



WEST FLORIDA SOFTBALL

FEBRUARY 19-20 // WEST ALABAMA

West Florida Argonauts

3-3
Overall

0-0
GSC

Ashliegh McLean

Head Coach



West Alabama Tigers

4-2
Overall

0-0
GSC

Carie Dever-Boaz

Head Coach



.285	BA	.315
23	R	42
41	H	53
7	2B	7
1	3B	3
4	HR	1
20	RBI	33
62	TB	69
.346	OBP	.431
.431	SLG	.411
11	BB	27
21	K	24
7	SB	10
3	E	3
.981	FLD	.983
3.76	ERA	5.05
25	H	58
18	R	36
1	SHO	0
15	BB	20
30	K	29
.188	BA	.324

Last Week's Starters

#	Name	Pos.	Notes
13	Grace Gilbert	P/LF	Hit .381 with 28 RBIs and posted a 1.65 ERA in 2020... Career .343 hitter
5	Kelsey Sweatt	P	GSC Pitcher of the Week for Feb. 16... Member of GSC All-Decade Team
19	Jacquelynne Poling	C	Four-year starter behind the plate... Career .270 hitter
17	Ally Merrill	1B	Leads UWF in batting (.467) and multi-hit games (3)
16	Mallory Vining	2B	Started all 26 games for West Florida in 2020, and hit .270 on the year
9	Teala Howard	3B	Led Division II in hits (46) in 2020... UWF's all-time batting leader (.472)
18	Mika Garcia	SS	Started in all 26 games for UWF in 2020... Led GSC in assists (60)
8	Kara Wilson	CF	Led team with .778 slugging percentage, second in batting (.417) in 2020
11	Courtney McLellan	RF	2019 First Team All-GSC... Career .284 hitter... Hitting .385 this year

ABOUT LAST WEEK

The Argonauts didn't get all the results they wanted in the trip to North Georgia last weekend, coming back with a 1-3 record against UNG and Hillsdale. But the team still had plenty to be happy with -- Ally Merrill continued her hot streak at the plate to start the season, batting .583 over four games; Grace Gilbert rebounded from Friday with a solid start on Saturday; Kara Wilson hit a pair of home runs; and Merrill and Brett Leiva each hit their first career round-trippers on Saturday.

Of course, the biggest highlight of the weekend was Kelsey Sweatt's no-hitter against Hillsdale on Saturday. Sweatt was dominant in her start, striking out eight, walking just two, and improving to 2-1 on the year. It was UWF's first no-hitter since Sweatt combined with Grace Gilbert and Megan Warhurst to no-hit Christian Brothers last year, on March 5. Sweatt struck out the final five batters she faced in her 28th career win as an Argonaut.

SCOUTING WEST ALABAMA

West Alabama has gotten off to a 4-2 start, which includes a pair of wins over GSC opponent Union and a win over No. 5 Young Harris. As it often is, the UWA offense has looked strong, batting .315 as a team with solid power at the plate and more walks than strikeouts. The pitching, so far, has thrown to a 5.05 team ERA, which ranks eighth in the Gulf South Conference.

Schedule

Home: 2-0 Away: 0-2 Neutral: 1-1

January

1/30 Lubbock Christian W, 2-1; W, 7-1

February

2/12 #2 North Georgia & L, 0-8; L, 4-5

2/13 Hillsdale & L, 2-3; W, 8-0

2/19 West Alabama * 5 pm

2/20 West Alabama (DH) * 1 pm

2/24 Spring Hill (DH) 2 pm

2/27 #17 Ala. Huntsville (DH) * 1 pm

2/28 #17 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 #10 Valdosta State (DH) * 1 pm ET

3/28 #10 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.

UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

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

Graduate Assistant: Tori Perkins

Assistant Coach: Emma Johansen

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
CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC

Louisiana (3)

Brett Leiva
Mallory Vining
Montana Young
LOUISIANA
JUSTICE AND
INTEGRITY

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
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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

Presley Witt, Mary Grace Sheffield, and Kacy Noland have started off hot at the plate. Witt is batting .455 (5-for-11) with four walks, Sheffield is batting .429 with four stolen bases, and Noland is second on the team with a .538 on-base percentage and is hitting .389.

UWA has used seven pitchers across its 43.0 innings of work this year, with Kamree Lay leading the team with 14.1 innings pitched. Despite her 5.39 ERA, Lay spun an outstanding game against Young Harris last Friday, throwing five innings and allowing three runs -- only one of which was earned.

UWF holds a 68-19 all-time record against UWA and is 16-3 in their last 19 matchups in Pensacola.

IN THE GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE

With a 32-9 conference record since 2019, West Florida holds the best winning percentage (.780) in league play among all Gulf South Conference teams. The team's 32 conference wins -- as well as their 74 total wins -- over the past two seasons are the most in the GSC.

Even in the shortened 2020 season, West Florida was dominant in conference play. The Argonauts averaged more than 5 runs per game and hit .296 as a team, while holding GSC opponents to a paltry .169 batting average and just over 2 runs per contest. Teala Howard, Grace Gilbert, and Kara Wilson were outstanding against the GSC last year -- Howard hit .475 and struck out just once in 40 at-bats, Wilson hit .350, and Gilbert hit .359 while spinning a 1.50 ERA over 28.0 innings. Additionally, Kelsey Sweatt went 4-1 with a 1.43 ERA, with 41 strikeouts in 34.1 innings.

ARGOS AT HOME

Put simply, UWF likes playing at home. The Argonauts are 74-15 (.831 winning percentage) at the UWF Softball Complex since 2017.

Kelsey Sweatt and Grace Gilbert have been outstanding at the UWF Softball Complex, affectionately known as The Fork. Sweatt has a 1.61 ERA over 121.2 innings pitched, and Gilbert has spun a 1.95 ERA in 140 innings at home, with a career 22-3 record.

Gilbert is also hitting .375 at the plate, second behind only Teala Howard among active Argonauts. Howard is hitting .517 at the dish in her two-plus years at home, and Mika Garcia and Courtney McLellan have also hit well above .300 in Pensacola. Garcia is slinging .333/.391/.541 at home in her four years, and McLellan has hit .346 while slugging .523.

SO MANY AWARDS

UWF swept the first edition of the 2021 Gulf South Conference weekly awards, the league announced on February 2. Courtney McLellan was named the GSC Player of the Week, Kelsey Sweatt was named the GSC Pitcher of the Week, and Montana Young took home GSC Freshman of the Week honors.

NFCA TOP 25

NEWS AND NOTES

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

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:

Minnesota State (17), MSU-Denver (8), St. Cloud State (6), Francis Marion (5), Saginaw Valley State (5), Adelphi (4), Central Oklahoma (3), Biola (2), West Liberty (1)

A senior outfielder, McLellan hit .500 (3-6) in the Saturday doubleheader, with a double, a triple, and 3 RBIs. She also had the game-winning RBI in Game 1.

Sweatt earned her fourth career GSC Pitcher of the Week honor, after throwing a complete game against Lubbock Christian in the season-opener. The senior from Jacksonville, Florida, struck out four batters, walking only two, and allowing just one unearned run.

Freshman Montana Young made a major impact that Saturday afternoon, throwing four innings of nearly perfect relief in her collegiate debut. She earned her first career win after striking out four and allowing only one hit in relief, retiring the first 10 batters she faced against LCU.

IT'S A STREAK

Teala Howard wrapped up an 18-game hitting streak last Saturday, which dated back to February 19 of last year and is tied for the fourth-longest hitting streak in UWF history. With a 3-for-6 start to the season against Lubbock Christian in the season-opener and hits in each game against North Georgia, Howard hit .571 (36-for-63) during the streak, with multiple hits in 14 of those 18 games. She also slugged over .800 with 5 doubles, 3 triples, a home run, 20 runs scored, and 19 stolen bases in that time.

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 COVID-shortened 2020 season.

THAT'S A GOOD START

West Florida kicked off the 2021 campaign the right way at the end of January, taking a pair of wins against No. 19 Lubbock Christian at the UWF Softball Complex. It took a nail-biting, walkoff win in Game 1 and a much less stressful win in Game 2 to put UWF at 2-0 to begin the season.

Six Argonauts finished the day with a .500 batting average. Courtney McLellan, Kara Wilson, and Teala Howard each had three hits to lead the way, while McLellan's three RBIs and Howard's four stolen bases each led the team, as well.

The Argonauts used their full pitching staff on Saturday, getting strong performances from Kelsey Sweatt in Game 1 and Grace Gilbert and

IN THE RECORD BOOKS

Montana Young in Game 2. The staff combined for 13 strikeouts and a .146 opponent batting average over LCU in the doubleheader.

The win in Game 1 also gave UWF head coach Ashliegh McLean a career 3-0 record in season-openers. She has defeated ranked teams in all three of those games, by a combined score of 22-5.

THE SCHEDULE AHEAD

It will be a busy, challenging slate in February for the Argonauts. GSC play begins on Friday, February 19, with a series against West Alabama at the UWF Softball Complex, followed by a home doubleheader against Spring Hill on February 24. That will be the first of five GSC home series for the Argonaut this season, with Mississippi College (March 5-6), Christian Brothers (March 20-21), Montevallo (April 9-10), and Lee (May 1-2) all making the trip to Pensacola.

The Argonauts will hit the road for conference series against No. 20 Alabama Huntsville (February 27-28), Auburn Montgomery (March 12-13), No. 12 Valdosta State (March 27-28), Union (April 2-3), and West Georgia (April 24-25), as well.

UWF will see limited non-conference action after the home doubleheader against Spring Hill in February. UWF will visit SHC in Mobile on March 9, host Columbus State on March 16, and visit Flagler in St. Augustine, Florida, on April 15 for a doubleheader.

Postseason play begins on May 6 with the Gulf South Conference Tournament.

PROTOCOLS AT HOME

University of West Florida athletics has increased attendance to 25 percent capacity for all softball home games. Each game is first come, first serve to the general public, with a set number of tickets to be held aside for Argonaut Athletic Club Booster members. AAC members can collect their tickets at the ticket window on gameday with their booster club card.

Gates will open 60 minutes prior to first pitch. Tailgating in the parking lot is not allowed, and, as a reminder, pets are not allowed. Face coverings and at least six feet of social distancing will be required by spectators and staff at the UWF Softball Complex. All other COVID-19 visitor compliance guidelines must be followed.

Career Batting Average

(Min. 300 AB)

1.	.472	Teala Howard	2019-present
2.	.455	Jill Burnett	1997-98
3.	.409	Karri Bisbee	2010-11
t-4.	.395	Blake Baskin	1998-2000
t-4.	.395	Adrienne Hauck	1992-94
6.	.383	Bonita Rushing	1989-91
7.	.372	Misty Haynes	1990-94

13.	.343	Grace Gilbert	2018-present
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Career Slugging Percentage

(Min. 300 AB)

1.	.768	Jill Burnett	1997-98
2.	.686	Blake Baskin	1998-2000
3.	.641	Shannon Miles	2009-10
4.	.599	Nicky VanCamp	2007-08
5.	.581	Rhiannon Sassman	2016-present
6.	.578	Teala Howard	2019-present

Stolen Bases

1.	174	Misty Haynes	1990-94
2.	107	Erin Smith	1995-98
3.	86	Tiffany Clary	1994-95
4.	85	Bonita Rushing	1989-91
5.	79	Teala Howard	2019-present

Strikeouts Per 7 Innings

1.	7.52	Emily Burge	2006-09
2.	7.39	Taren Walton	2007-08
3.	6.75	Jillian Lafrance	2008-10
4.	6.56	Kelsey Sweatt	2019-present
5.	6.48	Kalyn Chapman	2015-16

Wins

1.	125	Danelle Harvey	1990-93
2.	92	Mary Jane Dailey	1986-89
3.	84	Sandy Morgan	1997-2000
4.	80	Krissy Styrna	1999-2002
5.	79	Leann Buneta	1994-98

43	Grace Gilbert	2018-present
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Winning Percentage

1.	.966	Natalie Patterson (28-1)	1986-88
2.	.841	Joann Tobin (69-13)	1988-89
3.	.807	Roxanne Arden (25-6)	1986-87
4.	.784	Krissy Styrna (80-22)	1999-2002
5.	.781	Danelle Harvey (125-35)	1990-93
6.	.778	Kelsey Sweatt (28-8)	2019-present

AROUND THE LEAGUE

2020 GSC LEADERS

Stat	Player (School)	No.
AVG	Teala Howard (UWF)	.500
SLG	Logan Hill (VSU)	.940
OBP	Jaycie Walker (AUM)	.569
Runs	Teala Howard (UWF)	32
Hits	Teala Howard (UWF)	46
RBI	Kendall Tucker	34
2B	4 tied	7
3B	Teala Howard (UWF)	5
HR	Logan Hill (VSU)	11
SB	Teala Howard (UWF)	20
	Kayla Louie (LEE)	20
TB	Teala Howard (UWF)	64

2020 GSC LEADERS

Stat	Player (School)	No.
ERA	Alanna Goble (AUM)	1.02
Wins	5 tied	7
CG	Olivia Burns (DSU)	9
SHO	Alanna Goble (AUM)	3
	Shayne O'Connell (VSU)	3
IP	Olivia Burns (DSU)	96.0
BB/7	Hannah Creel (MC)	0.79
SO	Morgan Goree (UWG)	98
SO/7	Morgan Goree (UWG)	10.9
Opp BA	Alanna Goble (AUM)	.129
H/7	Alanna Goble (AUM)	3.05

PAST CHAMPIONS

Year	Tournament	Reg. Season
2020	N/A	N/A
2019	West Florida	West Florida
2018	North Alabama	North Alabama
2017	Miss. College	Ala. Huntsville
2016	North Alabama	North Alabama
2015	Shorter	Valdosta State
2014	Valdosta State	Shorter
2013	Valdosta State	Ala. Huntsville
2012	Valdosta State	Valdosta State
2011	Valdosta State	Ala. Huntsville

GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE STANDINGS

School	GSC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Streak
Auburn Montgomery	0-0	0.000	2-0	1.000	W2
Alabama Huntsville	0-0	0.000	5-1	0.833	W3
Valdosta State	0-0	0.000	2-1	0.667	W2
West Georgia	0-0	0.000	2-1	0.667	W1
West Alabama	0-0	0.000	4-2	0.667	W3
Delta State	0-0	0.000	5-3	0.625	W4
Lee	0-0	0.000	2-2	0.500	L2
Shorter	0-0	0.000	2-2	0.500	L1
West Florida	0-0	0.000	3-3	0.500	W1
Mississippi College	0-0	0.000	1-4	0.200	L2
Union	0-0	0.000	1-5	0.167	L3
Christian Brothers	0-0	0.000	0-0	0.000	---
Montevallo	0-0	0.000	0-4	0.000	L4

GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE BATTING STATISTICS

School	Avg	OBP	SLG	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
Alabama Huntsville	.477	.557	.686	71	82	8	8	4	34	17	11
Auburn Montgomery	.404	.473	.745	20	19	0	2	4	5	3	8
West Alabama	.315	.431	.411	42	53	7	3	1	27	24	10
Shorter	.313	.369	.470	24	36	9	3	1	10	17	3
Lee	.311	.383	.445	28	37	8	1	2	12	24	12
Delta State	.304	.411	.484	49	66	15	3	6	32	45	18
Valdosta State	.302	.355	.419	16	26	7	0	1	6	10	7
Union	.301	.378	.382	27	52	6	1	2	20	28	4
West Florida	.285	.346	.431	23	41	7	1	4	11	21	7
West Georgia	.278	.380	.354	10	22	3	0	1	11	26	4
Mississippi College	.263	.338	.394	16	36	13	1	1	14	30	5
Montevallo	.165	.208	.220	4	15	5	0	0	3	27	1
Christian Brothers	.000	.000	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE PITCHING STATISTICS

School	ERA	W-L	IP	Opp. BA	BB	SO	SHO	SV
Valdosta State	1.11	2-1	19.0	.159	5	18	0	0
West Georgia	1.69	2-1	20.2	.247	3	15	2	1
Auburn Montgomery	1.75	2-0	12.0	.234	6	15	0	0
West Florida	2.92	3-3	38.1	.188	15	30	1	0
Alabama Huntsville	3.29	5-1	34.0	.263	20	36	2	0
Shorter	3.77	2-2	26.0	.328	28	10	0	0
Mississippi College	3.94	1-4	32.0	.260	29	31	0	0
West Alabama	5.05	4-2	43.0	.324	20	29	0	0
Delta State	5.18	5-3	50.0	.269	26	48	2	0
Montevallo	5.83	0-4	24.0	.393	11	10	0	0
Union	7.46	1-5	40.1	.368	34	26	0	0
Lee	7.52	2-2	27.0	.363	22	20	0	0
Christian Brothers	0.00	0-0	0.0	.000	0	0	0	0

GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE WEEKLY AWARDS

Date	Player of the Week	Pitcher of the Week	Freshman of the Week
2/2	Courtney McLellan (UWF)	Kelsey Sweatt (UWF)	Montana Young (UWF)
2/9	Kaylee Vaught (UAH)	Brookelyn Sweeney (DSU)	Raegan Stafford (DSU)
2/16	Parker Pinholster (AUM)	Kelsey Sweatt (UWF)	Kathryn Fallen (AUM)

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.

2021 UWF Softball
Overall Statistics for West Florida (as of Feb 18, 2021)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 3-3 Home: 2-0 Away: 1-2 Neutral: 0-1 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%
17 Ally Merrill	.467 6-6	15	2	7	1	0	1	5	11	.733	0	0	1	0	.438	1	0	0-0	37	0	0	1.000
9 Teala Howard	.421 6-6	19	5	8	0	0	0	0	8	.421	1	1	2	0	.476	0	0	6-7	7	14	1	.955
11 Courtney McLellan	.385 6-6	13	2	5	1	1	0	4	8	.615	1	0	1	0	.429	0	2	0-0	4	0	0	1.000
8 Kara Wilson	.333 6-6	18	3	6	0	0	2	3	12	.667	0	0	3	0	.333	0	0	0-0	6	0	1	.857
10 Madilynne Webb	.333 6-3	9	1	3	1	0	0	1	4	.444	2	0	1	0	.455	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
4 Angela Agurkis	.222 4-4	9	2	2	1	0	0	2	3	.333	0	1	1	0	.300	0	0	0-0	8	1	0	1.000
18 Mika Garcia	.154 6-6	13	3	2	2	0	0	1	4	.308	2	1	1	0	.313	0	0	0-0	13	8	0	1.000
16 Mallory Vining	.111 5-5	9	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	.222	0	0	4	0	.111	0	0	0-0	3	4	0	1.000
13 Grace Gilbert	.000 5-5	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	0	2	0	.167	0	0	1-1	5	6	0	1.000
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7 Morgan Zettle	.429 4-3	7	0	3	0	0	0	1	3	.429	1	0	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	7	1	0	1.000
21 Brett Leiva	.400 3-1	5	1	2	0	0	1	2	5	1.000	0	0	0	0	.400	0	0	0-0	11	2	0	1.000
1 Kayla Mayo	.333 2-1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.333	1	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-1	1	1	0	1.000
19 Jacquelynne Poling	.167 3-3	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.167	1	0	1	0	.286	0	1	0-0	12	2	1	.933
2 Madison Lanier	.000 2-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
3 Kelsey Hodges	.000 2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
12 Chelsea Dumas	.000 2-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
24 Kayanna Perez	.000 2-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
25 Laurynn Boggs	.000 3-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0-1	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.285 6	144	23	41	7	1	4	20	62	.431	11	3	21	1	.346	1	3	7-10	115	41	3	.981
Opponents	.188 6	133	18	25	9	2	4	18	50	.376	15	6	30	0	.297	1	2	8-12	114	52	6	.965

LOB - Team (25), Opp (24). DPs turned - Team (0), Opp (2).

(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
5 Kelsey Sweatatt	1.91	2-1	3	3	2	1/0	0	14.2	9	5	4	5	12	2	1	1	.180	1	2	0	1	0
13 Grace Gilbert	3.50	0-2	3	3	1	0/0	0	14.0	12	8	7	6	12	6	1	0	.231	1	2	0	0	1
20 Montana Young	3.62	1-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	9.2	4	5	5	4	6	1	0	3	.129	0	2	0	0	1
Totals	2.92	3-3	6	6	3	1/0	0	38.1	25	18	16	15	30	9	2	4	.188	2	6	0	1	2
Opponents	3.50	3-3	6	6	3	1/0	0	38.0	41	23	19	11	21	7	1	4	.285	3	3	0	1	3

SBA/ATT - G. Gilbert (5-6), K. Sweatatt (3-5), J. Poling (3-5), B. Leiva (2-4), A. Agurkis (3-3), M. Young (0-1).