



WEST FLORIDA SOFTBALL

JANUARY 30 // NO. 19 LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN

West Florida Argonauts

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Overall

0-0

GSC

Ashliegh McLean

Head Coach



Lubbock Christian Lady Chaparrals

0-0

Overall

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LSC

Daren Hays

Head Coach



ABOUT LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN

Saturday will mark the first time in program history that UWF and Lubbock Christian have matched up. The Lady Chaparrals rank 19th in the country, as announced by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association earlier this week, and they were picked to finish sixth in the Lone Star Conference preseason poll.

LCU got off to a strong start in 2020 -- the Lady Chaps were 20-6 last season, with a 13-1 home record and an 8-0 mark against ranked opponents. Lubbock Christian will return starters at every position other than third base.

Taylor Franco was the top pitcher for LCU in 2020, with an 11-3 record and a 1.91 ERA over 84.1 innings. The Lady Chaps bring back their top four hitters from last season, each of whom hit .352 or better. Athena Muniz hit a blistering .396, Skylar Herrera stole 21 bases with a .353 average and four home runs, Savannah Wysocki led the team with a .625 slugging percentage, and Brooke Makemson led LCU with a .471 on-base percentage, with her .352 average.

YEAR THREE FOR MCLEAN

Ashliegh McLean enters her third year as the head coach of the University of West Florida softball team. Her first two years have been noteworthy, to say the least -- she led the team to the NCAA Championship and 54 wins in 2019, before going 17-9 in the

Schedule

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

January

1/30 Lubbock Christian (DH) 1 pm

February

2/12 North Georgia (DH) & Noon ET
2/13 Hillsdale (DH) & Noon ET
2/19 West Alabama * **5 pm**
2/20 West Alabama (DH) * **1 pm**
2/24 Spring Hill (DH) **2 pm**
2/27 Ala. Huntsville (DH) * 1 pm
2/28 Ala. Huntsville * 1 pm

March

3/5 Miss. College * **6 pm**
3/6 Miss. College (DH) * **1 pm**
3/9 Spring Hill 2 pm
3/12 AUM * 5 pm
3/13 AUM (DH) * 1 pm
3/16 Columbus State (DH) **1 pm**
3/20 Christian Bros. (DH) * **1 pm**
3/21 Christian Bros. * **1 pm**
3/27 Valdosta State (DH) * 1 pm ET
3/28 Valdosta State * 1 pm ET

April

4/2 Union (DH) * 1 pm
4/3 Union * 1 pm
4/9 Montevallo * **6:30 pm**
4/10 Montevallo (DH) * **1 pm**
4/15 Flagler (DH) Noon ET
4/24 West Georgia (DH) * 1 pm ET
4/25 West Georgia * 1 pm ET

May

5/1 Lee (DH) * **1 pm**
5/2 Lee * **1 pm**
5/6-9 GSC Tournament Oxford, Ala.
5/13-15 NCAA Regionals
5/20-21 NCAA Super Regionals
5/27-31 NCAA Championship

* Gulf South Conference Game
(DH) Doubleheader
BOLD - Home Game
& - in Dahlonega, Ga.

.307	BA	.286
143	R	153
218	H	197
45	2B	34
10	3B	10
13	HR	22
124	RBI	133
322	TB	317
.372	OBP	.366
.453	SLG	.460
64	BB	71
113	K	108
57	SB	53
35	E	30
.955	FLD	.962
1.88	ERA	2.35
114	H	137
68	R	71
4	SHO	6
66	BB	40
142	K	140
.180	BA	.210

** Stats from 2020 season **

Returning Starters

#	Name	Pos.	Notes
13	Grace Gilbert	P/UTIL	Hit .381 with 28 RBIs and posted a 1.65 ERA in 2020
5	Kelsey Sweatt	P	Posted a 2.43 ERA and a 7-3 record in 2020... GSC All-Decade Team
19	Jacquelynne Poling	C	Four-year starter behind the plate... Has not committed an error since 2018
17	Ally Merrill	1B	Hit .268 with 3 doubles last season, and added 4 multi-hit games
16	Mallory Vining	IF	Started all 26 games for West Florida, and hit .270 on the year
1	Kayla Mayo	IF	Made 23 starts last year... Led team with 9 walks... Had two multi-hit games
18	Mika Garcia	SS	Started in all 26 games for UWF... Led GSC in assists (60)
9	Teala Howard	OF	Led Division II in hits (46) in 2020... UWF's all-time batting leader (.475)
8	Kara Wilson	OF	Led team with .778 slugging percentage, second in batting (.417) in 2020

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	B/T	Hometown	Previous School
1	Kayla Mayo	MI	5-3	So.	R/R	Minneola, Fla.	Lake Minneola HS
2	Madison Lanier	1B	5-9	R-Jr.	R/R	Uniontown, Ohio	Green HS
3	Kelsey Hodges	OF	5-5	Jr.	R/R	Milton, Fla.	Coastal Alabama CC
4	Angela Agurkis	C	5-6	Jr.	R/R	Green Cove Springs, Fla.	Florida Atlantic
5	Kelsey Sweatt	P	5-6	Sr.	R/R	Jacksonville, Fla.	USC Upstate
7	Morgan Zettle	OF	5-8	Jr.	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	Jr.	L/R	Lake Butler, Fla.	Union County HS
10	Madilynne Webb	IF	5-8	Fr.	R/R	Chipley, Fla.	Chipley HS
11	Courtney McLellan	OF	5-8	Sr.	L/L	Bradenton, Fla.	Lakewood Ranch HS
12	Chelsea Dumas	UTIL	5-6	Fr.	R/R	Bonita Springs, Fla.	Estero HS
13	Grace Gilbert	P/OF	5-5	Jr.	R/R	Chipley, Fla.	Chipley HS
14	Lexi Pope	MI	5-8	Fr.	R/R	Frisco, Texas	Louisiana Tech
16	Mallory Vining	IF	5-8	Jr.	R/R	Ponchatoula, La.	Ponchatoula HS
17	Ally Merrill	1B	5-9	Sr.	R/R	Sarasota, Fla.	Riverview HS
18	Mika Garcia	SS	5-4	Sr.	R/R	Orange Park, Fla.	Oakleaf HS
19	Jacquelynne Poling	C/1B	5-8	Sr.	R/R	Chino Hills, Calif.	Ontario Christian HS
20	Montana Young	P	5-4	Fr.	R/R	Slidell, La.	Northshore HS
21	Brett Leiva	C	5-9	So.	R/R	Denham Springs, La.	Live Oak HS
22	Hanna Stapleton	UTIL	5-4	Sr.	R/R	Navarre, Fla.	Tallahassee CC
24	Kayanna Perez	OF	5-5	Jr.	L/R	Jacksonville, Fla.	Paxton HS
25	Laurynn Boggs	OF	5-7	So.	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 (3)

Grace Gilbert
Kelsey Sweatt
Montana Young

Catchers (3)

Angela Agurkis
Brett Leiva
Jacquelynne Poling

Utility (3)

Chelsea Dumas
Teala Howard
Hanna Stapleton

Infielders (7)

Mika Garcia
Madison Lanier
Kayla Mayo
Ally Merrill
Lexi Pope
Mallory Vining
Madilynne Webb

Outfielders (6)

Laurynn Boggs
Kelsey Hodges
Courtney McLellan
Kayanna Perez
Kara Wilson
Morgan Zettle

By Hometown

Florida (16)

Angela Agurkis	Courtney McLellan
Laurynn Boggs	Ally Merrill
Chelsea Dumas	Kayanna Perez
Mika Garcia	Hanna Stapleton
Grace Gilbert	Kelsey Sweatt
Kelsey Hodges	Madilynne Webb
Teala Howard	Kara Wilson
Kayla Mayo	Morgan Zettle

California (1)

Jacquelynne Poling

Louisiana (3)

Brett Leiva
Mallory Vining
Montana Young

Ohio (1)

Madison Lanier

Texas (1)

Lexi Pope

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

2020 Record	17-9
GSC Finish	N/A
Highest 2020 National Ranking	4th
Final 2020 National Ranking	NR
Starters Returning/Lost	10/1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	16/4
Home Facility	UWF Softball Complex
Capacity	200

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Softball	1986
All-Time Record	1,556-646-1 (.706)
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 Division Championships	7
GSC Tournament Championships	4
Last GSC Championship	2019

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NEWS AND NOTES

year with a combined 2.04 ERA over 137.0 innings pitched. The duo also held opponents to a .193 batting average in the shortened 2020 campaign.

Gilbert will also find herself in the lineup as one of nine Argonauts who started at least half of UWF's games last year. She hit .381 with 28 RBIs, which ranked second in the Gulf South Conference. She will be joined by returning starters Teala Howard, Mika Garcia, Angela Agurkis, Mallory Vining, Ally Merrill, Courtney McLellan, Jacquelynne Poling, and Kayla Mayo.

Most notably, Howard hit .500 in 2020, leading Division II with 46 hits, and leading the GSC in batting, runs scored, hits, triples, and steals. She ended the season on a 14-game hitting streak, during which time she raised her batting average 95 points and hit .580 (29-for-50) with multiple hits in 12 of those 14 games. Howard is UWF's all-time leading hitter, with a .475 batting average over two seasons, and her .587 career slugging percentage ranks fifth in UWF history.

Returners to UWF's lineup hit a collective .316 with a .372 on-base percentage and a .471 slugging percentage.

OUR NEWCOMERS

The Argonauts welcome six newcomers to the 2021 team, in freshmen Chelsea Dumas, Madilynne Webb and Montana Young, and transfers Kelsey Hodges, Kayanna Perez, and Lexi Pope.

Dumas was a multi-sport athlete at Estero HS in Bonita Springs, Florida, as a member of three consecutive district champion softball teams. She was also the EHS all-time scoring leader with 1,000 points on the hardwood.

Webb was named the Chipley HS Female Athlete of the Year in 2020, hitting .760 with two home runs, 19 walks, and no strikeouts through 10 games last season.

Young will join Gilbert and Sweatt in the circle, and held a career 40-10 record with a 0.91 ERA at Northshore HS in Slidell, Louisiana.

Hodges, from nearby Milton, Florida, put up impressive numbers at Coastal Alabama CC. A career .373 hitter with the Sun Chiefs, Hodges hit 11 home runs and 22 doubles over two years.

Perez comes from Jacksonville University, where she was a member of the Atlantic Sun All-Freshman team in 2019 and made 64 starts over two seasons with the Dolphins.

Pope transfers in from Louisiana Tech, where she played in five games in the shortened 2020 season as a freshman.

NFCA TOP 25

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

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:

Minnesota State (18), West Liberty (18), Francis Marion (9), Metropolitan State University of Denver (9), Biola (8), St. Cloud State (5), Central Oklahoma (2), Texas A&M University-Kingsville (2).

NEWS AND NOTES

OUR WEEK SO FAR

UWF has gone 3-1 this week, with doubleheaders against Palm Beach Atlantic and Christian Brothers. West Florida has hit .369 and averaged nearly 7 runs per game during the week, with 15 extra-base hits. Argonaut pitching has impressed as well, with a .207 opponent batting average and a no-hitter against Christian Brothers on Thursday.

Teala Howard has a team-high .600 batting average and 9 hits, Kara Wilson leads UWF with 5 RBIs, and Callan Taylor's 1.250 slugging percentage is the highest on the team this week.

THE NO-HITTER

UWF threw a combined no-hitter against Christian Brothers on Thursday afternoon, as Grace Gilbert, Kelsey Sweatt, and Megan Warhurst combined to strike out three and allow just one baserunner via hit by pitch for five innings. It was the program's first no-hitter since February 9, 2019 against Cal (Pa.), when now-UWF graduate assistant Tori Perkins no-hit the Vulcans.

Gilbert threw three hitless innings in the start, before Sweatt and Warhurst each pitched a perfect inning of relief. Gilbert earned the win, improving to 6-4 on the year.

KARA WILSON, ON FIRE

Kara Wilson has been on an absolute tear over her last six games, batting .563 (9-16) with 3 doubles, a home run, and 7 runs scored. The senior has four multi-hit games on the season, with two of those coming on Thursday against CBU. She went a combined 4-for-5 with 5 RBIs, 2 doubles, and a home run in the doubleheader.

On the year, Wilson leads the team in slugging (.833) and is second on the team with a .433 batting average. She is tied for the UWF lead with 2 home runs.

WOW, TEALA HOWARD

After hitting .700 against Delta State over the weekend, University of West Florida softball sophomore Teala Howard was named the Gulf South Conference Player of the Week. It marked 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 nation with 40 hits, is second

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 10, 2020)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 17-9 Home: 8-3 Away: 3-3 Neutral: 6-3 GSC: 7-5

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	26-26	92	32	46	5	5	1	16	64	.696	5	2	3	0	.530	1	0	20-22	33	7	0	1.000
13 Grace Gilbert	.381	25-25	84	18	32	4	3	2	28	48	.571	2	0	9	0	.382	3	2	5-6	19	33	2	.963
18 Mika Garcia	.296	26-26	81	16	24	4	1	2	13	36	.444	4	1	8	0	.326	3	2	11-14	43	60	11	.904
4 Angela Agurkis	.293	16-14	41	4	12	5	0	2	14	23	.561	7	0	9	0	.396	0	0	1-2	0	0	0	.000
17 Ally Merrill	.268	20-16	56	7	15	3	0	0	5	18	.321	3	0	7	0	.305	0	1	4-4	94	4	0	1.000
10 Callan Taylor	.256	17-15	43	3	11	5	0	1	6	19	.442	5	1	8	0	.347	0	1	0-0	80	2	2	.976
11 Courtney McLellan	.245	20-19	49	5	12	4	0	0	6	16	.327	4	0	3	0	.302	0	0	0-0	8	0	0	1.000
19 Jacquelynne Poling	.231	19-18	52	8	12	3	0	1	6	18	.346	7	3	9	0	.355	0	0	0-0	79	7	0	1.000
1 Kayla Mayo	.218	25-23	55	14	12	3	0	2	9	21	.382	9	0	15	0	.328	0	1	3-3	23	42	5	.929

8 Kara Wilson	.417	15-10	36	10	15	5	1	2	10	28	.778	1	2	10	0	.450	1	1	1-1	11	1	1	.923
25 Laurynn Boggs	.333	19-1	3	7	1	0	0	0	0	1	.333	0	0	2	0	.333	0	0	6-7	0	0	0	.000
7 Morgan Zettle	.273	11-0	11	4	3	0	0	0	0	3	.273	1	0	5	0	.333	0	0	2-2	0	0	0	.000
16 Mallory Vining	.270	26-26	37	6	10	3	0	0	6	13	.351	3	1	9	0	.341	0	3	2-2	35	33	8	.895
12 Jibrasha Moore	.258	17-11	31	7	8	0	0	0	2	8	.258	0	0	3	0	.258	0	1	2-2	10	0	0	1.000
3 Ashley McNally	.176	11-11	17	2	3	0	0	0	3	3	.176	8	5	6	0	.533	0	0	0-0	65	7	1	.986
2 Madison Lanier	.167	10-2	12	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	.250	2	0	4	0	.286	0	0	0-0	12	0	2	.857
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	12-5	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	18-10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	4	7	0	1.000
Totals	.307	26	711	143	218	45	10	13	124	322	.453	64	15	113	1	.372	8	12	57-65	524	212	35	.955
Opponents	.180	26	633	68	114	21	2	8	59	163	.258	66	23	142	4	.280	2	11	25-31	509	185	29	.960

LOB - Team (160), Opp (146). DPs turned - Team (10), Opp (5). 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
20 Megan Warhurst	1.49	4-1	12	5	0	0/2	2	37.2	17	12	8	29	28	1	1	1	.130	6	5	0	1	4
13 Grace Gilbert	1.65	6-5	11	11	7	1/1	0	68.0	52	30	16	12	40	6	1	3	.202	3	8	0	0	3
5 Kelsey Sweatt	2.43	7-3	18	10	5	1/2	3	69.0	45	26	24	25	74	14	0	4	.184	3	10	0	1	4
Totals	1.88	17-9	26	26	12	4/2	5	174.2	114	68	47	66	142	21	2	8	.180	12	23	0	2	11
Opponents	4.91	9-17	26	26	9	2/1	1	169.2	218	143	119	64	113	45	10	13	.307	13	15	0	8	12

PB - Team (3), A. McNally 2, J. Poling 1, Opp (4). Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (1). SBA/ATT - J. Poling (14-16), G. Gilbert (11-13), A. McNally (7-11), M. Warhurst (9-10), K. Sweatt (5-8), B. Leiva (4-4).