-20).