



WEST FLORIDA SOFTBALL

FEBRUARY 27-28 // ALABAMA HUNTSVILLE

West Florida Argonauts

8-3
Overall

3-0
GSC

Ashliegh McLean
Head Coach



Ala. Huntsville Chargers

7-2
Overall

2-1
SIAC

Les Stuedeman
Head Coach



SCOUTING ALABAMA HUNTSVILLE

Alabama Huntsville is ranked No. 15 in the country, according to the most recent national coaches poll released on Wednesday. UAH leads the head-to-head series 36-21 since 2006, but the series is at an even 6-6 split in the last 12 matchups.

The weekend feature a meeting between two of the top offenses in the country. The Chargers rank first in Division II in triples (9), second in runs (94) and hits (108), third in batting average (.427), and fourth in scoring (10.4 runs per game) and on-base percentage (.510). The Chargers have also scored at least seven runs in eight of their nine games.

UAH gets production from all spots in the lineup, as well. All eight qualified starters for UAH are hitting over .300, and five are hitting over .400, with a good deal of power. The lineup is headlined by Heather Thompson, Shelby Booker, Mackenzie Nutt, and Kiara Akles. Thompson is batting .600, Booker leads the team with 14 runs scored, Nutt ranks second in DII with 16 RBIs, and Akles has 12 RBIs with a .433 batting average.

The Argonauts will also see Akles in the circle, along with a familiar face in Layton Murphy. Murphy has a 3.33 ERA in 21 innings, and Akles is 1-0 with a 3.60 ERA in 11.2 innings. In all, UAH has a 4.31 team ERA and their opponents are hitting .291.

Schedule

Home: 7-0 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 W, 7-6; W, 15-0

2/27 #15 Ala. Huntsville (DH) * 1 pm

2/28 #15 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 #9 Valdosta State (DH) * 1 pm ET

3/28 #9 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 Dahlonge, Ga.

.342	BA	.427
70	R	94
95	H	108
21	2B	9
2	3B	9
13	HR	8
60	RBI	88
159	TB	159
.392	OBP	.510
.572	SLG	.628
21	BB	44
30	K	28
18	SB	15
9	E	10
.969	FLD	.957
3.24	ERA	4.31
57	H	62
41	R	42
2	SHO	2
26	BB	38
69	K	46
.221	BA	.291

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 .342 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 .360/.370/.640 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	UWF's all-time batting leader (.475)... Leads Division II in SB (10)
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) and RBIs (10)
11	Courtney McLellan	RF	Leads in batting (.480) and slugging (.800)... Reached in 8 straight games

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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
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

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

WE ARE SLUGGING

There has been a major power surge at the UWF Softball Complex. West Florida hit seven home runs in the series against West Alabama, while slugging .750 as a team and adding eight doubles, and they added another six doubles and two homers on Wednesday against Spring Hill. UWF's team slugging percentage went up more than 100 points during the series, up to .572 for the year. UWF was 33rd in Division II in slugging before the week-end series against UWA -- their .572 team mark puts them up to 15th 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 .572 slugging percentage would be the highest single-season mark for the program since joining Division II.

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.

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 against West Alabama was nothing new for the senior from Bradenton, Florida, and she has propelled herself to the team lead in batting (.480). In her last eight games, she has hit .500 (9-for-18) with two doubles, six RBIs, and a home run. 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 (.480), OBP (.536), and doubles (3), while ranking second in hits (12), and third in slugging (.800). She's also a career .370 hitter at the UWF Softball Complex, with a .571 slugging percentage at home.

NFCA TOP 25

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

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:

Minnesota State (15), West Texas A&M (8), Francis Marion (6), St. Cloud State (5), Metropolitan State University of Denver (4), Southern Indiana (4), **West Florida (4)**, Central Oklahoma (3), Adelphi (2), Biola (2)

NEWS AND NOTES

UWF also ranks third in the country in home runs (13), fourth in doubles (21), and sixth in runs (70) this year.

SCORING IN BULK

West Florida has made a habit out of putting crooked numbers on the scoreboard this year. The Argonauts have scored three or more runs in nine separate innings this season, and they've scored at least seven runs in each of their last six games. This recent scoring output has put them second in the GSC in total runs.

THE EXCITING TEALA HOWARD

Teala Howard has been one of the top players in the country since she arrived in Pensacola in 2019. The junior from Lake Butler, Florida, is UWF's all-time batting leader (.475), ranks fifth in school history in slugging (.590) and steals (83), and leads Division II in stolen bases this year. Howard also led DII in hits last season, and she tied the UWF single-season record for batting in 2019 (.464) as a freshman.

She has at least one hit in 10 of 11 games this season and is riding a six-game hitting streak. UWF's third baseman also wrapped up an 18-game hitting streak at the beginning of the season that dated back to February 19, 2020.

MIKA GARCIA AND THE ON-BASE STREAK

Senior shortstop Mika Garcia has been on a tear lately, having reached base in each of her last eight games and picking up at least one hit in each of her last five. Garcia has also been as clutch as can be, with nine RBIs in her last five games, while hitting .714 (5-7) with runners in scoring position, .800 (4-5) with two outs, and .625 (5-8) with any runners on. She has also picked up a team-best 5 two-out RBIs during this homestand.

Garcia has been a staple in the UWF lineup since her freshman season in 2018, starting 126 games in the last three-plus years. She is a career .304 hitter, who has walked more than she's struck out. This year has been her best so far -- she's batting a career-best .357 with career highs in slugging (.679), and on-base percentage (.424). She hit home runs in back-to-back games last weekend against UWA, with a game-winning two-run shot in Game 2 on Saturday.

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.

She has a better winning percentage through her first three seasons (.775) than any other current Gulf South Conference coach did in their first three seasons, with the exception of Eric Newell at Auburn Montgomery (.780), who started his tenure in the NAIA.

MONTANA YOUNG IS GETTING EVERYONE OUT

Freshman pitcher Montana Young has impressed through the first month of the season, with 21 strikeouts and just 5 walks in 19.2 innings. Opponents are also hitting just .179 against the rookie from Slidell, Louisiana, which ranks seventh in the GSC. In Wednesday's doubleheader against Spring Hill, Young struck out 10 batters and did not walk any in 4 total innings of relief.

ARGOS AT HOME

Put simply, UWF likes playing at home. The Argonauts are 78-15 (.839 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 1.70 ERA over 135.2 innings pitched, and Gilbert has spun a 2.21 ERA in 149 innings at home, with a career 23-3 record.

Gilbert is also hitting .372 at the plate, second behind only Teala Howard among active Argonauts. Howard is hitting .519 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 .353/.405/.587 at home in her four years, and McLellan has hit .370 while slugging .571.

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 79 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.

IN THE RECORD BOOKS

Career Batting Average

(Min. 300 AB)

1.	.475	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.	.342	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.	.590	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.	83	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.	6.61	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	Krissey 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.	.789	Kelsey Sweatt (30-8)	2019-present
5.	.784	Krissey Styrna (80-22)	1999-2002
6.	.781	Danelle Harvey (125-35)	1990-93

AROUND THE LEAGUE

GSC LEADERS

Stat	Player (School)	No.
AVG	Heather Thompson (UAH)	.600
SLG	Gia Martin (AUM)	1.833
OBP	Heather Thompson (UAH)	.667
Runs	Teala Howard (UWF)	14
Hits	Teala Howard (UWF)	17
RBI	Mackenzie Nutt (UAH)	16
2B	Jordan LaFosse (MC)	4
3B	Mackenzie Nutt (UAH)	3
HR	Summer Cryder (DSU)	4
	Gia Martin (AUM)	4
SB	Teala Howard (UWF)	10
TB	Summer Cryder (DSU)	28

GSC LEADERS

Stat	Player (School)	No.
ERA	Taylor De Adder (Lee)	0.00
Wins	Kelsey Sweatt (UWF)	4
	Lacey Coats (DSU)	4
CG	Avery Sanders (MC)	4
SHO	Layton Murphy (UAH)	2
Saves	Kelsey Sweatt (UWF)	2
	Alanna Goble (AUM)	2
IP	Lacey Coats (DSU)	31.2
SO	Avery Sanders (MC)	41
SO/7	Lexi Close (UWG)	13.8
BB/7	Elaina McGill (CBU)	1.40

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	8-3	0.727	W6
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	3-6	0.333	W2
Auburn Montgomery	0-0	0.000	4-0	1.000	W4
West Alabama	0-3	0.000	4-5	0.444	L3
Shorter	0-3	0.000	4-5	0.444	W2
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	.342	.392	.572	70	95	21	2	13	21	30	18
Montevallo	.305	.395	.418	44	65	11	2	3	27	39	14
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
Shorter	.262	.329	.371	37	58	13	4	1	19	42	7
Mississippi College	.254	.321	.380	24	54	15	3	2	20	36	8
Christian Brothers	.220	.374	.314	17	26	0	1	3	22	30	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
West Florida	3.42	8-3	71.1	.221	26	69	2	2
Mississippi College	3.30	3-5	53.0	.235	42	52	0	0
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	4.62	3-6	53.0	.318	22	37	1	0
Shorter	4.91	4-5	57.0	.311	66	28	0	1
Lee	5.63	5-2	46.0	.325	23	44	1	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	8.30	0-5	27.0	.438	15	11	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 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.

2021 UWF Softball
Overall Statistics for West Florida (as of Feb 25, 2021)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 8-3 Home: 7-0 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	.480	11-11	25	5	12	3	1	1	9	20	.800	3	0	1	0	.536	0	2	0-0	10	0	1	.909
9 Teala Howard	.472	11-11	36	14	17	0	1	1	1	22	.611	3	1	4	0	.525	0	0	10-11	12	21	1	.971
17 Ally Merrill	.360	10-10	25	4	9	1	0	2	7	16	.640	1	0	1	0	.370	1	0	0-0	59	1	0	1.000
18 Mika Garcia	.357	11-11	28	9	10	3	0	2	10	19	.679	3	1	2	0	.424	1	1	2-2	18	16	2	.944
8 Kara Wilson	.353	11-11	34	7	12	3	0	3	10	24	.706	1	0	5	0	.371	0	0	2-2	11	0	2	.846
4 Angela Agurkis	.318	9-8	22	5	7	3	0	0	4	10	.455	0	1	1	0	.348	0	0	0-1	10	1	0	1.000
13 Grace Gilbert	.182	10-9	22	4	4	1	0	0	3	5	.227	2	0	4	0	.250	0	1	1-1	8	9	0	1.000

22 Hanna Stapleton	1.000	1-0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	2.000	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
12 Chelsea Dumas	.500	6-0	4	6	2	1	0	1	2	6	1.500	0	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
1 Kayla Mayo	.429	6-2	7	2	3	1	0	1	2	7	1.000	1	0	0	0	.500	0	1	0-1	6	2	0	1.000
21 Brett Leiva	.364	6-4	11	3	4	0	0	2	4	10	.909	1	0	0	0	.417	0	1	0-0	32	3	0	1.000
7 Morgan Zettle	.333	8-6	12	2	4	0	0	0	1	4	.333	2	0	2	0	.429	0	0	0-0	7	2	1	.900
25 Laurynn Boggs	.333	7-1	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	2	.667	0	0	0	1	.333	0	0	1-2	0	0	0	.000
19 Jacquelynne Poling	.308	6-6	13	0	4	0	0	0	1	4	.308	2	0	1	0	.400	0	1	0-0	29	3	1	.970
10 Madilynne Webb	.231	9-4	13	1	3	1	0	0	2	4	.308	2	0	1	0	.313	1	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
16 Mallory Vining	.154	9-9	13	2	2	2	0	0	1	4	.308	0	1	5	0	.214	0	0	1-1	9	7	0	1.000
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
3 Kelsey Hodges	.000	5-0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
24 Kayanna Perez	.000	4-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	.000
14 Lexi Pope	.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
Totals	.342	11	278	70	95	21	2	13	60	159	.572	21	4	30	1	.392	3	7	18-22	214	72	9	.969
Opponents	.221	11	258	41	57	12	2	9	39	100	.388	26	8	69	0	.311	1	8	10-15	199	90	12	.960

LOB - Team (44), Opp (46). DPs turned - Team (2), 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	2.20	4-1	7	5	3	1/1	2	28.2	16	10	9	13	27	2	1	3	.165	1	3	0	1	2
20 Montana Young	3.20	3-0	6	1	0	0/1	0	19.2	12	11	9	5	21	1	0	5	.179	0	2	0	0	3
13 Grace Gilbert	4.57	1-2	5	5	1	0/0	0	23.0	29	20	15	8	21	9	1	1	.309	2	3	0	0	3
Totals	3.24	8-3	11	11	4	2/1	2	71.1	57	41	33	26	69	12	2	9	.221	3	8	0	1	8
Opponents	5.70	3-8	11	11	3	1/0	0	66.1	95	70	54	21	30	21	2	13	.342	7	4	0	3	7

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