



WEST FLORIDA SOFTBALL

MARCH 12-13 // AUBURN MONTGOMERY

West Florida Argonauts
13-6 Overall
7-2 GSC
Ashliegh McLean Head Coach


AUM Warhawks
14-0 Overall
6-0 GSC
Eric Newell Head Coach


SCOUTING AUBURN MONTGOMERY

Auburn Montgomery received votes in the latest NFCA coaches poll released on Wednesday. With a 14-0 record, the Warhawks have been one of the best teams in the country, statistically. They rank first in Division II in stolen bases per game (4.29) and total stolen bases (60), fifth in ERA (1.22), and seventh in home runs (18) and runs scored (116).

AUM has been led by a handful of players, both at the plate and in the circle. Gia Martin has been one of the best freshmen in the GSC, ranking fifth nationally with 6 home runs and 11th with 19 RBIs. Allie Miller ranks second in the country with 13 stolen bases, behind only UWF's Teala Howard. And Molly Cobb has been outstanding at the plate, hitting .541 with 4 doubles, 3 home runs, and 10 walks against 3 strikeouts.

Alanna Goble and Bailie Barnes have thrown the most for AUM, sporting ERAs of 1.31 and 0.56, respectively. Goble has struck out 29 batters over 32.0 innings, and Barnes has struck out 18 in 25.0 innings.

UWF is 5-3 all-time against AUM, sweeping the Warhawks in 2019 in Montgomery.

ALLY MERRILL HITS FOR POWER

Several UWF hitters have hit for more power than usual this season, but none have taken the steps forward that first baseman Ally

Schedule

Home: 11-2 Away: 1-3 Neutral: 1-1

January

1/30 #19 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 UAH * W, 5-4; L, 2-3
2/28 #15 UAH * L, 6-7

March

3/5 Miss. College * W, 4-0
3/6 Miss. College * W, 6-2; W, 8-1
3/9 Spring Hill W, 2-0; L, 5-6
3/12 AUM * 5 pm
3/13 AUM (DH) * 1 pm
3/17 Columbus State (DH) 1 pm
3/20 Christian Bros. (DH) * 1 pm
3/21 Christian Bros. * 1 pm
3/27 #5 Valdosta State (DH) * 1 pm ET
3/28 #5 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 Dahlgonega, Ga.

.313	BA	.348
108	R	116
154	H	123
33	2B	22
3	3B	5
21	HR	18
92	RBI	99
256	TB	209
.378	OBP	.445
.520	SLG	.592
49	BB	49
61	K	46
30	SB	60
21	E	12
.960	FLD	.967
2.78	ERA	1.22
109	H	64
64	R	20
4	SHO	4
37	BB	29
117	K	79
.232	BA	.202

Last Week's Starters

#	Name	Pos.	Notes
13	Grace Gilbert	P/LF	0.79 ERA over her last four appearances (17.2 innings)... GSC All-Decade
5	Kelsey Sweatt	P	GSC Pitcher of the Week for Feb. 16... Member of GSC All-Decade Team
19	Jacquelynne Poling	C	UWF's active home run leader (8)... Reached base in 11 of 12 games this year
17	Ally Merrill	1B	Hitting .500/.571/1.000 over 6-game hitting streak, with 2 home runs
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 (.467)... Leads Division II in SB (16)
18	Mika Garcia	SS	Hit .545 and slugged 1.182 with 2 home runs in West Alabama series
8	Kara Wilson	CF	Leads GSC in doubles (6), home runs (5) and total bases (43)
11	Courtney McLellan	RF	Hitting .388/.455/.653 this season... Career .299 hitter, hits .346 at home

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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	Kayanna Perez	OF	5-5	Jr.	L/R	Jacksonville, Fla.	Paxton 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
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

Merrill has. Merrill has slugged .688 and hit .375, compared to career averages of .425 and .303, respectively.

A key contributor to the 2019 South Region Championship team and a starter for the last two seasons, Merrill has already set career highs in RBIs (12) and total bases (33) batting in the middle of the UWF order this season, and she has hit four home runs.

Merrill is also on a six-game hitting streak, batting 8-for-16 with two home runs, 16 total bases, a 1.000 slugging percentage, and a .571 on-base percentage, while walking twice as often as she has struck out.

GILBERT SPINNING GEMS

Pitcher Grace Gilbert has been outstanding in her last four outings, dating back to the series against Alabama Huntsville at home. She has thrown 17.2 innings with a 0.79 ERA, striking out 11 and issuing 3 walks, while opponents have hit just .190. Over her last four appearances, Gilbert's ERA has dropped from 4.57 to 2.93.

She was especially strong against Mississippi College on March 5, when she struck out six and allowed three hits in a dominant complete game shutout. She also spun five shutout innings against Spring Hill on Tuesday afternoon.

DOMINANT IN THE CIRCLE

West Florida's rotation dominated over the weekend against Mississippi College, posting a 1.00 ERA over 21 innings of work. The trio – Grace Gilbert, Kelsey Sweatt, and Montana Young – struck out 17 batters while walking just 4, and they held the Lady Choctaws to a .155 batting average.

Gilbert threw a shutout on Friday to open the series, with six strikeouts and just three hits allowed and no walks. Sweatt and Young followed suit on Saturday, combining for 11 strikeouts and a .163 batting average against them to take two more wins from MC. Sweatt started the day by striking out six and allowing only three hits, and Young struck out five with no walks over her seven innings of work.

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 (.467), ranks third in steals (89) and sixth in slugging (.579), and leads Division II in stolen bases this year (16). 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 is riding a 14-game hitting streak -- the third streak of at least 14 games in her career. She has hit .429 with 21 hits, 17 runs, a .481 on-base percentage, and 10 steals over that time -- all of which lead the team. 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.

NFCA TOP 25

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

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:

St. Cloud State (18), Trevecca Nazarene (16), Saginaw Valley State (12), Lubbock Christian (10), Tampa (9), Western Washington (8), Anderson (7), Auburn University at Montgomery (4), Minnesota State (3), Lenoir-Rhyne (2).

NEWS AND NOTES

WILSON ON A ROLL

Senior outfielder Kara Wilson got off to a career-best start in 2020, and she has continued that hot streak into 2021. The Odessa, Florida, native is hitting .373 and leads the Gulf South Conference in total bases (43), while ranking second in doubles (6) and home runs (5). Her 43 total bases are the sixth-most in Division II, her 6 doubles rank 10th, and she is 15th in home runs and 15th in hits (22).

WE ARE RANKED

The University of West Florida softball team entered the National Fast-pitch Coaches Association poll at No. 23 on Wednesday.

The rankings reflect games played through Sunday, after UWF swept Mississippi College. West Florida hit .299 and slugged .582 over the weekend, scoring six runs per game and walking nearly twice as much as they struck out.

UWF is one of three Gulf South Conference teams ranked in the poll, joining Valdosta State at No. 5 and Alabama Huntsville at No. 13, and Auburn Montgomery received votes. Additionally, South Region opponents Rollins (No. 7) and Saint Leo (No. 11) are ranked.

ABOUT LAST WEEK

The Argonauts dominated Mississippi College over the weekend, taking their second sweep in conference play this season. The pitching staff spun a 1.00 ERA over the weekend, while UWF hit .299 and slugged .582. The Argonauts also showed great patience at the plate, with 21 walks to go along with their 11 extra-base hits.

With the sweep, UWF is tied for third in the GSC with a 7-2 conference record. West Florida leads the league in doubles and home runs, and ranks second in runs and hits, offensively. The pitching staff is fourth in the conference in ERA (2.79) and opponent batting average (.232), while leading the conference in strikeouts (117).

THE HOMESTAND IS OVER

UWF wrapped up an 11-game homestand over the weekend and went 9-2 in those 11 games. The Argonauts were impressive in all phases of the game in that time, hitting .322 and slugging .573, with more walks than strikeouts. The Argos also hit 16 home runs and stole 21 bases over those 11 games, while the pitching staff struck out 75 batters over 74.2 innings.

Freshman Montana Young was excellent during the homestand, with a 4-1 record and a 2.00 ERA, striking out 32 and walking just 1 batter in 28.0 innings.

At the plate, Howard and Wilson stood out, among others. Howard hit .436, with 14 runs and 17 hits, and Wilson's 5 doubles, 3 home runs, 11 RBIs, and .788 slugging percentage were all team highs. Ally Merrill and Courtney McLellan also put together a strong three weeks of work – Merrill hit three homers and slugged .692, while McLellan hit .345 with three doubles, two home runs, and she drew five walks without striking out.

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.

With a career 84-26 record, she has a better winning percentage through her first three seasons (.764) 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 been impressive in the first month-and-a-half of her college career. The rookie from Slidell, Louisiana, leads the GSC in walks per seven innings (0.82) and strikeout-to-walk ratio (9.00), a category in which she also ranks 11th nationally. Young has appeared in 12 games -- the second-most in the country this year -- and also ranks 22nd in DII and third in the GSC in strikeouts (45).

Young has struck out 45 batters and walked just 5 over 42.2 innings of work, with opponents hitting just .238 against her.

WE ARE SLUGGING

UWF has hit for power in the past, it does not usually look quite like this. West Florida's current .520 slugging percentage would be the highest single-season mark for the program since joining Division II in 1994. UWF ranks third in the country in home runs (21) and fourth in doubles (33), fifth in hits (154), and 10th in runs (108) this year.

IN THE GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE

With a 39-11 conference record since 2019, West Florida holds the best winning percentage (.780) in league play among all Gulf South Conference teams. The team's 39 conference wins -- as well as their 84 total wins -- over the past three seasons are the most in the GSC.

IN THE RECORD BOOKS

Career Batting Average

(Min. 300 AB)

1.	.467	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

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.	.579	Teala Howard	2019-present

Stolen Bases

1.	174	Misty Haynes	1990-94
2.	107	Erin Smith	1995-98
3.	89	Teala Howard	2019-present
4.	86	Tiffany Clary	1994-95
5.	85	Bonita Rushing	1989-91
6.	72	Meghan Toney	2015-18

Strikeouts Per 7 Innings

(Min. 2 years & 200 IP)

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
6.	6.34	Heather Hansen	1990-91

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.	.781	Danelle Harvey (125-35)	1990-93
6.	.775	Kelsey Sweatt (31-9)	2019-present

Hits Allowed Per 7 Innings

(Min. 2 years & 200 IP)

1.	1.55	Heather Hansen	1990-91
2.	4.36	Kelsey Sweatt	2019-present
3.	4.66	Anne Ebinger	1992-93
4.	4.80	Jackie Moore	2003-04
5.	4.87	Roxanne Arden	1986-87
6.	5.10	Leann Buneta	1994-98

AROUND THE LEAGUE

GSC LEADERS

Stat	Player (School)	No.
AVG	Madison Slappey (UWG)	.571
SLG	Gia Martin (AUM)	1.308
OBP	Madison Slappey (UWG)	.667
Runs	Teala Howard (UWF)	20
Hits	Teala Howard (UWF)	28
RBI	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	20
2B	Kara Wilson (UWF)	6
3B	Mackenzie Nutt (UAH)	3
HR	Kara Wilson (UWF)	5
	Four others	5
SB	Teala Howard (UWF)	16
TB	Kara Wilson (UWF)	43

GSC LEADERS

Stat	Player (School)	No.
ERA	Bailey Barnes (AUM)	0.56
Wins	Lacey Coats (DSU)	7
CG	Samantha Richards (VSU)	7
Saves	Kelsey Sweatt (UWF)	2
	Grace O'Berry (UAH)	2
IP	Lacey Coats (DSU)	54.2
SO	Avery Sanders (MC)	53
SO/7	Lexi Close (UWG)	13.0
BB/7	Montana Young (UWF)	0.82
Opp BA	Morgan Hill (VSU)	.109
H/7	Morgan Hill (VSU)	2.42

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	6-0	1.000	12-0	1.000	W12
Valdosta State	8-1	0.889	10-2	0.833	L1
West Florida	7-2	0.778	13-6	0.684	L1
Alabama Huntsville	7-2	0.778	12-3	0.800	W5
West Georgia	7-2	0.778	9-3	0.750	W3
Delta State	5-4	0.556	10-7	0.588	W2
Lee	3-3	0.500	5-7	0.417	L5
Montevallo	4-5	0.444	6-9	0.400	W1
West Alabama	3-6	0.333	7-8	0.467	L2
Mississippi College	2-7	0.222	3-11	0.214	L6
Union	1-8	0.111	2-15	0.118	L7
Christian Brothers	1-8	0.111	1-10	0.091	L4
Shorter	0-6	0.000	4-10	0.286	L5

GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE BATTING STATISTICS

School	AVG	OBP	SLG	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
Alabama Huntsville	.394	.465	.573	134	179	25	10	12	59	53	30
West Georgia	.343	.424	.526	88	123	24	3	12	43	66	18
Valdosta State	.341	.450	.561	87	104	13	0	18	55	33	31
Auburn Montgomery	.339	.443	.559	89	100	17	3	14	42	44	50
West Florida	.313	.378	.520	108	154	33	3	21	49	61	30
Montevallo	.306	.405	.435	74	110	20	4	6	51	69	25
Lee	.305	.400	.444	68	101	18	2	8	44	68	35
West Alabama	.300	.399	.428	99	124	24	4	7	55	59	29
Delta State	.258	.371	.391	84	114	26	3	9	69	103	34
Union	.245	.308	.344	43	104	20	2	6	32	82	9
Christian Brothers	.235	.387	.363	54	68	5	1	10	56	48	11
Shorter	.233	.304	.316	46	81	15	4	2	32	79	8
Mississippi College	.209	.287	.324	34	73	19	3	5	30	72	12

GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE PITCHING STATISTICS

School	ERA	W-L	IP	Opp. BA	BB	SO	SHO	SV
Valdosta State	0.99	10-2	71.0	.147	13	69	3	1
Auburn Montgomery	1.14	12-0	74.0	.203	27	64	4	2
West Georgia	2.50	9-3	81.1	.210	40	90	4	2
West Florida	2.78	13-6	126.0	.232	37	117	4	3
Alabama Huntsville	3.39	12-3	97.0	.265	60	71	2	2
Delta State	4.38	10-7	112.0	.274	51	84	3	0
Shorter	4.63	4-10	90.2	.311	95	41	0	1
Montevallo	4.77	6-9	88.0	.307	38	54	3	0
Mississippi College	4.93	3-11	88.0	.261	77	68	0	0
West Alabama	5.32	7-8	101.1	.311	54	54	0	0
Lee	6.10	5-7	78.0	.307	48	64	1	0
Christian Brothers	7.10	1-10	69.0	.402	37	25	0	0
Union	7.89	2-15	104.2	.364	104	74	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)
3/2	Lauren Higginbotham (MONT)	Samantha Richards (VSU)	Aniston Gano (VSU)
3/9	Gia Martin (AUM)	Alanna Goble (AUM)	Gia Martin (AUM)

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 Mar 10, 2021)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 13-6 Home: 11-2 Away: 2-3 Neutral: 0-1 GSC: 7-2

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	.431	19-19	65	20	28	2	1	1	2	35	.538	4	2	7	0	.479	0	0	16-19	19	38	3	.950
11 Courtney McLellan	.388	19-19	49	8	19	5	1	2	14	32	.653	6	0	1	0	.455	0	2	0-0	14	0	1	.933
17 Ally Merrill	.375	18-18	48	9	18	1	1	4	12	33	.688	5	0	4	0	.418	2	0	1-1	104	2	2	.981
8 Kara Wilson	.373	19-19	59	15	22	6	0	5	15	43	.729	6	0	9	0	.431	0	0	3-4	24	2	2	.929
4 Angela Agurkis	.275	16-14	40	7	11	4	0	1	7	18	.450	1	1	4	0	.310	0	1	0-1	18	1	0	1.000
18 Mika Garcia	.226	19-19	53	11	12	3	0	2	12	21	.396	7	1	6	0	.323	1	3	2-4	29	26	5	.917
13 Grace Gilbert	.159	18-17	44	6	7	2	0	0	6	9	.205	4	1	6	0	.240	1	1	2-2	20	15	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	7-0	4	7	2	1	0	1	2	6	1.500	0	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
25 Lauryann Boggs	.333	10-1	3	3	1	1	0	0	1	2	.667	0	0	0	1	.333	0	0	1-2	0	0	0	.000
21 Brett Leiva	.320	11-8	25	5	8	0	0	3	6	17	.680	1	0	3	0	.346	0	1	1-1	49	4	1	.981
19 Jacquelynne Poling	.308	12-12	26	3	8	1	0	1	4	12	.462	8	1	3	0	.472	1	1	0-0	57	4	1	.984
1 Kayla Mayo	.267	11-5	15	3	4	2	0	1	3	9	.600	1	0	2	0	.294	1	2	0-1	11	3	0	1.000
7 Morgan Zettle	.250	11-8	16	2	4	0	0	0	1	4	.250	2	0	5	0	.333	0	0	0-0	8	3	1	.917
16 Mallory Vining	.250	15-14	16	3	4	3	0	0	2	7	.438	2	1	6	0	.350	1	0	2-2	19	20	2	.951
10 Madilynne Webb	.250	12-4	16	1	4	1	0	0	3	5	.313	2	0	2	0	.316	1	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
2 Kayanna Perez	.250	8-1	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	.250	0	0	0	0	.250	0	0	2-2	1	0	0	1.000
3 Kelsey Hodges	.000	6-0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
0 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
14 Lexi Pope	.000	3-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	2	1	1	.750
Totals	.313	19	492	108	154	33	3	21	92	256	.520	49	7	61	1	.378	8	11	30-39	378	129	21	.960
Opponents	.232	19	470	64	109	21	2	13	59	173	.368	37	13	117	1	.305	1	14	15-22	361	149	28	.948

LOB - Team (98), Opp (93). DPs turned - Team (7), Opp (2). Picked off - M. Garcia 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bks	sfa	sha
20 Montana Young	2.30	5-1	12	3	1	0/2	1	42.2	39	20	14	5	45	4	0	6	.238	2	4	0	0	4
13 Grace Gilbert	2.93	3-3	9	8	2	1/1	0	40.2	41	23	17	11	32	12	1	2	.261	2	5	0	0	6
5 Kelsey Sweatt	3.12	5-2	10	8	4	1/1	2	42.2	29	21	19	21	40	5	1	5	.195	3	4	0	1	4
Totals	2.78	13-6	19	19	7	4/2	3	126.0	109	64	50	37	117	21	2	13	.232	7	13	0	1	14
Opponents	4.77	6-13	19	19	6	1/0	1	120.1	154	108	82	49	61	33	3	21	.313	12	7	0	8	11

PB - Team (3), B. Leiva 2, J. Poling 1, Opp (4). Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (1). SBA/ATT - J. Poling (6-10), M. Young (5-8), G. Gilbert (6-8), B. Leiva (4-7), K. Sweatt (4-6), A. Agurkis (5-5).