



WEST FLORIDA SOFTBALL

FEBRUARY 24 // SPRING HILL

West Florida Argonauts

6-3
Overall

3-0
GSC

Ashliegh McLean

Head Coach



.321	BA	.263
48	R	26
72	H	40
15	2B	4
1	3B	1
11	HR	0
42	RBI	20
122	TB	46
.379	OBP	.343
.545	SLG	.303
19	BB	17
26	K	25
12	SB	5
7	E	12
.972	FLD	.938
3.42	ERA	3.93
45	H	43
35	R	32
1	SHO	1
23	BB	17
48	K	19
.212	BA	.265

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... Went 2-for-4 with an RBI last weekend
17	Ally Merrill	1B	Batting .348/.367/682 with 2 home runs on the year
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 (.473)
18	Mika Garcia	SS	Hit .545 and slugged 1.182 with 2 home runs in West Alabama series
8	Kara Wilson	CF	Leads team in home runs (3), RBIs (9), and slugging (.724)
11	Courtney McLellan	RF	2019 First Team All-GSC... Career .295 hitter... Leads team in batting (.455)

Spring Hill Badgers

4-2
Overall

0-0
SIAC

Steve Kittle

Head Coach



SCOUTING SPRING HILL

Spring Hill enters the doubleheader on a four-game winning streak with a 4-2 overall record. After dropping games against Columbus State and Auburn Montgomery in their opening weekend, the Badgers swept both Mobile and Xavier (La.) over the weekend.

SHC returns some names that Argonaut fans may remember from previous seasons, in Delaney Thomas, Hannah Fillmore, and pitcher Hannah Brenton.

UWF is 16-4 against Spring Hill dating back to 2014 and has won 13 head-to-head matchups in a row. The teams will face off again this year -- on March 9 in Mobile.

ABOUT LAST WEEK

West Florida started Gulf South Conference action with a bang over the weekend, taking thrilling wins over West Alabama in a sweep to start league action. UWF is one of four teams in the GSC to start conference play with a sweep -- along with Valdosta State, West Georgia, and Lee.

The bats were the story for West Florida over the weekend, as the team hit .388 and scored more than eight runs per game. The Argonauts also hit seven home runs and eight doubles, walked more than they struck out, and overcame late deficits in each game of Saturday's doubleheader.

Schedule

Home: 5-0 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 * W, 10-5

2/20 West Alabama * W, 8-7; W, 7-5

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
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 (6)

Mika Garcia
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

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

Right fielder Courtney McLellan hit a team-high .556 over the weekend with a pair of doubles. Shortstop Mika Garcia hit .545 with two home runs, seven RBIs, and a 1.182 slugging percentage during the series, and Teala Howard went 5-for-10 with five runs scored. Kara Wilson drove in six runs, with three of her four hits going for extra bases.

The Argonauts also got four shutout innings of relief from Kelsey Sweatt, who earned two saves on Saturday. She struck out three and allowed just two hits in those four innings, and she is one of only two pitchers in the GSC with multiple saves.

COURTNEY MCLELLAN IS HITTING VERY WELL

Courtney McLellan's strong weekend was nothing new for the senior from Bradenton, Florida, and it propelled her to the team lead in batting (.455). She hit .500 in the season's opening weekend, with a double, a triple, and three RBIs, and she has reached base in eight of nine games this year. In her last six games, she has hit .467 (7-for-15) with two doubles. Her opening weekend earned her GSC Player of the Week honors for the first time in her career.

McLellan now leads the team in batting (.455) and doubles (3), while ranking second in hits (10), and third in slugging (.682) and on-base percentage (.478). She's also a career .346 hitter at the UWF Softball Complex, with a .523 slugging percentage at home.

WE ARE SLUGGING

There was a major power surge at the UWF Softball Complex over the weekend. West Florida hit seven home runs in the series against West Alabama, while slugging .750 as a team and adding eight doubles. UWF's team slugging percentage went up more than 100 points during the series, up to .545 for the year. UWF was 33rd in Division II in slugging before the weekend series against UWA -- their .545 team mark now would put them up to 12th in the country.

And while UWF has hit for power in the past, it does not usually look quite like this. Of course the season is young and things will change, but UWF's .545 slugging percentage would be the highest single-season mark for the program since joining Division II.

ARGOS AT HOME

Put simply, UWF likes playing at home. The Argonauts are 77-15 (.837 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

NFCA TOP 25

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)

NEWS AND NOTES

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 slashing .333/.391/.541 at home in her four years, and McLellan has hit .346 while slugging .523.

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.

IN THE GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE

With a 35-9 conference record since 2019, West Florida holds the best winning percentage (.795) in league play among all Gulf South Conference teams. The team's 35 conference wins -- as well as their 77 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.

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.

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

IN THE RECORD BOOKS

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 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.

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Career Batting Average

(Min. 300 AB)

1.	.473	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.	.584	Teala Howard	2019-present
6.	.581	Rhiannon Sassman	2016-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.	81	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

44	Grace Gilbert	2018-present
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Winning Percentage

(Min. 25 decisions & 2 seasons)

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.	.784	Kelsey Sweatt (29-8)	2019-present
6.	.781	Danelle Harvey (125-35)	1990-93



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
West Florida	3-0	1.000	6-3	0.667	W4
Valdosta State	3-0	1.000	5-1	0.833	W5
West Georgia	3-0	1.000	5-1	0.833	W4
Lee	3-0	1.000	5-2	0.714	W3
Alabama Huntsville	2-1	0.667	7-2	0.778	W2
Mississippi College	2-1	0.667	3-5	0.375	W1
Delta State	1-2	0.333	6-5	0.545	L1
Montevallo	1-2	0.333	1-6	0.143	L2
Auburn Montgomery	0-0	0.000	4-0	1.000	
West Alabama	0-3	0.000	4-5	0.444	L3
Shorter	0-3	0.000	2-5	0.286	L4
Union	0-3	0.000	1-8	0.111	L6
Christian Brothers	0-3	0.000	0-3	0.000	L3

GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE BATTING STATISTICS

School	Avg	OBP	SLG	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
Alabama Huntsville	.427	.510	.628	94	108	9	9	8	44	28	15
West Georgia	.371	.447	.524	43	63	9	1	5	17	35	8
Valdosta State	.350	.455	.500	48	56	9	0	5	28	21	23
Lee	.345	.441	.474	52	67	12	2	3	30	35	26
Auburn Montgomery	.344	.397	.648	35	44	2	2	11	10	25	12
West Florida	.321	.379	.545	48	72	15	1	11	19	26	12
West Alabama	.296	.403	.405	59	73	9	3	4	35	42	12
Union	.290	.348	.377	35	73	11	1	3	21	52	5
Delta State	.276	.387	.418	58	81	18	3	6	45	66	25
Christian Brothers	.260	.432	.411	15	19	0	1	3	16	24	5
Mississippi College	.254	.321	.380	24	54	15	3	2	20	36	8
Shorter	.246	.297	.353	26	41	9	3	1	11	35	3
Montevallo	.246	.345	.329	22	41	8	0	2	21	37	5

GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE PITCHING STATISTICS

School	ERA	W-L	IP	Opp. BA	BB	SO	SHO	SV
Valdosta State	0.60	5-1	35.0	.130	6	36	1	0
Auburn Montgomery	2.12	5-0	33.0	.262	15	30	0	3
West Georgia	3.18	5-1	39.2	.253	19	39	2	2
Mississippi College	3.30	3-5	53.0	.235	42	52	0	0
West Florida	3.42	6-3	.59.1	.212	23	48	1	2
Delta State	4.16	6-5	69.0	.261	32	54	3	0
Alabama Huntsville	4.31	7-2	52.0	.291	38	46	2	1
Montevallo	5.53	1-6	43.0	.362	21	21	0	0
Lee	5.63	5-2	46.0	.325	23	44	1	0
Shorter	5.67	2-5	42.0	.358	50	21	0	0
West Alabama	6.08	4-5	61.0	.344	28	34	0	0
Union	7.91	1-8	56.2	.378	52	37	0	0
Christian Brothers	10.72	0-3	16.1	.451	6	9	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)
2/23	Lexi Close (UWG)	Samantha Richards (VSU)	Morgan Hill (VSU)

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 20, 2021)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 6-3 Home: 5-0 Away: 1-2 Neutral: 0-1 GSC: 3-0

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%
11 Courtney McLellan	.455 9-9	22	3	10	3	1	0	5	15	.682	1	0	1	0	.478	0	2	0-0	9	0	1	.900
9 Teala Howard	.448 9-9	29	10	13	0	0	1	1	16	.552	3	1	2	0	.515	0	0	8-9	12	19	1	.969
17 Ally Merrill	.348 9-9	23	4	8	1	0	2	6	15	.652	1	0	1	0	.360	1	0	0-0	53	1	0	1.000
8 Kara Wilson	.345 9-9	29	5	10	2	0	3	9	21	.724	1	0	4	0	.367	0	0	1-1	10	0	2	.833
18 Mika Garcia	.333 9-9	24	8	8	3	0	2	8	17	.708	3	1	2	0	.429	0	0	1-1	16	12	0	1.000
4 Angela Agurkis	.235 7-6	17	3	4	2	0	0	3	6	.353	0	1	1	0	.278	0	0	0-1	10	1	0	1.000
13 Grace Gilbert	.125 8-7	16	2	2	1	0	0	0	3	.188	2	0	3	0	.222	0	1	1-1	7	7	0	1.000
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1 Kayla Mayo	.500 4-2	6	2	3	1	0	1	2	7	1.167	1	0	0	0	.571	0	1	0-1	6	2	0	1.000
12 Chelsea Dumas	.500 4-0	2	4	1	0	0	1	1	4	2.000	0	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
7 Morgan Zettle	.400 6-5	10	2	4	0	0	0	1	4	.400	2	0	2	0	.500	0	0	0-0	7	2	1	.900
10 Madilynne Webb	.333 7-3	9	1	3	1	0	0	2	4	.444	2	0	1	0	.417	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
19 Jacquelynne Poling	.300 5-5	10	0	3	0	0	0	1	3	.300	2	0	1	0	.417	0	1	0-0	19	2	1	.955
21 Brett Leiva	.250 5-3	8	1	2	0	0	1	2	5	.625	1	0	0	0	.333	0	1	0-0	21	3	0	1.000
16 Mallory Vining	.091 7-7	11	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	.182	0	0	5	0	.091	0	0	0-0	7	5	0	1.000
3 Kelsey Hodges	.000 3-0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
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
25 Laurynn Boggs	.000 5-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0-1	0	0	0	.000
24 Kayanna Perez	.000 3-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.321 9	224	48	72	15	1	11	42	122	.545	19	3	26	1	.379	2	6	12-16	178	61	7	.972
Opponents	.212 9	212	35	45	11	2	7	33	81	.382	23	8	48	0	.311	1	6	10-14	168	75	8	.968

LOB - Team (38), Opp (37). DPs turned - Team (1), 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 Sweatt	2.45	3-1	6	4	3	1/0	2	25.2	14	10	9	11	22	2	1	3	.163	1	3	0	1	2
20 Montana Young	3.57	2-0	4	1	0	0/0	0	15.2	10	10	8	5	11	1	0	4	.185	0	2	0	0	3
13 Grace Gilbert	4.67	1-2	4	4	1	0/0	0	18.0	21	15	12	7	15	8	1	0	.292	2	3	0	0	1
Totals	3.42	6-3	9	9	4	1/0	2	59.1	45	35	29	23	48	11	2	7	.212	3	8	0	1	6
Opponents	5.12	3-6	9	9	3	1/0	0	56.0	72	48	41	19	26	15	1	11	.321	5	3	0	2	6

PB - Team (0), Opp (4). SBA/ATT - G. Gilbert (6-7), J. Poling (4-6), K. Sweatt (3-5), B. Leiva (3-5), A. Agurkis (3-3), M. Young (1-2).