



# WEST FLORIDA SOFTBALL

**FEBRUARY 7-9 // FLORIDA TECH INVITATIONAL**

<b>No. 4</b> <b>Argonauts</b>
<b>2-2</b> Overall
<b>0-0</b> GSC
<b>Ashliegh McLean</b> Head Coach


<b>.279</b>	<b>BA</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>2B</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>3B</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>HR</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>RBI</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>TB</b>
<b>.360</b>	<b>OBP</b>
<b>.324</b>	<b>SLG</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>BB</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>K</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>SB</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>.932</b>	<b>FLD</b>
<b>3.11</b>	<b>ERA</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>H</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>SHO</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>BB</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>K</b>
<b>.226</b>	<b>BA</b>

## HEADING TO CENTRAL FLORIDA

West Florida continues nonconference play to begin the season, visiting Viera, Florida, for the Florida Tech Invitational, hosted at the USSSA Space Coast Complex. UWF will match up with New Haven and South Region opponents Palm Beach Atlantic, Saint Leo, Florida Tech, and Florida Southern over the weekend. This is the first year that UWF has competed in the Florida Tech Invitational, and the Argonauts have a combined 24-22 all-time record against those opponents. It will be the first time West Florida has faced New Haven.

## 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.

## BIG WEEKEND FOR GRACE GILBERT

Grace Gilbert led UWF offensively in Gulf Shores, slugging .533 with 8 RBIs, which rank 10th in the country after a week of action.

She went 4-for-5 with 4 RBIs in the opener against Florida Tech, and she had another 4 RBIs against Miles on Sunday afternoon. Those were the first 4-RBI games in the junior's career. She also had a hit against Nova Southeastern and against Saint Leo, giving her a four-game hitting streak to start the season.

## Last Week's Starters

#	Name	Pos.	Notes
13	Grace Gilbert	P/OF	7-0 in 2019 postseason, with 0.85 ERA... 4-game hitting streak
5	Kelsey Sweatt	P	Struck out 17 batters in 14 innings at Gulf Shores Invitational
19	Jacquelynne Poling	C	Went 2-3 with a double and an RBI 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 .500 batting average

## Schedule

Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 2-2

### 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 #	2 pm ET
7	Palm Beach Atlantic #	7 pm ET
8	#25 Saint Leo #	2:30 pm ET
8	#9 Florida Tech #	5 pm ET
9	Florida Southern #	10 am ET
14	Montevallo *	6 pm
15	Montevallo (DH) *	Noon
19	<b>Spring Hill</b>	<b>4 pm</b>
21	West Alabama *	6 pm
22	West Alabama (DH) *	Noon
29	<b>Delta State (DH) *</b>	<b>1 pm</b>

### March

1	<b>Delta State *</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
3	<b>Palm Beach Atlantic (DH)</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
5	<b>Christian Brothers (DH)</b>	<b>2 pm</b>
7	<b>West Georgia (DH) *</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
8	<b>West Georgia *</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
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	<b>Union (DH) *</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
29	<b>Union *</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
31	<b>Ala. Huntsville (DH)</b>	<b>2 pm</b>

### April

4	Rollins (DH)	Noon ET
10	<b>AUM *</b>	<b>5 pm</b>
11	<b>AUM (DH) *</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
17	Mississippi College *	6 pm
18	Mississippi College (DH) *	1 pm
25	<b>Valdosta State (DH) *</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
26	<b>Valdosta State *</b>	<b>1 pm</b>
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

### 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

### ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

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## NEWS AND NOTES

### TEALA HOWARD BACK AT IT AGAIN

Teala Howard picked up right where she left off in her freshman campaign, hitting .500 over the weekend with 7 runs scored and 2 stolen bases. Like Gilbert, the sophomore started off 2020 with a four-game hitting streak and had a pair of multi-hit games. Howard went 3-for-5 against Florida Tech and scored three runs against FT and against Miles.

### STRIKEOUT ARTIST KELSEY SWEATT

Junior pitcher Kelsey Sweatt earned the win over Florida Tech on Saturday afternoon, allowing just one run over five innings. She struck out five and gave up just three hits in her start, and she struck out another two batters in a relief appearance against Nova Southeastern later in the day. Charged with the loss against No. 25 Saint Leo, Sweatt struck out seven over six innings, and she threw two hitless innings of relief against Miles. Her 17 strikeouts -- which she totaled over 14 innings -- currently rank 18th in the country.

### WHAT A YEAR

The UWF softball program had a banner year in 2019, winning its fourth Gulf South Conference title, winning 54 games, and advancing to the NCAA Championship for the second time in the last three years.

Several student-athletes stood out for the Argonauts, as Teala Howard, Rhannon Sassman, and Kelsey Sweatt were each named All-Americans, and all three etched their name into the UWF record book.

This year's 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 are the most for the program since 2005, their 1.80 ERA is the best since 2006, and their 5.6 runs per game are the most since 2010.

### HIGH RANKINGS TO START THE YEAR

West Florida will enter the 2020 campaign ranked No. 4 in Division II, according to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association preseason poll. The Argonauts were also picked to win the Gulf South Conference by league coaches, and had four preseason All-GSC selections.

UWF returns 9 starters and 15 letterwinners from last year's South Region Championship team, including All-Americans Teala Howard and Kelsey Sweatt, and NCAA Championship All-Tournament Team member Grace Gilbert. Those three, along with Jacquelynne Poling, were preseason all-conference picks.

The Gulf South Conference and South Region were well-represented in the national poll. GSC members Alabama Huntsville and Valdosta State were ranked Nos. 18 and 24, respectively, while South Region foe Florida Tech

## 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

was ranked No. 9 and Saint Leo came in at No. 25. Additionally, Mississippi College was the fourth team receiving votes.

West Florida will play nine games against currently ranked opponents in 2020.

### YEAR TWO FOR MCLEAN

Ashliegh McLean enters her second year at the helm for West Florida, and it's tough to imagine a better possible start for the Argonauts during McLean's first year. The McKinney, Texas, native 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. She was also named the GSC Coach of the Year and UWF earned Regional Staff of the Year honors from the NFCA.

### IT'S ANOTHER TOUGH SCHEDULE

As always, West Florida will start the season with some stiff competition. The year starts with a familiar foe, in No. 9 Florida Tech at the Gulf Coast Invitational in Gulf Shores, Alabama, before the Argonauts face fellow South Region opponents Nova Southeastern and No. 25 Saint Leo.

"Our first two weekends will be tough," McLean said. "We start the season with Florida Tech, who we beat to go to the World Series last year, and then we'll be back in their territory the following weekend for more tough South Region teams."

"The GSC will be just as tough, if not tougher than last year. The target will be on our back, but as long as we take it one day at a time, one pitch at a time, we'll be fine."

UWF will visit Melbourne, Florida, for the Florida Tech Invitational the following weekend. The Argonauts will see Saint Leo and Florida Tech again, while also matching up with New Haven, Palm Beach Atlantic, and Florida Southern.

It's then on to Gulf South Conference play, starting with road swings at Montevallo and West Alabama. West Florida wraps up the regular season with another tough stretch -- the team will host Rollins in a nonconference doubleheader, play host to Auburn Montgomery in a weekend series, visit Mississippi College, and host Valdosta State for the final series of the regular season.

# 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.

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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 06, 2020) (All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 2-2 Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 2-2 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	.500	4-4	14	7	7	0	0	0	2	7	.500	1	1	0	0	.563	0	0	2-2	5	4	0	1.000
13 Grace Gilbert	.467	4-4	15	1	7	1	0	0	8	8	.533	0	0	2	0	.467	0	0	0-1	3	4	0	1.000
17 Ally Merrill	.357	4-4	14	2	5	1	0	0	3	6	.429	0	0	2	0	.357	0	0	1-1	15	3	0	1.000
19 Jacquelynne Poling	.333	4-3	9	3	3	1	0	0	1	4	.444	3	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	18	0	0	1.000
1 Kayla Mayo	.286	4-2	7	4	2	1	0	0	2	3	.429	1	0	2	0	.375	0	0	1-1	5	1	1	.857
16 Mallory Vining	.286	4-4	7	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	.286	1	0	2	0	.375	0	0	1-1	5	3	1	.889
18 Mika Garcia	.167	4-4	12	1	2	1	0	0	1	3	.250	2	0	0	0	.286	0	0	3-3	9	11	3	.870
11 Courtney McLellan	.125	4-3	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.125	0	0	1	0	.125	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
10 Callan Taylor	.000	3-3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	0	.200	0	0	0-0	3	0	0	1.000
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25 Lauryann Boggs	.500	2-1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.500	0	0	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
7 Morgan Zettle	.333	2-0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.333	0	0	1	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
21 Brett Leiva	.000	4-1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	0	.286	0	0	0-0	8	0	1	.889
12 Jibrasha Moore	.000	3-3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	1	0-0	4	0	0	1.000
3 Ashley McNally	.000	1-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	6	1	1	.875
2 Madison Lanier	.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
Totals	.279	4	111	21	31	5	0	0	18	36	.324	11	3	14	0	.360	0	1	8-9	81	29	8	.932
Opponents	.226	4	106	16	24	3	1	1	14	32	.302	12	5	28	0	.333	0	1	9-10	81	34	4	.966

LOB - Team (24), Opp (28). DPs turned - Team (1). CI - Team (1), B. Leiva 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
20 Megan Warhurst	2.57	1-0	2	1	0	0/0	1	7.0	4	2	2	5	7	0	1	0	.154	0	2	0	0	0
5 Kelsey Sweatt	3.86	1-1	4	2	1	0/0	1	14.0	12	7	6	7	17	2	0	1	.231	1	3	0	0	1
13 Grace Gilbert	6.00	0-1	1	1	0	0/0	0	6.0	8	7	4	0	4	1	0	0	.286	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	4.00	2-2	4	4	1	0/0	2	27.0	24	16	12	12	28	3	1	1	.226	1	5	0	0	1
Opponents	6.33	2-2	4	4	1	0/0	0	27.0	31	21	19	11	14	5	0	0	.279	4	3	0	0	1

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