



WEST FLORIDA SOFTBALL

FEBRUARY 22-23 // WEST ALABAMA

West Florida Argonauts
8-5 Overall
1-2 GSC
Ashleigh McLean Head Coach


West Alabama Tigers
4-8 Overall
1-2 GSC
Carie Dever-Boaz Head Coach


IN GSC PLAY

Conference play continues for UWF over the weekend, with the series at West Alabama. West Florida has been one of the best teams in the GSC over the last three years, holding a .705 winning percentage (67-28) and the second-most wins in the conference over that time, behind only Alabama Huntsville (70-27; .722). 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.

ABOUT WEST ALABAMA

At 4-8 overall, West Alabama most recently went 1-2 against Mississippi College to start GSC action. The Tigers went 1-4 at the Florida Tech Invitational two weeks ago, with close, one-run losses against Saint Leo, Florida Southern, and Florida Tech.

UWA has had a few offensive standouts to begin the season, in Abby McKee, Cassie Matlock, and Hayes Fulford. McKee has hit .412, Matlock is batting .345 with 10 hits and a double, and Fulford leads the Tigers with 7 runs scored and 6 RBIs.

West Florida has fared well against the

Schedule

Home: 1-0 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	W, 12-4
22	West Alabama (DH) *	2 pm
23	West Alabama *	1 pm
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

.280	BA	.246
62	R	40
99	H	80
18	2B	13
5	3B	1
4	HR	2
52	RBI	36
139	TB	101
.351	OBP	.308
.393	SLG	.311
32	BB	25
56	K	55
25	SB	17
17	E	15
.958	FLD	.955
2.24	ERA	4.15
58	H	107
35	R	56
1	SHO	0
43	BB	33
63	K	34
.184	BA	.320

Last Week's Starters

#	Name	Pos.	Notes
13	Grace Gilbert	P/UTIL	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
10	Callan Taylor	1B	Went 1-for-3 with an RBI against Spring Hill
1	Kayla Mayo	2B	Went 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs and a double in first career game
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 17 runs, 19 hits
11	Courtney McLellan	OF	Hit .400 (4-10) over weekend at Montevallo, with RBI double on Saturday
4	Angela Agurkis	DP	Went 2-3 with 2 RBIs, a double, and a walk against Spring Hill

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
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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

Tigers in recent history, winning 12 matchups in a row and winning 17 of the last 18 against UWA.

AGAINST THE TIGERS

West Florida players have had a good deal of success against UWA in their careers. Grace Gilbert and Kelsey Sweatt have dominated in the circle, with Gilbert putting together a 1.17 ERA and a 2-0 career record. Sweatt threw a pair of shutouts against UWA last season, with 13 strikeouts over 14 innings.

Gilbert has also put together a solid batting line against UWA, hitting .400 with a pair of runs scored. Jacquelynne Poling has the most career at-bats against West Al, tallying two doubles and a home run and batting .417 (5-12). Teala Howard hit .636 (7-11) with a triple and three stolen bases over four games against UWA last year.

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 -- she now has a GSC-best 18 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 1.77 ERA and a .209 opponent batting average to go along with her .422 batting average and Gulf South Conference-leading 18 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 league in hits (19) and runs scored (17).

NFCA TOP 25

Rk.	School	Record
1	Young Harris (4)	9-0
2	Augustana (S.D.) (12)	8-2
3	Grand Valley State	0-0
4	Texas-Tyler	10-0
5	Chico State	9-0
6	Rollins	11-0
7	Southern Arkansas	10-2
8	Lincoln Memorial	9-1
9	Angelo State	13-3
10	Indianapolis	6-1
11	Concordia Irvine	6-1
12	North Georgia	11-1
13	Dixie State	12-2
14	Saint Anselm	6-0
15	Texas A&M-Kingsville	11-4
16	Saint Leo	10-3
17	Winona State	2-0
18	UC San Diego	11-4
19	Trevecca Nazarene	8-0
20	UAH	8-4
21	Texas A&M-Commerce	6-3
22	Rogers State	12-2
23	Lenoir-Rhyne	10-0
24	Tarleton State	11-3
25	Valdosta State	8-3

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:

Central Oklahoma (22), Southern Indiana (21), West Florida (18), West Liberty (16), Lubbock Christian (13), Southern New Hampshire (8), Western Oregon (8), St. Cloud State (6), Coker (5), Mississippi College (2).

NEWS AND NOTES

Sweatt also brought home All-America honors from the NFCA and D2C-CA 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 2.81 ERA over 32.1 innings, in which she has struck out 32 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.

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.

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 runs scored (17), hits (19), slugging percentage (.587), and steals (7). Her numbers with teammates on base have been even better -- she's 10-15 (.667) with runners on and is hitting .667 (6-9) 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 ranked opponents, and the Jacksonville native now has 32 strikeouts over 32.1 innings of work this season.

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

THE 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.

2020 UWF Softball
Overall Statistics for West Florida (as of Feb 20, 2020)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 8-5 Home: 1-0 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%
13 Grace Gilbert	.422	13-13	45	8	19	2	1	1	18	26	.578	2	0	6	0	.447	0	0	4-5	9	22	0	1.000
9 Teala Howard	.413	13-13	46	17	19	1	2	1	7	27	.587	2	2	1	0	.460	0	0	7-8	12	4	0	1.000
19 Jacquelynne Poling	.286	13-12	35	6	10	3	0	1	6	16	.457	6	1	5	0	.405	0	0	0-0	48	3	0	1.000
11 Courtney McLellan	.276	12-11	29	2	8	2	0	0	2	10	.345	3	0	1	0	.344	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
18 Mika Garcia	.225	13-13	40	6	9	2	1	0	4	13	.325	3	0	3	0	.267	2	0	7-8	25	33	5	.921
1 Kayla Mayo	.207	13-11	29	9	6	2	0	0	2	8	.276	5	0	8	0	.324	0	0	2-2	17	23	3	.930
10 Callan Taylor	.143	8-8	21	1	3	1	0	0	1	4	.190	2	1	4	0	.250	0	1	0-0	44	1	0	1.000

25 Lauryann Boggs	.500	10-1	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	.444	4-2	9	1	4	1	0	0	4	5	.556	1	0	3	0	.500	0	0	0-1	0	0	0	.000
8 Kara Wilson	.375	5-2	8	3	3	1	1	1	2	9	1.125	0	1	3	0	.444	0	0	0-0	0	1	1	.500
7 Morgan Zettle	.333	5-0	6	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	.333	0	0	2	0	.333	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	.000
2 Madison Lanier	.222	7-2	9	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	.333	2	0	2	0	.364	0	0	0-0	12	0	2	.857
16 Mallory Vining	.167	13-13	12	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	.167	2	1	4	0	.333	0	2	1-1	17	19	3	.923
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
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
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	9-5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	1	0	1.000
Totals	.280	13	354	62	99	18	5	4	52	139	.393	32	8	56	0	.351	2	5	25-30	263	125	17	.958
Opponents	.184	13	315	35	58	11	1	4	31	83	.263	43	10	63	3	.302	0	5	13-17	263	97	14	.963

LOB - Team (77), Opp (77). DPs turned - Team (6), 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	1.77	3-3	6	6	4	1/0	0	35.2	28	15	9	8	19	4	0	1	.209	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	2.81	3-1	9	5	2	0/0	2	32.1	22	14	13	19	32	7	0	2	.190	2	3	0	0	1
Totals	2.24	8-5	13	13	6	1/0	4	87.2	58	35	28	43	63	11	1	4	.184	5	10	0	0	5
Opponents	4.15	5-8	13	13	5	1/1	0	87.2	99	62	52	32	56	18	5	4	.280	9	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 (5-7), A. McNally (4-6), K. Sweatt (4-5), M. Warhurst (4-5), B. Leiva (4-4).