



WEST FLORIDA SOFTBALL

MARCH 20-21 // CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

West Florida Argonauts

15-7
Overall

9-3
GSC

Ashliegh McLean
Head Coach



Christian Bros. Lady Bucs

2-12
Overall

2-10
GSC

Jordan Bastian
Head Coach



.299	BA	.231
120	R	66
171	H	84
34	2B	10
4	3B	1
26	HR	13
100	RBI	62
291	TB	135
.361	OBP	.381
.509	SLG	.372
52	BB	70
73	K	62
30	SB	12
22	E	26
.964	FLD	.935
2.78	ERA	6.61
129	H	162
72	R	110
5	SHO	0
45	BB	52
131	K	37
.236	BA	.385

SCOUTING CBU

Christian Brothers enters the weekend at 2-12 overall, but Argonaut fans will see a better CBU team than they have seen in the past. The Lady Bucs have pulled wins against GSC teams West Alabama and Montevallo so far, with some interesting offensive numbers.

Josie Bond, a freshman with multiple hits in three of her last five games, leads the team in batting at .385. Bond is one of three Lady Bucs batters with an on-base percentage over .400, joined by Elaina McGill (.468) and Ashley Dyer (.475). McGill, despite hitting .194 for the year, has drawn 16 walks -- good for the seventh-most in the country. Dyer has drawn 12 walks and has been hit by 10 pitches this year, and CBU as a team has walked more than it has struck out.

It has been tough in the circle for CBU, with a team 6.61 ERA and a combined .385 opponent batting average.

UWF is 36-3 against CBU since 2003.

A LOOK AT LAST WEEK

UWF was the first team this year to defeat Auburn Montgomery, taking two of three from the Warhawks on the road and moving up to 9-3 in the Gulf South Conference this year.

Courtney McLellan was on fire last week, hitting .429 and slugging .857 over five

Last Week's Starters

#	Name	Pos.	Notes
13	Grace Gilbert	P/LF	1.14 ERA over her last five appearances (24.2 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 (10)... Hit 3 home runs last week
17	Ally Merrill	1B	Career bests in batting (.333), slugging (.649), home runs (5), and RBIs (14)
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 (.464)... 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	3rd in GSC in doubles (6), 4th in total bases (45), 5th in home runs (5)
11	Courtney McLellan	RF	Hitting .375/.453/.696 this season... Reached base in 8 straight games

Schedule

Home: 11-2 Away: 3-4 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 * W, 4-2
 3/13 AUM * W, 4-0; L, 4-6
 3/20 Christian Bros. (DH) * 1 pm
 3/21 Christian Bros. * 1 pm
 3/27 #7 Valdosta State (DH) * 1 pm ET
 3/28 #7 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
 4/13 Columbus State (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.

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	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

ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

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NEWS AND NOTES

games against AUM and Spring Hill, and she, Jacquelynne Poling, and Ally Merrill each had three RBIs. Poling added three home runs over the week, giving her 10 for her career, which leads all active Argonauts.

The pitching staff put together a 2.76 ERA, with 26 strikeouts over 33.0 innings. The defense was sharp as well, with a .965 fielding percentage, and the Warhawks especially were stopped on the bases. AUM entered the series leading Division II in total steals (60) and steals per game (4.3). Over the three-game series, AUM went just 2-for-4 in stolen base tries, with Angela Agurkis and Brett Leiva each throwing out one runner.

PROFESSIONAL HITTER COURTNEY MCLELLAN

Courtney McLellan had another strong week, batting .429 with a double, a triple, a home run, and an .857 slugging percentage over five games. She also walked two more times and did not strike out, which is a common theme for her career -- McLellan has 24 career walks against just 13 career strikeouts, while adding 32 extra-base hits. She has taken a step forward offensively this season, with career highs in batting (.375), slugging (.696), on-base percentage (.453), and home runs (3).

THE 2020 SENIORS

UWF will be honoring the seniors from the Class of 2020 on Saturday, after the group lost its Senior Day and senior seasons due to the pandemic. The seniors who will be recognized are catcher Ashley McNally, outfielder Jibasha Moore, and infielder Callan Taylor.

Moore and Taylor were part of the 2017 team that went to the NCAA Championship in Salem, Virginia, and all three were significant contributors to the 2019 GSC Champions that also reached the NCAA Championship. Over Moore and Taylor's four years with the program, UWF won 148 games and had a .759 winning percentage.

REMEMBERING 2019

A West Florida will also recognize the 2019 team during Saturday's double-header, with the team receiving championship rings for their efforts during that season. It was one of the best seasons in UWF softball history -- the team's 54 wins were the most for the program since 2005, their 1.80 team ERA was the best since 2006, and the offense scored more runs than any UWF team since 2010.

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 Merrill has. Merrill has slugged .649 and hit .333, compared to career averages of .426 and .296, 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

NFCA TOP 25

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

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:

Anderson (10), Western Washington (10),
St. Cloud State (9), Shepherd (6), Northwest
Nazarene (4), Auburn Montgomery (2),
Minnesota State (1).

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(14) and total bases (37) batting in the middle of the UWF order this season, and she has hit five home runs.

Merrill just wrapped up a seven-game hitting streak, batting 10-for-23 (.435) with three home runs, 21 total bases, a .913 slugging percentage, and a .500 on-base percentage.

GILBERT SPINNING GEMS

Pitcher Grace Gilbert has been outstanding in her last five outings, dating back to the series against Alabama Huntsville at home. She has thrown 24.2 innings with a 1.14 ERA, striking out 15 and issuing 6 walks, while opponents have hit just .211. Over her last five appearances, Gilbert's ERA has dropped from 4.57 to 2.79.

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 last Tuesday, before earning the win in the series-opener against Auburn Montgomery.

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 recently put together a 15-game hitting streak -- the third streak of at least 14 games in her career. She hit .415 with 22 hits, 18 runs, a .466 on-base percentage, and 10 steals over that time. 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.

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 .348 and is fourth in the Gulf South Conference in total bases (45), while ranking third in doubles (6) and fifth in home runs (5). Her 45 total bases are the 18th-most in Division II

WE ARE RANKED

UWF moved up to No. 21 in the latest National Fastpitch Coaches Poll, released on Wednesday morning. The Argonauts jumped two spots in the poll on Wednesday after splitting a doubleheader with Spring Hill

and winning a series at Auburn Montgomery last week.

West Florida has been one of the top offenses in the country this year, ranking second in Division II in home runs (26), seventh in hits (171), and ninth in doubles (34). The UWF pitching staff has also been one of the better units in the conference, with a 2.78 team ERA that ranks fourth in the Gulf South Conference and a 2.07 ERA in the month of March.

The Argonauts are one of three GSC teams in the poll, joined by Valdosta State at No. 7 and Alabama Huntsville at No. 25, while AUM is receiving votes. South Region rivals Rollins (No. 5) and Saint Leo (No. 11) are also in the poll.

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 86-27 record, she has a better winning percentage through her first three seasons (.761) 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.

WE ARE SLUGGING

UWF has hit for power in the past, but it does not usually look quite like this. West Florida's current .509 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 (26) and 11th in doubles (34), fifth in hits (171), and 15th in runs (120) this year.

IN THE GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE

With a 41-12 conference record since 2019, West Florida holds the best winning percentage (.774) in league play among all Gulf South Conference teams. The team's 41 conference wins -- as well as their 86 total wins -- over the past three seasons are the most in the GSC.

UWF is third in the league with a 9-3 conference record so far this year, and they've gotten production from every part of the lineup. Teala Howard leads the team with a .395 batting average in conference play, and she, Mika Garcia, Courtney McLellan, Ally Merrill, Jacquelynne Poling, Kara Wilson have each hit multiple home runs against conference opponents. As a team, UWF is hitting .276 and slugging .591 against the GSC.

IN THE RECORD BOOKS

Career Batting Average

(Min. 300 AB)

1.	.464	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.	.583	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.	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.	6.55	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.	.780	Kelsey Sweatt (32-9)	2019-present

Hits Allowed Per 7 Innings

(Min. 2 years & 200 IP)

1.	1.55	Heather Hansen	1990-91
2.	4.40	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	Molly Cobb (AUM)	.511
SLG	Gia Martin (AUM)	1.025
OBP	Madison Slappey (UWG)	.610
Runs	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	24
Hits	Teala Howard (UWF)	32
RBI	Kiley Robb (VSU)	27
2B	Kristyn Nix (UWG)	7
	Sarah Smith (UU)	7
3B	Mackenzie Nutt (UAH)	3
	Lauren Higginbotham (MONT)	3
HR	Kiley Robb (VSU)	8
SB	Teala Howard (UWF)	16

GSC LEADERS

Stat	Player (School)	No.
ERA	Bailey Barnes (AUM)	0.64
Wins	Lacey Coats (DSU)	10
CG	Lacey Coats (DSU)	9
Saves	Kelsey Sweatt (UWF)	2
	3 tied	2
IP	Lacey Coats (DSU)	77.2
SO	Samantha Richards (VSU)	81
SO/7	Lexi Close (UWG)	11.6
BB/7	Montana Young (UWF)	0.82
Opp BA	Kya Draper (UWG)	.155
H/7	Samantha Richards (VSU)	3.79

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
Valdosta State	10-2	0.833	14-3	0.824	W3
Auburn Montgomery	7-2	0.778	15-2	0.882	W1
West Georgia	7-2	0.778	11-3	0.786	W5
West Florida	9-3	0.750	15-7	0.682	L1
Alabama Huntsville	7-5	0.583	12-6	0.667	L3
Delta State	7-5	0.583	14-8	0.636	W3
West Alabama	6-6	0.500	10-8	0.556	W3
Montevallo	6-6	0.500	10-10	0.500	L1
Lee	4-5	0.444	6-9	0.400	L1
Mississippi College	5-7	0.417	6-11	0.353	W3
Union	2-10	0.167	3-17	0.150	L1
Christian Brothers	2-10	0.167	2-12	0.143	W1
Shorter	0-9	0.000	4-13	0.235	L8

GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE BATTING STATISTICS

School	AVG	OBP	SLG	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
Alabama Huntsville	.364	.445	.529	138	192	25	10	14	73	72	36
West Georgia	.350	.428	.535	102	144	29	4	13	48	72	19
Valdosta State	.343	.466	.610	135	146	20	2	30	89	44	45
Auburn Montgomery	.333	.427	.566	124	143	24	5	22	57	60	62
Montevallo	.315	.412	.480	108	156	26	7	14	75	95	37
West Alabama	.313	.426	.460	133	150	28	5	11	73	62	49
Lee	.309	.395	.447	86	128	23	2	10	49	77	37
West Florida	.299	.361	.509	120	171	34	4	26	52	73	30
Delta State	.270	.374	.407	112	156	37	3	12	80	122	37
Union	.243	.301	.341	50	120	23	2	7	33	104	10
Shorter	.234	.310	.312	53	97	18	4	2	42	94	11
Christian Brothers	.231	.381	.372	66	84	10	1	13	70	62	12
Mississippi College	.221	.304	.320	49	94	21	3	5	41	83	17

GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE PITCHING STATISTICS

School	ERA	W-L	IP	Opp. BA	BB	SO	SHO	SV
Valdosta State	1.11	14-3	101.0	.161	15	114	5	2
Auburn Montgomery	1.50	15-2	107.0	.204	32	91	4	3
West Georgia	2.30	11-3	94.1	.196	46	108	5	3
West Florida	2.78	15-7	146.0	.236	45	131	5	3
Alabama Huntsville	3.40	12-6	117.1	.267	71	82	2	2
Delta State	4.10	14-8	148.2	.276	59	105	4	0
Mississippi College	4.16	6-11	111.0	.246	91	87	1	0
Montevallo	4.48	10-10	122.0	.296	62	82	3	2
West Alabama	4.77	10-8	117.1	.301	64	69	0	0
Lee	5.52	6-9	99.0	.314	58	77	1	0
Shorter	5.64	4-13	104.1	.324	113	44	0	1
Christian Brothers	6.53	2-12	90.0	.385	52	37	0	0
Union	7.89	3-17	120.2	.359	123	83	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)
3/16	Kiley Robb (VSU)	Avery Sanders (MC)	Aniston Gano (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 Mar 17, 2021)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 15-7 Home: 11-2 Away: 4-4 Neutral: 0-1 GSC: 9-3

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	.421	22-22	76	23	32	3	1	2	3	43	.566	4	2	9	0	.463	0	0	16-19	21	41	3	.954
11 Courtney McLellan	.375	22-22	56	10	21	5	2	3	16	39	.696	8	0	1	0	.453	0	2	0-0	16	0	1	.941
8 Kara Wilson	.348	22-22	69	15	24	6	0	5	16	45	.652	6	0	12	0	.400	0	0	3-4	31	2	2	.943
17 Ally Merrill	.333	21-21	57	10	19	1	1	5	14	37	.649	5	0	6	0	.375	2	0	1-1	121	4	2	.984
19 Jacquelynne Poling	.314	15-15	35	5	11	1	0	3	6	21	.600	8	1	4	0	.444	1	1	0-0	62	4	1	.985
4 Angela Agurkis	.261	18-16	46	7	12	4	0	1	7	19	.413	1	1	4	0	.292	0	1	0-1	24	2	0	1.000
18 Mika Garcia	.226	22-22	62	13	14	3	0	2	12	23	.371	8	1	6	0	.319	1	4	2-4	38	28	5	.930
13 Grace Gilbert	.140	21-20	50	7	7	2	0	0	6	9	.180	4	1	7	0	.214	1	2	2-2	22	17	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	8-0	4	8	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	11-1	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	.286	12-9	28	5	8	0	0	3	6	17	.607	1	0	3	0	.310	0	1	1-1	54	5	1	.983
2 Kayanna Perez	.286	9-2	7	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	.286	0	0	0	0	.286	0	0	2-2	3	0	0	1.000
1 Kayla Mayo	.278	12-6	18	3	5	2	0	1	3	10	.556	1	0	4	0	.300	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	.222	17-16	18	3	4	3	0	0	2	7	.389	2	2	6	0	.348	1	0	2-2	21	28	3	.942
10 Madilynne Webb	.222	14-4	18	1	4	1	0	0	3	5	.278	2	0	3	0	.286	1	0	0-0	2	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
99 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	.299	22	572	120	171	34	4	26	100	291	.509	52	8	73	1	.361	8	13	30-39	438	150	22	.964
Opponents	.236	22	546	72	129	23	2	17	67	207	.379	45	14	131	1	.310	1	15	17-26	424	175	33	.948

LOB - Team (109), Opp (111). DPs turned - Team (9), Opp (3). Picked off - M. Garcia 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
20 Montana Young	2.70	5-2	13	4	1	0/2	1	46.2	45	24	18	6	49	4	0	8	.249	3	4	0	0	4
13 Grace Gilbert	2.79	4-3	10	9	3	1/1	0	47.2	48	25	19	14	36	13	1	3	.261	2	5	0	0	7
5 Kelsey Sweatt	2.85	6-2	12	9	5	2/1	2	51.2	36	23	21	25	46	6	1	6	.199	3	5	0	1	4
Totals	2.78	15-7	22	22	9	5/2	3	146.0	129	72	58	45	131	23	2	17	.236	8	14	0	1	15
Opponents	4.46	7-15	22	22	7	1/0	2	141.1	171	120	90	52	73	34	4	26	.299	13	8	0	8	13

PB - Team (3), B. Leiva 2, J. Poling 1, Opp (4). Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (1). SBA/ATT - J. Poling (7-11), M. Young (5-9), G. Gilbert (7-9), B. Leiva (5-9), K. Sweatt (5-8), A. Agurkis (5-6).