



# WEST FLORIDA SOFTBALL

## MARCH 27-28 // NO. 7 VALDOSTA STATE

**West Florida Argonauts**

**18-7**  
Overall

**12-3**  
GSC

**Ashliegh McLean**  
Head Coach




**Valdosta State Blazers**

**16-3**  
Overall

**10-2**  
GSC

**Thomas Macera**  
Head Coach



### SCOUTING VALDOSTA STATE

This weekend's matchup at No. 7 Valdosta State will be one of the best of the year for both the Blazers and the Argonauts. The top two teams in the Gulf South Conference standings, UWF and VSU have each been outstanding in the circle and at the plate.

It's difficult to know where to start with the VSU lineup, given how deep it is. Nicole Pennington has been one of the best players in the country, hitting .462 with 8 home runs and a .981 slugging percentage, while drawing 16 walks and striking out just 3 times. She's tied for the league lead in home runs and RBIs (27) with teammate Kiley Robb, who has hit .375. The Lady Blazers lead the country with 33 home runs and are ninth in runs scored (145).

Samantha Richards has impressed for VSU in the circle, as well. She leads the GSC in ERA (0.56), opponent batting average (.150), and strikeouts (95) over 74.2 innings pitched.

UWF and VSU have played just one common opponent this year -- Mississippi College. Both teams swept the Lady Choctaws, while UWF outscored them 18-3 and VSU outscored MC 20-7.

Valdosta State's strength of schedule to date is .421 -- ranked 92nd out of 131 teams. UWF's, on the other hand, is .744 -- ranked 13th in Division II.

## Schedule

Home: 14-2 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. \* W, 8-6; W, 11-3**

**3/21 Christian Bros. \* W, 5-0**

**3/27 #7 Valdosta State (DH) \* 2 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 Dahlgonega, Ga.

.316	BA	.343
144	R	145
206	H	162
43	2B	22
6	3B	2
29	HR	33
122	RBI	141
348	TB	287
.377	OBP	.461
.535	SLG	.608
57	BB	96
80	K	53
33	SB	46
25	E	16
.964	FLD	.966
2.76	ERA	1.41
142	H	62
81	R	28
6	SHO	6
53	BB	18
147	K	133
.230	BA	.156

### Last Week's Starters

#	Name	Pos.	Notes
20	Montana Young	P	GSC Freshman of the Week (3/23)... 4th in GSC in strikeouts (59)
19	Jacquelynne Poling	C	UWF's active home run leader (11)... 4 homers in last 8 games
17	Ally Merrill	1B	Career bests in batting (.364), slugging (.697), home runs (5), and RBIs (17)
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)... Hit .545 with 2 triples last weekend
18	Mika Garcia	SS	GSC Player of the Week (3/23)... Hit .778 with 4 RBIs in CBU series
2	Kayanna Perez	LF	Went 4-for-7 (.571) in CBU series last weekend... Batting .429 this year
8	Kara Wilson	CF	4th in GSC in total bases (51), 5th in doubles (6), 7th in home runs (6)
11	Courtney McLellan	RF	Hitting .369/.438/.662 this season... Reached base in 11 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
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

### A LOOK AT LAST WEEK

It's tough to have a better weekend statistically than UWF did against Christian Brothers. West Florida hit .443 and slugged .722 against CBU, while scoring 8 runs per game. Mika Garcia was one of five players to hit over .500, batting .778 (7-9) with a home run, four RBIs, and five runs scored. Kayanna Perez had a strong weekend to round out UWF's lineup, hitting .571 with a stolen base, and Ally Merrill hit .556 with four doubles and three RBIs. Teala Howard hit .545 with two triples, and Jacquelynne Poling added 8 RBIs while going 4-for-8 at the plate.

### WE ARE RANKED

Fresh off a sweep over Christian Brothers last weekend, UWF has moved up to No. 17 in the latest National Fastpitch Coaches Association poll.

The Argonauts are one of three GSC teams in the top 25, joined by No. 7 Valdosta State and No. 22 Alabama Huntsville. Auburn Montgomery is receiving votes, while fellow South Region members Rollins (No. 5) and Saint Leo (No. 23) are also ranked.

North Georgia remains the top-ranked team in the country, followed by Texas A&M-Commerce, Augustana, Lincoln Memorial, and Rollins.

This is the highest ranking for UWF so far this season.

### THIS WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS

Mika Garcia and Montana Young were named the Gulf South Conference Player of the Week the GSC Freshman of the Week, respectively, on Tuesday morning.

Garcia went 7-for-9 in the series against Christian Brothers, with five runs scored, a home run, and four RBIs. The senior shortstop slugged 1.111 for the series with an on-base percentage of .800, and she had multiple hits and at least one RBI in each game of the series. Garcia now has a hit in six of her last seven games, and she raised her average by 70 points over the weekend.

Young was dominant in 10 innings against the Lady Bucs over the weekend. She earned two wins in series against Christian Brothers, posting a 0.00 ERA over 9 innings, with 10 strikeouts and a .100 opponent batting average. The rookie threw her first career complete game shutout on Sunday, allowing two hits and striking out seven in the win. She also threw two scoreless innings of relief on Saturday in the series-opener, with 3 strikeouts and one hit allowed.

### JACQUELYNNE POLING, HOME RUN MACHINE

Senior catcher Jacquelynne Poling has been as good as anyone over the last few weeks, hitting .417 with a team-best four home runs in the last eight games dating back to March 9 at Spring Hill. In that time, Poling has

## NFCA TOP 25

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

### OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:

West Chester (24), Anderson (22), Western Washington (17), Minnesota State (16), Northwest Nazarene (9), Texas A&M International (6), Central Missouri (2), Auburn Montgomery (1), Trevecca Nazarene (1).

## NEWS AND NOTES

raised her batting average by 86 points, up to .349, with 11 RBIs and a 1.000 slugging percentage.

### EVERYTHING SCHOOL

As it often is, this spring is a great time to be an Argonaut -- all six teams in action for UWF are ranked in their respective national polls. Joining the softball program at No. 17 nationally are the UWF Baseball team at No. 13, Men's Golf at No. 4, Women's Golf at No. 13, Men's Tennis at No. 4, and Women's Tennis at No. 6.

Not surprisingly, UWF is the only school in the country with all six of those spring sports teams ranked in their respective national polls.

### PROFESSIONAL HITTER COURTNEY MCLELLAN

Courtney McLellan had another strong weekend against AUM, 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 14 career strikeouts, while adding 33 extra-base hits. She has taken a step forward offensively, with career highs in batting (.369), slugging (.662), on-base percentage (.438), and home runs (3).

### 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 .697 and hit .364, 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 hits (24), home runs (5), RBIs (17) and total bases (46) batting in the middle of the UWF order this season.

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.

### 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 (.592), and ranks fifth in Division II in stolen bases (16) and third in hits (38) 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 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 .342 and is fourth in the Gulf South Conference in total bases (51), while ranking fifth in doubles (6) and seventh in home runs (6).

## 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 89-27 record, she has a better winning percentage through her first three seasons (.767) 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 .535 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 (29) and sixth in doubles (43), ninth in hits (206), and 10th in runs (144) this year.

## IN THE GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE

With a 44-12 conference record since 2019, West Florida holds the best winning percentage (.786) in league play among all Gulf South Conference teams. The team's 44 conference wins -- as well as their 89 total wins -- over the past three seasons are the most in the GSC.

UWF is third in the league with a 12-3 conference record so far this year, and they've gotten production from every part of the lineup. Teala Howard leads the team with a .426 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 .309 and slugging .560 against the GSC.

## IN THE RECORD BOOKS

### Career Batting Average

(Min. 300 AB)

1.	<b>.467</b>	<b>Teala Howard</b>	<b>2019-present</b>
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.	<b>.592</b>	<b>Teala Howard</b>	<b>2019-present</b>
6.	.581	Rhiannon Sassman	2016-present

### Stolen Bases

1.	174	Misty Haynes	1990-94
2.	107	Erin Smith	1995-98
3.	<b>89</b>	<b>Teala Howard</b>	<b>2019-present</b>
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
t-4.	<b>6.48</b>	<b>Kelsey Sweatt</b>	<b>2019-present</b>
t-4.	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.	<b>.786</b>	<b>Kelsey Sweatt (33-9)</b>	<b>2019-present</b>
5.	.784	Krissty Styrna (80-22)	1999-2002
6.	.781	Danelle Harvey (125-35)	1990-93

### Hits Allowed Per 7 Innings

(Min. 2 years & 200 IP)

1.	1.55	Heather Hansen	1990-91
2.	<b>4.44</b>	<b>Kelsey Sweatt</b>	<b>2019-present</b>
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)	.509
SLG	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	.981
OBP	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	.606
Runs	<b>Teala Howard (UWF)</b>	<b>29</b>
Hits	<b>Teala Howard (UWF)</b>	<b>38</b>
RBI	Kiley Robb (VSU)	27
	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	27
2B	Kristyn Nix (UWG)	9
3B	Laney Harris (Lee)	4
HR	Kiley Robb (VSU)	8
	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	8
SB	<b>Teala Howard (UWF)</b>	<b>16</b>

## GSC LEADERS

Stat	Player (School)	No.
ERA	Samantha Richards (VSU)	0.56
Wins	Lacey Coats (DSU)	12
CG	Lacey Coats (DSU)	11
Saves	Lexi Close (UWG)	3
IP	Lacey Coats (DSU)	96.1
SO	Samantha Richards (VSU)	95
SO/7	Lexi Close (UWG)	10.7
BB/7	Kya Draper (UWG)	0.93
Opp BA	Samantha Richards (VSU)	.150
H/7	Samantha Richards (VSU)	3.56
K/BB	Samantha Richards (VSU)	9.50

## PAST CHAMPIONS

Year	Tournament	Reg. Season
2020	N/A	N/A
2019	<b>West Florida</b>	<b>West Florida</b>
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	16-3	0.842	W5
<b>West Florida</b>	<b>12-3</b>	<b>0.800</b>	<b>18-7</b>	<b>0.720</b>	<b>W3</b>
West Georgia	9-3	0.750	13-6	0.684	L3
Auburn Montgomery	8-4	0.667	16-4	0.800	L1
Alabama Huntsville	9-6	0.600	14-7	0.667	W1
Delta State	9-6	0.600	16-11	0.593	L2
Lee	7-5	0.583	9-9	0.500	W3
Mississippi College	8-7	0.533	9-11	0.450	W6
West Alabama	7-8	0.467	11-10	0.524	W1
Montevallo	6-9	0.400	10-13	0.435	L4
Union	3-12	0.200	4-19	0.174	L1
Christian Brothers	2-13	0.133	2-16	0.111	L4
Shorter	0-12	0.000	4-16	0.200	L11

## GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE BATTING STATISTICS

School	AVG	OBP	SLG	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
Alabama Huntsville	.354	.423	.512	152	214	28	10	16	80	80	43
Valdosta State	.343	.461	.608	145	162	22	2	33	96	53	46
West Georgia	.329	.412	.505	115	178	36	4	17	67	105	21
Auburn Montgomery	.322	.411	.549	137	164	26	6	26	62	76	67
Lee	.318	.401	.462	112	157	25	5	12	59	91	45
<b>West Florida</b>	<b>.316</b>	<b>.377</b>	<b>.535</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>33</b>
Montevallo	.303	.398	.468	121	173	29	7	17	82	110	41
West Alabama	.293	.401	.428	138	163	29	5	12	76	82	50
Delta State	.274	.380	.417	137	193	48	4	15	103	149	43
Union	.252	.315	.364	68	147	28	2	11	42	119	15
Mississippi College	.243	.342	.344	73	118	25	3	6	59	90	30
Christian Brothers	.227	.364	.364	80	110	14	2	16	80	79	13
Shorter	.226	.310	.294	55	106	18	4	2	54	104	12

## GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE PITCHING STATISTICS

School	ERA	W-L	IP	Opp. BA	BB	SO	SHO	SV
Valdosta State	1.10	16-3	115.0	.156	18	133	6	2
Auburn Montgomery	1.94	16-4	126.1	.217	39	99	4	4
West Georgia	2.31	13-6	127.1	.201	53	144	6	4
<b>West Florida</b>	<b>2.76</b>	<b>18-7</b>	<b>165.0</b>	<b>.230</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
Alabama Huntsville	3.34	14-7	138.1	.266	76	98	2	3
Mississippi College	3.61	9-11	128.0	.237	103	97	3	0
Delta State	4.29	16-11	182.2	.288	70	128	4	0
West Alabama	4.62	11-10	136.1	.303	74	74	0	0
Montevallo	4.90	10-13	138.2	.305	72	96	3	2
Lee	5.22	9-9	118.0	.300	65	92	1	1
Shorter	6.27	4-16	118.1	.332	131	51	0	1
Christian Brothers	6.66	2-17	117.2	.389	62	53	0	0
Union	7.57	4-19	139.2	.349	143	99	0	0

## GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE WEEKLY AWARDS

Date	Player of the Week	Pitcher of the Week	Freshman of the Week
2/2	<b>Courtney McLellan (UWF)</b>	<b>Kelsey Sweatt (UWF)</b>	<b>Montana Young (UWF)</b>
2/9	Kaylee Vaught (UAH)	Brookelyn Sweeney (DSU)	Raegan Stafford (DSU)
2/16	Parker Pinholster (AUM)	<b>Kelsey Sweatt (UWF)</b>	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)
3/23	<b>Mika Garcia (UWF)</b>	Avery Sanders (MC), Samantha Richards (VSU)	<b>Montana Young (UWF)</b>

# 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 24, 2021)**  
**(All games Sorted by Batting avg)**

Record: 18-7 Home: 14-2 Away: 4-4 Neutral: 0-1 GSC: 12-3

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	.437	25-25	87	29	38	3	3	2	6	53	.609	4	3	9	0	.479	0	0	16-19	27	43	3	.959
11 Courtney McLellan	.369	25-25	65	11	24	6	2	3	16	43	.662	8	0	2	0	.438	0	2	0-0	20	0	1	.952
17 Ally Merrill	.364	24-24	66	14	24	5	1	5	17	46	.697	6	0	7	0	.405	2	0	2-2	137	4	2	.986
19 Jacquelynne Poling	.349	18-18	43	6	15	3	0	4	14	30	.698	10	1	4	0	.473	1	1	0-0	76	6	1	.988
8 Kara Wilson	.342	25-25	79	18	27	6	0	6	19	51	.646	7	0	14	0	.395	0	0	3-4	34	2	2	.947
18 Mika Garcia	.296	25-25	71	18	21	3	0	3	16	33	.465	8	2	6	0	.378	1	5	3-5	42	34	8	.905
4 Angela Agurkis	.240	19-17	50	7	12	4	0	1	7	19	.380	1	1	4	0	.269	0	1	0-1	24	2	0	1.000
13 Grace Gilbert	.137	22-21	51	7	7	2	0	0	6	9	.176	4	1	7	0	.211	1	3	2-2	22	18	0	1.000
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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	9-0	4	8	2	1	0	1	2	6	1.500	0	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
2 Kayanna Perez	.429	12-5	14	4	6	0	0	0	1	6	.429	0	0	0	0	.429	0	2	3-3	6	0	0	1.000
25 Lauryann Boggs	.333	12-1	3	3	1	1	0	0	1	2	.667	0	0	0	1	.333	0	0	1-2	0	0	0	.000
1 Kayla Mayo	.278	13-6	18	4	5	2	0	1	3	10	.556	2	0	4	0	.333	1	2	0-1	11	4	0	1.000
21 Brett Leiva	.267	13-10	30	5	8	0	0	3	6	17	.567	1	1	4	0	.313	0	1	1-1	56	5	1	.984
16 Mallory Vining	.250	20-19	24	5	6	4	0	0	2	10	.417	2	2	8	0	.345	1	0	2-2	26	30	3	.949
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
10 Madilynne Webb	.238	15-5	21	1	5	2	0	0	3	7	.333	2	0	3	0	.292	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	.316	25	651	144	206	43	6	29	122	348	.535	57	11	80	1	.377	8	17	33-42	495	167	25	.964
Opponents	.230	25	618	81	142	26	2	19	74	229	.371	53	18	147	1	.309	1	15	17-26	472	196	36	.949

LOB - Team (128), Opp (129). DPs turned - Team (10), Opp (4). 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	2.26	7-2	15	5	2	1/2	1	55.2	48	24	18	10	59	4	0	8	.227	3	4	0	0	4
5 Kelsey Sweatt	2.96	7-2	13	10	6	2/1	2	56.2	41	26	24	27	48	6	1	8	.205	3	6	0	1	4
13 Grace Gilbert	3.06	4-3	11	10	3	1/1	0	52.2	53	31	23	16	40	16	1	3	.256	2	8	0	0	7
Totals	2.76	18-7	25	25	11	6/2	3	165.0	142	81	65	53	147	26	2	19	.230	8	18	0	1	15
Opponents	4.98	7-18	25	25	7	1/0	2	157.1	206	144	112	57	80	43	6	29	.316	15	11	0	8	17

PB - Team (3), B. Leiva 2, J. Poling 1, Opp (5). 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).