



WEST FLORIDA SOFTBALL

FEBRUARY 14-15 // MONTEVALLO

No. 4 Argonauts

6-3

Overall

0-0

GSC

Ashliegh McLean

Head Coach



Montevallo Falcons

4-3

Overall

0-0

GSC

Lindsay Vanover

Head Coach



THAT'S PITCHER OF THE WEEK GRACE

GILBERT

After an outstanding weekend at the Florida Tech Invitational, University of West Florida softball junior Grace Gilbert has earned Gulf South Conference Pitcher of the Week honors from the league, as announced Tuesday.

Gilbert posted a 0.33 ERA over 21 innings, taking wins over New Haven and No. 25 Saint Leo, before taking a tough-luck loss against Florida Southern on Sunday. The Chipley, Florida, native had a 2-1 record over the weekend and batters hit only .127 against her.

The start on Sunday was Gilbert's best of the year – she went the full seven innings and allowed just one unearned run, dropping her season ERA to 1.30. She also allowed three hits and did not issue a walk.

She went 4-for-5 with 4 RBIs in the season-opener against Florida Tech in Gulf Shores, and she had another 4 RBIs against Miles on Sunday afternoon. Those were the first 4-RBI games in the junior's career.

A LOOK AT LAST WEEK

West Florida responded to the opening weekend with a 4-1 trip down to central Florida, defeating New Haven, No. 9 Florida Tech, No. 25 Saint Leo, and Palm Beach

Schedule

Home: 0-0

Away: 0-0

Neutral: 6-3

February

1	#9 Florida Tech %	W, 11-2
1	Nova Southeastern %	L, 1-8
2	#25 Saint Leo %	L, 2-5
2	Miles %	W, 7-1
7	New Haven #	W, 8-0
7	Palm Beach Atlantic #	W, 3-2
8	#25 Saint Leo #	W, 4-3
8	#9 Florida Tech #	W, 5-3
9	Florida Southern #	L, 0-1
14	Montevallo *	3 pm
15	Montevallo (DH) *	Noon
19	Spring Hill	4 pm
21	West Alabama *	6 pm
22	West Alabama (DH) *	Noon
29	Delta State (DH) *	1 pm

March

1	Delta State *	1 pm
3	Palm Beach Atlantic (DH)	1 pm
5	Christian Brothers (DH)	2 pm
7	West Georgia (DH) *	1 pm
8	West Georgia *	1 pm
13	Lee *	2 pm ET
14	Lee (DH) *	1 pm ET
21	Shorter *	1 pm ET
22	Shorter (DH) *	1 pm ET
25	Spring Hill (DH)	1 pm
28	Union (DH) *	1 pm
29	Union *	1 pm
31	Ala. Huntsville (DH)	2 pm

April

4	Rollins (DH)	Noon ET
10	AUM *	5 pm
11	AUM (DH) *	1 pm
17	Mississippi College *	6 pm
18	Mississippi College (DH) *	1 pm
25	Valdosta State (DH) *	1 pm
26	Valdosta State *	1 pm
30-5/3	GSC Tournament	Oxford, Ala.

May

5/7-9	Regionals	Campus Sites
5/14-15	Super Regionals	Campus Sites
5/21-25	NCAA Finals	Chattanooga, Tenn.

% Gulf Shores Invitational * GSC Game (DH) Doubleheader **BOLD** - Home Game # Florida Tech Invitational

.274

41

68

10

3

1

32

87

.342

.351

22

36

19

14

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BA

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42

53

1

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38

79

.412

.465

28

24

23

8

.957

3.42

32

24

1

13

45

.196

Last Week's Starters

#	Name	Pos.	Notes
13	Grace Gilbert	P/OF	7-0 in 2019 postseason, with 0.85 ERA... GSC Pitcher of the Week
5	Kelsey Sweatt	P	Struck out 17 batters in 14 innings at Gulf Shores Invitational
19	Jacquelynne Poling	C	Hit 4-7 with 3 runs, 2 RBI in 2 games against No. 9 Florida Tech
17	Ally Merrill	1B/DP	Hit .357, had two multi-hit games at Gulf Shores Invitational
1	Kayla Mayo	2B	Went 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs and a double in first career game
16	Mallory Vining	2B/3B	Made 47 starts in 2019... Posted .375 OBP at Gulf Shores Invitational
18	Mika Garcia	SS	Had RBI single and a stolen base against Nova Southeastern (2/1)
9	Teala Howard	UTIL	2019 GSC Freshman of the Year... Team-high .485 batting average

UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	B/T	Hometown	Previous School
1	Kayla Mayo	MI	5-3	Fr.	R/R	Minneola, Fla.	Lake Minneola HS
2	Madison Lanier	1B	5-9	R-So.	R/R	Uniontown, Ohio	Green HS
3	Ashley McNally	C	5-4	R-Sr.	R/R	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Jacksonville University
4	Angela Agurkis	C	5-6	So.	R/R	Green Cove Springs, Fla.	Florida Atlantic
5	Kelsey Sweatt	P	5-6	Jr.	R/R	Jacksonville, Fla.	USC Upstate
7	Morgan Zettle	OF	5-8	So.	L/R	Tallahassee, Fla.	Lincoln HS
8	Kara Wilson	OF	5-7	Sr.	R/R	Odessa, Fla.	Gaither HS
9	Teala Howard	3B/OF	5-5	So.	L/R	Lake Butler, Fla.	Union County HS
10	Callan Taylor	1B	5-6	Sr.	R/R	Navarre, Fla.	Navarre HS
11	Courtney McLellan	OF	5-8	Jr.	L/L	Bradenton, Fla.	Lakewood Ranch HS
12	Jibrasha Moore	OF	5-5	Sr.	L/L	Pensacola, Fla.	West Florida HS
13	Grace Gilbert	P/OF	5-5	Jr.	R/R	Chipley, Fla.	Chipley HS
16	Mallory Vining	IF	5-8	So.	R/R	Ponchatoula, La.	Ponchatoula HS
17	Ally Merrill	1B	5-9	Jr.	R/R	Sarasota, Fla.	Riverview HS
18	Mika Garcia	SS	5-4	Jr.	R/R	Orange Park, Fla.	Oakleaf HS
19	Jacquelynne Poling	C/1B	5-8	Sr.	R/R	Chino Hills, Calif.	Ontario Christian HS
20	Megan Warhurst	P	5-7	Fr.	L/L	Russellville, Ala.	Russellville HS
21	Brett Leiva	C	5-9	Fr.	R/R	Denham Springs, La.	Live Oak HS
22	Hanna Stapleton	P	5-4	Jr.	R/R	Navarre, Fla.	Tallahassee CC
25	Laurynn Boggs	OF	5-7	Fr.	R/R	Longwood, Fla.	Lyman HS

Head Coach: Ashliegh McLean

Assistant Coach: Emma Johansen

Graduate Assistant: Tori Perkins

Student Assistant: Taylor Baynes

By Position

Pitchers (4)

Grace Gilbert
Hanna Stapleton
Kelsey Sweatt
Megan Warhurst

Catchers (4)

Angela Agurkis
Brett Leiva
Ashley McNally
Jacquelynne Poling

Utility (1)

Teala Howard

Infielders (6)

Mika Garcia
Madison Lanier
Kayla Mayo
Ally Merrill
Callan Taylor
Mallory Vining

Outfielders (5)

Laurynn Boggs
Courtney McLellan
Jibrasha Moore
Kara Wilson
Morgan Zettle

By Hometown

Alabama (1)

Megan Warhurst

California (1)

Jacquelynne Poling
CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC

Louisiana (2)

Brett Leiva
Mallory Vining

Florida (15)

Angela Agurkis	Ally Merrill
Laurynn Boggs	Jibrasha Moore
Mika Garcia	Hanna Stapleton
Grace Gilbert	Kelsey Sweatt
Teala Howard	Callan Taylor
Kayla Mayo	Kara Wilson
Courtney McLellan	Morgan Zettle
Ashley McNally	

Ohio (1)

Madison Lanier

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY

Name	University of West Florida
Location	Pensacola, Fla. 32514
Founded	1967
Enrollment	13,000
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
Athletics Phone	(850) 474-3003
Athletics Fax	(850) 474-3342
Athletics Web Site	GoArgos.com

SEASON IN REVIEW

2019 Record	54-11
GSC Finish	1st
Highest 2019 National Ranking	1st
Final 2019 National Ranking	5th
Starters Returning/Lost	9/3
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	15/6
Home Facility	UWF Softball Complex
Capacity	200

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Softball	1986
All-Time Record	1,539-637-1 (.707)
NCAA Tournament Appearances	13
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance	2019
Record	7-3
GSC Tournament Appearances	23
Last GSC Tournament Appearance	2019
Record	4-0
GSC East Championships	7
Last GSC East Championship	2006
GSC Tournament Championships	4
Last GSC Championship	2019

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NEWS AND NOTES

Atlantic at the Florida Tech Invitational. Teala Howard led the team in hitting, going 9-19 (.474) with a pair of triples, five runs scored, and four stolen bases. Grace Gilbert kept up her pace at the plate, too, with a double, an inside-the-park home run, and six RBIs, while hitting .353 and adding three more stolen bases.

The Argonauts outhit opponents 37-18 over five games, and the pitching stood out. Gilbert earned GSC Pitcher of the Week honors for her efforts, going 2-1 with a 0.33 ERA over 21 innings, and freshman Megan Warhurst and Kelsey Sweatt pitched to ERAs of 2.00 and 2.62, respectively. That duo stood out against Palm Beach Atlantic -- Sweatt cruised through three of her four innings in the circle with a slight hiccup in the second, and Warhurst earned the win with four hitless innings of relief.

STARTING GSC PLAY

Conference action gets started this weekend as UWF heads to Montevallo, Alabama, to face the Falcons in a three-game set on Friday and Saturday. West Florida has been the best team in the GSC over the last three years, holding a .717 winning percentage (66-26) and the second most wins in the conference over that time, behind only Alabama Huntsville (67-27). UWF also won its fourth GSC title last season -- its first since 2005.

Outfielder Teala Howard led the league in batting against conference opponents last year, hitting at a .438 clip, and Grace Gilbert and Kelsey Sweatt led the league in GSC wins with 10 each. Sweatt also ranked second in opponent batting average against GSC teams, at .205.

SOME NOTES ABOUT MONTEVALLO

It's been a back-and-forth start for Montevallo, with a 5-4 overall record that includes a 1-2 weekend against No. 12 Indianapolis and a split doubleheader on Wednesday at Spring Hill. The team was picked to finish 10th in the preseason Gulf South Conference poll, after finishing in that same spot last year.

The start for All-South Region selection Haley Barnette has been no surprise for the Falcons. The senior was a Preseason All-GSC pick and hit .377 with 8 home runs last season, and she's off to as hot a start as there is in the country -- she's batting .520 with 2 home runs, a 1.000 slugging percentage and 5 stolen bases.

TEALA HOWARD BACK AT IT AGAIN

Sophomore outfielder Teala Howard has had no trouble over the first two weeks of the 2020 campaign, leading UWF in batting (.485), runs scored (12), hits (16), slugging (.606), on-base percentage (.514), and steals (6). Her numbers with teammates on base have been even better -- she's 10-13 (.769) with runners on and is hitting .857 (6-7) with runners in scoring position.

She started the season with an 8-game hitting streak and has multiple hits

NFCA TOP 25

Rk.	School	Record
1	Augustana (S.D.) (15)	61-11
2	TAMU-Kingsville (1)	52-10
3	Grand Valley State	51-10
4	West Florida	54-11
5	Young Harris	44-20
6	UC San Diego	37-17
7	Central Oklahoma	48-8
8	West Chester	40-22
9	Florida Tech	42-12
t-10	Concordia Irvine	47-8
t-10	Texas A&M-Commerce	40-14
12	Indianapolis	49-17
13	Lincoln Memorial	38-15
14	Southern Arkansas	46-13
15	Cameron	37-18
16	North Georgia	45-13
17	Saint Anselm	41-10
t-18	UAH	39-17
t-18	Winona State	53-9
20	Chico State	31-17
t-21	Southern Indiana	35-21
t-21	Tarleton State	40-15
23	Arkansas Tech	47-15
24	Valdosta State	36-18
25	Saint Leo	31-18

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:

Southern New Hampshire (25), West Liberty (13), Oklahoma Christian (13), Mississippi College (9), Dixie State (8), Western Oregon (6), St. Cloud State (3), Anderson (2), UMSL (1).

NEWS AND NOTES

in 6 of UWF's 9 games this year. She hit .474 with 5 runs scored, 2 triples, and 4 stolen bases over the weekend at the Florida Tech Invitational.

WATCH OUT

University of West Florida softball student-athletes Grace Gilbert, Teala Howard, and Kelsey Sweatt have been named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Player of the Year Watch List, the organization announced Thursday. West Florida's three players on the list are the most in the country, tied with Winona State.

Gilbert has undoubtedly been one of the top two-way players in the country this year, with a 1.30 ERA and a .172 opponent batting average to go along with her .406 batting average and Gulf South Conference-leading 14 RBIs. The junior was a first team all-conference selection last year, posting a 1.72 ERA across 36 games with a 25-5 record. She also hit .325 at the plate with 5 doubles and earned a place on the NCAA Championship All-Tournament Team.

Howard took no time to get back to last year's form, when she tied the UWF single-season batting average record (.464), earned All-America honors from the NFCA and the D2CCA, and was a finalist for both the NFCA Freshman of the Year and the NFCA National Player of the Year. This season, Howard leads the GSC in hits (16) and ranks in the top five in the league in batting (.485; 4th), runs scored (12; 2nd), triples (2; 3rd), and stolen bases (6; 4th).

Sweatt also brought home All-America honors from the NFCA and D2CCA last season, and she was named the South Region Pitcher of the Year by the D2CCA and the GSC Pitcher of the Year. Sweatt was also named the Most Outstanding Player at the GSC Tournament after going 2-0 over 14 innings, with 18 strikeouts and a 0.50 ERA in the tournament. This year, Sweatt has pitched to a 2.86 ERA over 22 innings, in which she has struck out 20 batters and picked up two wins over No. 9 Florida Tech.

STRIKEOUT ARTIST KELSEY SWEATT

Junior pitcher Kelsey Sweatt has two wins on the season, and both have come against No. 9 Florida Tech. She has allowed just four hits and two runs over her nine innings against FT, and the Jacksonville native now has 20 strikeouts over 22 innings of work this season.

AT GULF SHORES

The first weekend of the year was a bit of a mixed bag for the Argonauts. After a big win over No. 9 Florida Tech in the season-opener, UWF fell in the following two games due to some defensive miscues and timely hitting from Saint Leo and Nova Southeastern, before defeating Miles to wrap the weekend.

THE ASHLIEGH 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.

It's tough to imagine a better possible start for the Argonauts during McLean's first year as head coach, as she led the team to a Gulf South Conference Championship, a South Region Title, and a trip to the NCAA Championship in Denver. The team also spent four weeks as the No. 1-ranked team in the country, on the way to earning the 1-seed in the South Region.

Awards flowed in for McLean and UWF, as Rhiannon Sassman, Teala Howard, and Kelsey Sweatt were each named All-Americans. Sassman was also the D2CCA South Region Player of the Year and the GSC Player of the Year, Howard was named the GSC Freshman of the Year, and Sweatt earned D2C-CA South Region Pitcher of the Year honors, while McLean was named the GSC Coach of the Year.

West Florida finished the year at 54-11, and the team set the program record for fielding percentage (.977) and improved its record by 16.5 games. West Florida set several high-water marks this year, in many respects having the program's best season in over a decade. The team's 54 wins were the most for the program since 2005, their 1.80 ERA was the best since 2006, and their 5.6 runs per game were the most since 2010.

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.

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.

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 ASU 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.

Overall Statistics for West Florida (as of Feb 11, 2020) (All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 6-3 Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 6-3 GSC: 0-0

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	.485	9-9	33	12	16	0	2	0	6	20	.606	1	1	0	0	.514	0	0	6-7	7	4	0	1.000
13 Grace Gilbert	.406	9-9	32	4	13	2	0	1	14	18	.563	1	0	3	0	.424	0	0	3-4	6	17	0	1.000
1 Kayla Mayo	.316	9-7	19	9	6	2	0	0	2	8	.421	4	0	6	0	.435	0	0	2-2	13	16	3	.906
17 Ally Merrill	.286	9-8	28	2	8	2	0	0	4	10	.357	1	0	3	0	.310	0	1	2-2	33	4	0	1.000
19 Jacquelynne Poling	.250	9-8	24	4	6	1	0	0	2	7	.292	4	1	4	0	.379	0	0	0-0	29	2	0	1.000
18 Mika Garcia	.214	9-9	28	2	6	1	1	0	2	9	.321	2	0	3	0	.258	1	0	4-5	18	24	5	.894
11 Courtney McLellan	.211	8-7	19	2	4	1	0	0	1	5	.263	2	0	1	0	.286	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
10 Callan Taylor	.125	6-6	16	1	2	1	0	0	0	3	.188	1	1	2	0	.222	0	1	0-0	41	1	0	1.000
12 Jibrasha Moore	.111	7-7	18	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	.111	0	0	3	0	.111	0	1	0-0	7	0	0	1.000

25 Lauryann Boggs	.500	6-1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.500	0	0	1	0	.500	0	0	1-2	0	0	0	.000
16 Mallory Vining	.250	9-9	8	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	.250	2	0	2	0	.400	0	2	1-1	11	13	3	.889
7 Morgan Zettle	.250	3-0	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.250	0	0	2	0	.250	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
3 Ashley McNally	.200	3-3	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.200	0	1	2	0	.333	0	0	0-0	13	3	1	.941
21 Brett Leiva	.000	7-2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	0	2	0	.273	0	0	0-0	8	0	1	.889
2 Madison Lanier	.000	4-0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.250	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
8 Kara Wilson	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
20 Megan Warhurst	.000	4-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	8	1	.889
5 Kelsey Sweatt	.000	6-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	1	0	1.000
Totals	.274	9	248	41	68	10	3	1	32	87	.351	22	4	36	0	.342	1	5	19-23	189	93	14	.953
Opponents	.184	9	228	25	42	7	1	2	21	57	.250	28	7	43	1	.293	0	5	10-13	186	75	11	.960

LOB - Team (54), Opp (56). DPs turned - Team (4), Opp (2). CI - Team (1), B. Leiva 1. Picked off - M. Garcia 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
13 Grace Gilbert	1.30	2-2	4	4	3	1/0	0	27.0	17	11	5	5	12	2	0	0	.172	2	1	0	0	1
20 Megan Warhurst	2.00	2-0	4	1	0	0/0	2	14.0	7	4	4	12	11	0	1	0	.149	1	3	0	0	3
5 Kelsey Sweatt	2.86	2-1	6	4	1	0/0	1	22.0	18	10	9	11	20	5	0	2	.220	1	3	0	0	1
Totals	2.00	6-3	9	9	4	1/0	3	63.0	42	25	18	28	43	7	1	2	.184	4	7	0	0	5
Opponents	3.73	3-6	9	9	3	1/1	0	62.0	68	41	33	22	36	10	3	1	.274	8	4	0	1	5

PB - Team (2), J. Poling 1, A. McNally 1, Opp (2). Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (1). SBA/ATT - G. Gilbert (4-6), A. McNally (4-5), J. Poling (2-4), B. Leiva (4-4), M. Warhurst (4-4), K. Sweatt (2-3).