



WEST FLORIDA SOFTBALL

FEBRUARY 19 // SPRING HILL

No. 4 Argonauts

7-5
Overall

1-2
GSC

Ashliegh McLean
Head Coach



Spring Hill Badgers

1-5
Overall

0-0
SIAC

Steve Kittrell
Head Coach



.262	BA	.226
50	R	18
85	H	33
14	2B	9
4	3B	1
2	HR	0
41	RBI	16
113	TB	44
.337	OBP	.305
.348	SLG	.301
30	BB	15
52	K	31
22	SB	4
16	E	21
.958	FLD	.886
2.03	ERA	3.75
55	H	47
31	R	47
1	SHO	0
39	BB	24
57	K	13
.185	BA	.288

IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME

After 12 games on the road to start the season, West Florida will finally be back at the friendly confines of the UWF Softball Complex. Over the last three years, the Argonauts have hit .321 at home while averaging 5.7 runs per game, and the pitching staff has compiled a 2.18 ERA. West Florida has also had a 64-12 at home in that time.

Juniors Courtney McLellan, Grace Gilbert, and Mika Garcia have truly stood out at home in their two years with UWF. McLellan is a career .356 hitter at home with 9 doubles and twice as many walks as strikeouts, and Garcia has hit .330 with a .546 slugging percentage at the UWF Softball Complex. Gilbert has a career .398/.451/.490 batting line and an 18-2 record in the circle with a 1.99 ERA at home.

Jacquelynne Poling broke out at home in 2019, hitting .382 with 8 doubles and 16 RBIs in just 23 games played. Teala Howard hit .485 and was a perfect 24-24 in stolen base tries at home in her freshman season.

ABOUT SPRING HILL

Spring Hill has gotten off to a shaky start in 2020, holding a 1-5 record. The Badgers are hitting .226 as a team, but Delaney Thomas and Hannah Fillmore have stood out. Thomas is batting .412/.524/.706 with 5 doubles, while Fillmore is hitting .316 with a double and 4 RBIs. UWF is 15-4 against SHC since 2014 and has won 12 in a row.

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 (2/11)
5	Kelsey Sweatt	P	Struck out 17 batters in 14 innings at Gulf Shores Invitational
19	Jacquelynne Poling	C	Hit first home run of 2020 at Montevallo... 2-3 with 2 RBIs in that game
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	Went 1-3 with RBI and a stolen base on Saturday at Montevallo
9	Teala Howard	OF	2019 GSC Freshman of the Year... Team-high .485 batting average
11	Courtney McLellan	OF	Hit .400 (4-10) over weekend at Montevallo, with RBI double on Saturday

Schedule

Home: 0-0 Away: 1-2 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 *	L, 2-3
15	Montevallo (DH) *	W, 6-1; L, 1-2
19	Spring Hill	2 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

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

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	

Alabama (1)

Megan Warhurst

California (1)

Jacquelynne Poling
CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC

Louisiana (2)

Brett Leiva
Mallory Vining

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

A LOOK AT LAST WEEK

UWF got off to a 1-2 start in conference play at Montevallo last weekend, but there were still positive takeaways from the weekend. The pitching staff combined for a 2.14 ERA and a .186 opponent batting average. Kelsey Sweatt put together a 0.95 ERA with 9 strikeouts over 7.1 innings, and Megan Warhurst allowed just one hit over 5.2 innings against the Falcons. Those two rank first (Warhurst; .056) and third (Sweatt; .083) in the GSC in opponent batting average in conference play. Warhurst also ranks ninth in Division II in hits allowed per seven innings (2.85).

Courtney McLellan led the team with 4 hits and a .400 batting average over the weekend, Madison Lanier went 2-for-3 with a double and a walk in her first career start, and Grace Gilbert went 3-for-9 at the plate with 2 RBIs -- giving her a GSC-best 16 runs driven in this year.

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. 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 1.66 ERA and a .213 opponent batting average to go along with her .390 batting average and Gulf South Conference-leading 16 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 is second in the league in hits (17), second in runs scored (15), and third in triples (2).

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 2.39 ERA over 29.1 innings, in which she has struck out 29 batters and picked up two wins over No. 9 Florida Tech.

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 was named the Gulf South Conference Pitcher of the Week by the league for the week of February 11.

NFCA TOP 25

Rk.	School	2019 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

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.

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.

TEALA HOWARD BACK AT IT AGAIN

Sophomore outfielder Teala Howard has had no trouble over the first three weeks of the 2020 campaign, leading UWF in batting (.405), runs scored (15), hits (17), on-base percentage (.457), and steals (7). Her numbers with teammates on base have been even better -- she's 10-14 (.714) with runners on and is hitting .750 (6-8) with runners in scoring position.

She started the season with an 8-game hitting streak and has multiple hits in 6 games this year. She hit .474 with 5 runs scored, 2 triples, and 4 stolen bases at the Florida Tech Invitational.

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 29 strikeouts over 29.1 innings of work this season.

She also had 9 strikeouts over 7.1 innings at Montevallo last weekend, with just two hits allowed.

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.

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 D2CCA 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.

2020 UWF Softball
Overall Statistics for West Florida (as of Feb 18, 2020)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 7-5 Home: 0-0 Away: 1-2 Neutral: 6-3 GSC: 1-2

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	.405 12-12	42	15	17	0	2	0	6	21	.500	2	2	0	0	.457	0	0	7-8	12	4	0	1.000
13 Grace Gilbert	.390 12-12	41	6	16	2	0	1	16	21	.512	2	0	5	0	.419	0	0	4-5	7	21	0	1.000
11 Courtney McLellan	.276 11-10	29	2	8	2	0	0	2	10	.345	2	0	1	0	.323	0	0	0-0	3	0	0	1.000
17 Ally Merrill	.267 10-9	30	2	8	2	0	0	4	10	.333	1	0	4	0	.290	0	1	2-2	46	4	0	1.000
19 Jacquelynne Poling	.250 12-11	32	5	8	2	0	1	4	13	.406	6	1	5	0	.385	0	0	0-0	42	3	0	1.000
18 Mika Garcia	.222 12-12	36	3	8	2	1	0	3	12	.333	3	0	3	0	.268	2	0	5-6	22	31	5	.914
1 Kayla Mayo	.222 12-10	27	9	6	2	0	0	2	8	.296	5	0	8	0	.344	0	0	2-2	16	22	3	.927
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
10 Callan Taylor	.111 7-7	18	1	2	1	0	0	0	3	.167	2	1	3	0	.238	0	1	0-0	41	1	0	1.000
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25 Laurynn Boggs	.500 9-1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	.500	0	0	1	0	.500	0	0	1-2	0	0	0	.000
4 Angela Agurkis	.333 3-1	6	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	.333	0	0	3	0	.333	0	0	0-1	0	0	0	.000
2 Madison Lanier	.250 6-2	8	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	.375	2	0	2	0	.400	0	0	0-0	12	0	2	.857
7 Morgan Zettle	.250 4-0	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.250	0	0	2	0	.250	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
8 Kara Wilson	.200 4-1	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	.600	0	1	2	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000
16 Mallory Vining	.167 12-12	12	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	.167	2	1	4	0	.333	0	2	1-1	17	18	3	.921
3 Ashley McNally	.167 4-4	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.167	0	2	3	0	.375	0	0	0-0	14	5	1	.950
21 Brett Leiva	.000 8-2	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	0	3	0	.250	0	0	0-0	8	0	1	.889
20 Megan Warhurst	.000 5-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	9	1	.900
5 Kelsey Sweatt	.000 8-5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	1	0	1.000
Totals		325	50	85	14	4	2	41	113	.348	30	8	52	0	.337	2	5	22-27	248	120	16	.958
Opponents		298	31	55	10	1	3	27	76	.255	39	10	57	2	.300	0	5	12-16	249	91	13	.963

LOB - Team (72), Opp (75). DPs turned - Team (5), Opp (3). CI - Team (1), B. Leiva 1. IBB - Team (0), Opp (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	1.66	2-3	5	5	4	1/0	0	33.2	27	14	8	8	16	4	0	0	.213	2	3	0	0	1	
20 Megan Warhurst	2.14	2-1	5	2	0	0/0	2	19.2	8	6	6	16	12	0	1	1	.123	1	4	0	0	3	
5 Kelsey Sweatt	2.39	3-1	8	5	2	0/0	1	29.1	20	11	10	15	29	6	0	2	.189	1	3	0	0	1	
Totals		2.03	7-5	12	12	6	1/0	3	82.2	55	31	24	39	57	10	1	3	.185	4	10	0	0	5
Opponents		3.46	5-7	12	12	5	1/1	0	83.0	85	50	41	30	52	14	4	2	.262	8	8	0	2	5

PB - Team (2), J. Poling 1, A. McNally 1, Opp (2). Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (1). SBA/ATT - G. Gilbert (5-7), J. Poling (4-6), A. McNally (4-6), M. Warhurst (4-5), B. Leiva (4-4), K. Sweatt (3-4).