



# WEST FLORIDA SOFTBALL

## MARCH 3-5// PALM BEACH ATLANTIC

West Florida Argonauts
<b>13-6</b> Overall
<b>6-3</b> GSC
<b>Ashliegh McLean</b> Head Coach



Palm Beach Atlantic Sailfish
<b>12-9</b> Overall
<b>5-4</b> GSC
<b>Jessica Cooley</b> Head Coach



### ABOUT PALM BEACH ATLANTIC

Palm Beach Atlantic has battled through a tough schedule in the first month of the season, facing seven ranked opponents in the team's first 21 games, including one against West Florida at the Florida Tech Invitational.

Senior Magnolia West has led PBA offensively, hitting .364 and totaling 28 hits. Edmilly Molina leads the way with 6 doubles and is batting .315. Abbey Busby has pitched to a 1.17 ERA and has made 10 starts for the Sailfish.

West Florida rallied late to take an extra-innings win over PBA when the teams last met. PBA scored twice in the second inning and held that lead until Grace Gilbert's inside-the-park home run in the sixth tied the game. In the eighth, Jibrasha Moore scored the game-winning run on a wild pitch. UWF is 7-3 all-time against PBA.

### A LOOK AT LAST WEEK

UWF swept Delta State over the weekend, with a pair of run-rule wins on Saturday before rallying in the sixth inning on Sunday to win 4-2.

The series marked UWF's best offensive week of the year. The Argonauts slugged .646 as a team, with 12 extra-base hits over three games, and 10 players hit .400 or higher.

### Last Week's Starters

#	Name	Pos.	Notes
13	Grace Gilbert	P/UTIL	Hit .400 with 4 runs last week... GSC Pitcher of the Week (2/11)
5	Kelsey Sweatt	P	Shut out DSU on Saturday afternoon (6 IP, 2 H)... 49 strikeouts in 46.2 IP
19	Jacquelynne Poling	C	Hit first home run of 2020 at Montevallo... 2-3 with 2 RBIs in that game
17	Ally Merrill	1B	Hit .444 (4-9) with a double and an RBI in West Alabama series
1	Kayla Mayo	3B	Hit first career home run on Saturday at UWA... Hit .375 in UWA series
18	Mika Garcia	SS	Hit .444 (4-9) with a home run in series against DSU
9	Teala Howard	OF	2019 GSC Freshman of the Year... Team-high .470 average, 25 runs, 31 hits
8	Kara Wilson	OF	Hit .750 (3-4) in DSU series... Hit first career homer against Spring Hill
4	Angela Agurkis	DP	Hit .429/.500/1.143 in series against DSU, with a home run and 2 doubles

## Schedule

Home: 4-0 Away: 3-3 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	<b>Spring Hill</b>	<b>W, 12-4</b>
22	West Alabama (DH) *	L, 0-3; W, 6-4
23	West Alabama *	W, 9-2
29	<b>Delta State (DH) *W, 11-3; W, 14-0</b>	

### March

1	<b>Delta State *</b>	<b>W, 4-2</b>
3	<b>Palm Beach Atlantic (DH)</b>	<b>Noon</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

After batting .700 (7-10) over the weekend, Teala Howard leads the GSC with 31 hits, and Gilbert ranks second with 27 hits. Howard also leads the league in runs scored (25), and Gilbert is second in the conference with 23 RBIs.

### A LOOK AT CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

The Lady Bucs from Christian Brothers have gotten off to a solid start in the 2020 season, with a 9-10 record heading into Tuesday. CBU has picked up quality wins over Missouri-St. Louis, Auburn Montgomery, and Lee.

Bree Brady is batting .362 with a team-high 21 hits and 19 RBIs, while leading the team in slugging (.569). McKenna Rose has posted a 3.05 ERA with a 6-4 record over a team-high 57.1 innings pitched.

West Florida is 30-2 all-time against CBU.

Thursday's doubleheader will not count toward conference standings, though Christian Brothers is a member of the GSC.

### THAT PITCHING, THOUGH

The Argonauts pitching staff has been nothing short of outstanding this year, with a 1.84 team ERA that ranks second in the GSC and 20th in the nation. West Florida also leads the league in opponent batting average (.180).

And it's been an effort from the entire staff -- all three pitchers have thrown at least 31 innings. Freshman Megan Warhurst leads the squad with a 1.34 ERA and a .120 opponent batting average, Grace Gilbert has pitched to a 1.47 ERA and has six complete games, and Kelsey Sweatt has struck out 49 batters in just 46.2 innings. All three rank in the top 10 in the GSC in opponent batting average and in the top 13 in the league in ERA.

### RISP-Y BUSINESS

West Florida was incredible with runners in scoring position against Delta State, batting .515 (17-33). Mika Garcia (3-5), Teala Howard (3-3), and Courtney McLellan (3-4) especially stood out, with three hits with runners in scoring position over the weekend. Equally as impressive, 16 of UWF's 26 RBIs in the series came with two outs.

### WOW, TEALA HOWARD

After hitting .700 against Delta State over the weekend, University of West Florida softball sophomore Teala Howard has been named the Gulf South Conference Player of the Week. This is Howard's fourth career weekly conference award and the first time she has earned Player of the Week honors.

Howard batted .700 (7-10) and slugged 1.100 in the series against Delta State, scoring five runs and adding two doubles and a triple over the weekend. She had a pair of three-hit games on Saturday, with two RBIs in each.

The Lake Butler, Florida, native leads the GSC in runs scored (25) and hits

## NFCA TOP 25

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

### OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:

Charleston (23), UAH (22), Grand Valley State (19), **West Florida (15)**, Oklahoma Christian (11), Coker (5), Southern New Hampshire (5), St. Cloud State (4), Western Oregon (3), Mississippi College (1).

## NEWS AND NOTES

(31), and her hit total also ranks 10th nationally. She leads the 13-6 Argonauts in batting (.470), doubles (4), total bases (44), on-base percentage (.514), and stolen bases (13).

She started the season with an 8-game hitting streak and has multiple hits in 11 games this year. The sophomore is also riding a current 7-game hitting streak.

### A NOTE ABOUT ANGELA AGURKIS

Transfer Angela Agurkis has gotten off to a hot start for UWF, batting .346 and slugging .731 through 10 games. In the sophomore's eight starts, she has recorded five games with multiple RBIs, hit four doubles and two home runs, and batted .375.

### IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME

With 15 of the team's first 16 games coming on the road to start the season, UWF finally got its first home conference series of the year last weekend. Over the last three years, the Argonauts have hit .321 at home while averaging 6.4 runs per game, and the pitching staff has compiled a 2.13 ERA. West Florida has also had a 68-12 record at home in that time.

Junior Courtney McLellan is a career .356 hitter at home with 11 doubles and twice as many walks as strikeouts, and shortstop Mika Garcia has hit .330 with a .546 slugging percentage at the UWF Softball Complex. Grace 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.

### GRACE GILBERT, UTILITY SUPERSTAR

It's been quite a start to the season for junior Grace Gilbert, leading the GSC in RBIs (23), ranking second in hits (27), fifth in ERA (1.47), eighth in batting average (.422) and ninth opponent batting average (.208).

Gilbert was excellent again against Delta State, batting .400 with four runs scored and three RBIs, while also earning the win in Game 1 of the series on Saturday.

After an outstanding weekend at the Florida Tech Invitational, 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.



# 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 Mar 02, 2020)**  
**(All games Sorted by Batting avg)**

Record: 13-6 Home: 4-0 Away: 3-3 Neutral: 6-3 GSC: 6-3

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	19-19	66	25	31	4	3	1	12	44	.667	4	2	1	0	.514	0	0	13-15	23	6	0	1.000
13 Grace Gilbert	.422	19-19	64	13	27	4	2	1	23	38	.594	2	0	7	0	.426	2	0	5-6	14	25	1	.975
11 Courtney McLellan	.293	16-15	41	4	12	4	0	0	6	16	.390	3	0	1	0	.341	0	0	0-0	5	0	0	1.000
17 Ally Merrill	.289	15-13	45	5	13	3	0	0	5	16	.356	2	0	5	0	.319	0	1	3-3	71	4	0	1.000
18 Mika Garcia	.271	19-19	59	12	16	3	1	1	8	24	.407	3	1	3	0	.308	2	1	9-11	34	42	10	.884
19 Jacquelynne Poling	.244	16-15	41	7	10	3	0	1	6	16	.390	7	3	6	0	.392	0	0	0-0	61	6	0	1.000
1 Kayla Mayo	.238	19-17	42	11	10	3	0	1	6	16	.381	6	0	10	0	.333	0	0	3-3	20	31	5	.911
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8 Kara Wilson	.389	9-5	18	7	7	1	1	1	3	13	.722	1	1	4	0	.450	0	1	1-1	3	1	1	.800
7 Morgan Zettle	.375	8-0	8	4	3	0	0	0	0	3	.375	1	0	3	0	.444	0	0	2-2	0	0	0	.000
4 Angela Agurkis	.346	10-8	26	4	9	4	0	2	12	19	.731	2	0	4	0	.393	0	0	0-1	0	0	0	.000
25 Laurynn Boggs	.333	14-1	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	.333	0	0	2	0	.333	0	0	2-3	0	0	0	.000
16 Mallory Vining	.269	19-19	26	3	7	0	0	0	3	7	.269	2	1	6	0	.345	0	2	2-2	25	26	5	.911
3 Ashley McNally	.250	7-7	12	1	3	0	0	0	3	3	.250	3	3	3	0	.500	0	0	0-0	34	5	1	.975
12 Jibrasha Moore	.227	11-8	22	5	5	0	0	0	1	5	.227	0	0	3	0	.227	0	1	1-1	8	0	0	1.000
2 Madison Lanier	.200	8-2	10	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	.300	2	0	3	0	.333	0	0	0-0	12	0	2	.857
10 Callan Taylor	.192	11-10	26	2	5	2	0	0	3	7	.269	3	1	4	0	.300	0	1	0-0	56	2	2	.967
21 Brett Leiva	.000	9-2	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	0	3	1	.231	0	0	0-0	8	0	1	.889
22 Hanna Stapleton	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
20 Megan Warhurst	.000	7-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	9	2	.818
5 Kelsey Sweatt	.000	13-7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	3	4	0	1.000
Totals	.310	19	520	106	161	32	7	8	91	231	.444	44	12	68	1	.374	4	7	41-48	377	161	30	.947
Opponents	.180	19	460	49	83	15	2	4	43	114	.248	55	14	97	3	.287	0	7	19-23	373	140	20	.962

LOB - Team (109), Opp (112). DPs turned - Team (7), Opp (4). 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	bks	sfa	sha
20 Megan Warhurst	1.34	3-1	7	4	0	0/0	2	31.1	13	10	6	22	23	0	1	1	.120	2	5	0	0	4
13 Grace Gilbert	1.47	4-4	8	8	6	1/0	0	47.2	38	21	10	12	25	5	1	1	.208	2	4	0	0	1
5 Kelsey Sweatt	2.55	5-1	13	7	4	1/0	3	46.2	32	18	17	21	49	10	0	2	.189	2	5	0	0	2
Totals	1.84	12-6	19	19	10	2/0	5	125.2	83	49	33	55	97	15	2	4	.180	6	14	0	0	7
Opponents	4.84	6-12	19	19	6	2/1	0	124.1	161	106	86	44	68	32	7	8	.310	10	12	0	4	7

PB - Team (3), A. McNally 2, J. Poling 1, Opp (3). Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (1). SBA/ATT - J. Poling (10-12), G. Gilbert (8-10), M. Warhurst (7-8), A. McNally (5-7), K. Sweatt (4-5), B. Leiva (4-4).