



WEST FLORIDA SOFTBALL

MARCH 5-6 // MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

West Florida Argonauts

9-5

Overall

4-2

GSC

Ashliegh McLean

Head Coach



Mississippi College Choctaws

3-8

Overall

2-4

GSC

Brooke O'Hair

Head Coach



SCOUTING MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

The Lady Choctaws from Mississippi College come into the weekend with a 3-8 record, standing at 2-4 in the Gulf South Conference after falling to No. 9 Valdosta State in a sweep on the road. It is an uncharacteristic start for a normally very strong program.

Jordan LaFosse and McCall Lee have led MC offensively, hitting .394 and .344, respectively. LaFosse also leads the team in hits (13), doubles (4), RBIs (7), OBP (.459) and slugging (.606), and Lee is right behind her in each category.

Avery Sanders has been the ace in the circle for the Choctaws, with 46 strikeouts in 40.0 innings and a .191 batting average against. Those marks put her near the top of the GSC, though she has also walked 40 batters and has an ERA of 3.85.

UWF leads the all-time series against MC 19-5, and the Argonauts are 10-5 since the Lady Choctaws joined the NCAA in 2015.

HOMESTAND SWEET HOMESTAND

The Argonauts wrap up an 11-game homestand this weekend, and it's been a good start. Over the last eight games at home, UWF is 6-2 and has hit .329 while scoring more than seven runs per game. More surprisingly, the Argonauts have slugged .571, with 15 doubles and 12 home runs during that time.

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 .339 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... UWF's active home run leader (7)
17	Ally Merrill	1B	Batting .324/.351/.618 with 3 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 (.474)... Leads Division II in SB (13)
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 (4) and RBIs (12)
11	Courtney McLellan	RF	Hitting .382/.447/.618 this season... Career .290 hitter, hits .352 at home

Schedule

Home: 8-2 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 UAH * W, 5-4; L, 2-3
2/28 #15 UAH * L, 6-7

March

3/5 Miss. College * 4 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 Dahlonega, Ga.

UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	B/T	Hometown	Previous School
1	Kayla Mayo	MI	5-3	So.	R/R	Minneola, Fla.	Lake Minneola HS
3	Kelsey Hodges	OF	5-5	Jr.	R/R	Milton, Fla.	Coastal Alabama CC
4	Angela Agurkis	C	5-6	Jr.	R/R	Green Cove Springs, Fla.	Florida Atlantic
5	Kelsey Sweatt	P	5-6	Sr.	R/R	Jacksonville, Fla.	USC Upstate
7	Morgan Zettle	OF	5-8	Jr.	L/R	Tallahassee, Fla.	Lincoln HS
8	Kara Wilson	OF	5-7	Sr.	R/R	Odessa, Fla.	Gaither HS
9	Teala Howard	3B/OF	5-5	Jr.	L/R	Lake Butler, Fla.	Union County HS
10	Madilynne Webb	IF	5-8	Fr.	R/R	Chipley, Fla.	Chipley HS
11	Courtney McLellan	OF	5-8	Sr.	L/L	Bradenton, Fla.	Lakewood Ranch HS
12	Chelsea Dumas	UTIL	5-6	Fr.	R/R	Bonita Springs, Fla.	Estero HS
13	Grace Gilbert	P/OF	5-5	Jr.	R/R	Chipley, Fla.	Chipley HS
14	Lexi Pope	MI	5-8	Fr.	R/R	Frisco, Texas	Louisiana Tech
16	Mallory Vining	IF	5-8	Jr.	R/R	Ponchatoula, La.	Ponchatoula HS
17	Ally Merrill	1B	5-9	Sr.	R/R	Sarasota, Fla.	Riverview HS
18	Mika Garcia	SS	5-4	Sr.	R/R	Orange Park, Fla.	Oakleaf HS
19	Jacquelynne Poling	C/1B	5-8	Sr.	R/R	Chino Hills, Calif.	Ontario Christian HS
20	Montana Young	P	5-4	Fr.	R/R	Slidell, La.	Northshore HS
21	Brett Leiva	C	5-9	So.	R/R	Denham Springs, La.	Live Oak HS
22	Hanna Stapleton	UTIL	5-4	Sr.	R/R	Navarre, Fla.	Tallahassee CC
24	Kayanna Perez	OF	5-5	Jr.	L/R	Jacksonville, Fla.	Paxton HS
25	Laurynn Boggs	OF	5-7	So.	R/R	Longwood, Fla.	Lyman HS

Head Coach: Ashliegh McLean

Graduate Assistant: Tori Perkins

Assistant Coach: Emma Johansen

Student Assistant: Taylor Baynes

By Position

Pitchers (3)

Grace Gilbert
Kelsey Sweatt
Montana Young

Catchers (3)

Angela Agurkis
Brett Leiva
Jacquelynne Poling

Utility (3)

Chelsea Dumas
Teala Howard
Hanna Stapleton

Infielders (6)

Mika Garcia
Kayla Mayo
Ally Merrill
Lexi Pope
Mallory Vining
Madilynne Webb

Outfielders (6)

Laurynn Boggs
Kelsey Hodges
Courtney McLellan
Kayanna Perez
Kara Wilson
Morgan Zettle

By Hometown

Florida (16)

Angela Agurkis	Courtney McLellan
Laurynn Boggs	Ally Merrill
Chelsea Dumas	Kayanna Perez
Mika Garcia	Hanna Stapleton
Grace Gilbert	Kelsey Sweatt
Kelsey Hodges	Madilynne Webb
Teala Howard	Kara Wilson
Kayla Mayo	Morgan Zettle

California (1)

Jacquelynne Poling

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

Teala Howard has led UWF in batting (.500), runs (12), hits (14), steals (7), and on-base percentage (.533) in the homestand, and Mika Garcia, Brett Leiva, Ally Merrill, and Kara Wilson have each hit two home runs. Garcia leads the team with 10 RBIs over the last eight games, Wilson has added three doubles, and Leiva is slugging a team-best .846.

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 .341 and leads UWF in doubles (3), home runs (4), and RBIs (12). Her four round-trippers lead the Gulf South Conference, and they are the sixth-most in Division II. She is also ninth in total bases (30), 16th in RBIs, and 20th in hits (15).

Wilson is on a nine-game hitting streak, dating back to February 13 against Hillsdale. Since then she has hit .333 with 8 runs, 3 doubles, 3 home runs, 11 RBIs, and a .733 slugging percentage that leads the team over the last nine contests.

ABOUT LAST WEEK

It was a busy few days for Argonaut softball, sweeping Spring Hill in a mid-week doubleheader before hosting No. 15 Alabama Huntsville on Saturday and Sunday.

The offense stayed hot, scoring seven runs per game and slugging .468. The Argonauts hit .295 as a team, led by Teala Howard and Brett Leiva, who each hit an even .500. Howard led the team with nine hits and five stolen bases, and Leiva slugged 1.100 with a pair of home runs.

Freshman Montana Young was sharp in the circle, with 22 strikeouts and no walks over a team-high 15.0 innings pitched, with a 1.87 ERA. She struck out 10 Spring Hill batters on Wednesday, across four innings of relief in the two games.

SCORING IN BULK

West Florida has made a habit out of putting crooked numbers on the scoreboard this year. The Argonauts have scored 3 or more runs in 11 separate innings this season. 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 (.474), ranks third in steals (86) and fifth in slugging (.589), and leads Division II in stolen bases this year (13). Howard also led DII in hits last season, and she tied the UWF single-season record for batting in 2019 (.464) as a freshman.

NFCA TOP 25

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

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:

Saginaw Valley State (17), St. Cloud State (8), Newberry (6), Central Oklahoma (5), Colorado Mesa (4), Adelphi (2), Minnesota State (2), **West Florida (2)**, Biola (1).

NEWS AND NOTES

She has at least one hit in 13 of 14 games this season and is riding a nine-game hitting streak. She has hit .484 with 15 hits, 14 runs, a .529 on-base percentage, and seven 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.

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 80-25 record, she has a better winning percentage through her first three seasons (.762) 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 33 strikeouts and just 5 walks in 30.2 innings. Opponents are also hitting just .246 against the rookie from Slidell, Louisiana, which ranks 13th 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, and she struck out 22 with no walks over 15 innings and a 1.87 ERA over the last week.

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 weekend series against UWA -- their .572 team mark at that time put 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 current .515 slugging percentage would be the highest single-season mark for the program since joining Division II. UWF ranks third in the country in home runs (16), fourth in doubles (22), fifth in hits (113), and eighth in runs (83) this year.

ARGOS AT HOME

Put simply, UWF likes playing at home. The Argonauts are 79-17 (.823 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 1.85 ERA over 139.2 innings pitched, and Gilbert has spun a 2.22 ERA in 154.2 innings at home, with a career 23-4 record.

Gilbert is also hitting .357 at the plate, second behind only Teala Howard among active Argonauts. Howard is hitting .514 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 .331/.382/.550 at home in her four years, and McLellan has hit .352 while slugging .539.

IN THE GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE

With a 36-11 conference record since 2019, West Florida holds the best winning percentage (.766) in league play among all Gulf South Conference teams. The team's 36 conference wins -- as well as their 80 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.

PROTOCOLS AT HOME

University of West Florida athletics has increased attendance to 25 percent capacity for all softball home games. Each game is first come, first serve to the general public, with a set number of tickets to be held aside for Argonaut Athletic Club Booster members. AAC members can collect their tickets at the ticket window on gameday with their booster club card.

Gates will open 60 minutes prior to first pitch. Tailgating in the parking lot is not allowed, and, as a reminder, pets are not allowed. Face coverings and at least six feet of social distancing will be required. All other COVID-19 visitor compliance guidelines must be followed.

IN THE RECORD BOOKS

Career Batting Average

(Min. 300 AB)

1.	.474	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.	.589	Teala Howard	2019-present
6.	.581	Rhiannon Sassman	2016-present

Stolen Bases

1.	174	Misty Haynes	1990-94
2.	107	Erin Smith	1995-98
t-3.	86	Teala Howard	2019-present
t-3.	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.	6.62	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.	.789	Kelsey Sweatt (30-8)	2019-present
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.	4.26	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)	.625
SLG	Gia Martin (AUM)	1.211
OBP	Molly Cobb (AUM)	.710
Runs	Teala Howard (UWF)	17
Hits	Teala Howard (UWF)	22
RBI	Mackenzie Nutt (UAH)	17
2B	5 tied	4
3B	Mackenzie Nutt (UAH)	3
HR	Kara Wilson (UWF)	4
	Summer Cryder (DSU)	4
	Gia Martin (AUM)	4
SB	Teala Howard (UWF)	13

GSC LEADERS

Stat	Player (School)	No.
ERA	Sierra Easterwood (MONT)	0.50
Wins	Lacey Coats (DSU)	5
	Samantha Richards (VSU)	5
CG	Avery Sanders (MC)	5
	Samantha Richards (VSU)	5
Saves	Kelsey Sweatt (UWF)	2
IP	Lacey Coats (DSU)	40.2
SO	Avery Sanders (MC)	46
SO/7	Lexi Close (UWG)	13.8
BB/7	Sierra Easterwood (MONT)	0.50
Opp BA	Samantha Richards (VSU)	.122

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	6-0	1.000	8-1	0.889	W8
Auburn Montgomery	3-0	1.000	9-0	1.000	W9
West Florida	4-2	0.667	9-5	0.643	L2
Alabama Huntsville	4-2	0.667	9-3	0.750	W2
West Georgia	4-2	0.667	6-3	0.667	L2
Delta State	3-3	0.500	8-6	0.571	W2
Lee	3-3	0.500	5-7	0.417	L5
Montevallo	3-3	0.500	5-7	0.417	W2
West Alabama	2-4	0.333	6-6	0.500	W1
Mississippi College	2-4	0.333	3-8	0.273	L3
Union	1-5	0.167	2-12	0.143	L4
Christian Brothers	1-5	0.167	1-7	0.125	L1
Shorter	0-3	0.000	4-7	0.364	L2

GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE BATTING STATISTICS

School	AVG	OBP	SLG	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
Alabama Huntsville	.394	.471	.580	108	135	13	9	11	49	47	17
West Georgia	.351	.427	.494	61	93	16	2	6	28	56	14
Auburn Montgomery	.338	.427	.542	65	76	12	2	10	26	31	37
Valdosta State	.335	.448	.561	68	77	10	0	14	42	26	27
Montevallo	.326	.435	.472	72	98	18	4	6	50	55	24
West Florida	.311	.363	.515	83	113	22	2	16	27	44	22
West Alabama	.307	.415	.429	79	100	17	4	5	47	50	20
Lee	.305	.400	.444	68	101	18	2	8	44	68	35
Union	.263	.324	.358	42	97	18	1	5	28	69	8
Delta State	.254	.375	.384	72	94	21	3	7	61	90	31
Shorter	.253	.329	.346	42	68	14	4	1	27	52	7
Christian Brothers	.226	.387	.337	37	45	2	1	6	40	37	7
Mississippi College	.223	.301	.342	31	62	15	3	4	26	55	9

GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE PITCHING STATISTICS

School	ERA	W-L	IP	Opp. BA	BB	SO	SHO	SV
Valdosta State	1.02	8-1	55.0	.128	12	55	1	1
Auburn Montgomery	1.35	9-0	57.0	.223	23	51	2	2
West Georgia	3.02	6-3	60.1	.226	35	63	3	2
West Florida	3.20	9-5	92.0	.241	31	88	2	2
Alabama Huntsville	3.50	9-3	74.0	.268	44	60	2	1
Montevallo	4.04	5-7	71.0	.293	25	47	2	0
Delta State	4.23	8-6	91.0	.274	43	75	3	0
Mississippi College	4.50	3-8	70.0	.252	56	57	0	0
Shorter	4.82	4-7	69.2	.309	80	31	0	1
West Alabama	5.63	6-6	82.0	.318	46	41	0	0
Lee	6.10	5-7	78.0	.307	48	64	1	0
Union	7.67	2-12	87.2	.367	88	61	0	0
Christian Brothers	7.91	1-7	46.0	.404	27	19	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)

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 28, 2021)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 9-5 Home: 8-2 Away: 1-2 Neutral: 0-1 GSC: 4-2

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	.468	14-14	47	17	22	1	1	1	1	28	.596	3	1	5	0	.510	0	0	13-14	13	28	3	.932
11 Courtney McLellan	.382	14-14	34	6	13	3	1	1	10	21	.618	4	0	1	0	.447	0	2	0-0	11	0	1	.917
8 Kara Wilson	.341	14-14	44	10	15	3	0	4	12	30	.682	2	0	6	0	.370	0	0	2-3	16	1	2	.895
17 Ally Merrill	.324	13-13	34	5	11	1	0	3	8	21	.618	2	0	3	0	.351	1	0	0-0	74	1	1	.987
4 Angela Agurkis	.276	11-10	29	5	8	3	0	0	4	11	.379	0	1	2	0	.300	0	0	0-1	10	1	0	1.000
18 Mika Garcia	.263	14-14	38	9	10	3	0	2	11	19	.500	3	1	4	0	.326	1	2	2-2	26	20	3	.939
13 Grace Gilbert	.161	13-12	31	5	5	1	0	0	4	6	.194	2	0	5	0	.206	1	1	1-1	10	10	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
21 Brett Leiva	.389	8-6	18	4	7	0	0	3	6	16	.889	1	0	2	0	.421	0	1	1-1	36	4	0	1.000
25 Laurynn Boggs	.333	8-1	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	.300	8-3	10	2	3	1	0	1	2	7	.700	1	0	0	0	.364	0	1	0-1	7	2	0	1.000
7 Morgan Zettle	.286	10-7	14	2	4	0	0	0	1	4	.286	2	0	4	0	.375	0	0	0-0	8	2	1	.909
10 Madilynne Webb	.267	11-4	15	1	4	1	0	0	3	5	.333	2	0	1	0	.333	1	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
19 Jacquelynne Poling	.250	8-8	16	1	4	0	0	0	1	4	.250	5	1	2	0	.455	0	1	0-0	46	4	1	.980
16 Mallory Vining	.200	12-11	15	2	3	2	0	0	2	5	.333	0	1	6	0	.235	1	0	1-1	14	10	1	.960
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	5-0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	.000
14 Lexi Pope	.000	2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	2	1	1	.750
Totals	.311	14	363	83	113	22	2	16	70	187	.515	27	5	44	1	.363	5	8	22-27	276	92	16	.958
Opponents	.241	14	348	55	84	16	2	12	51	140	.402	31	10	88	0	.321	1	10	12-19	265	111	21	.947

LOB - Team (60), Opp (69). DPs turned - Team (3), 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
20 Montana Young	2.74	4-1	9	2	0	0/1	0	30.2	29	18	12	5	33	2	0	6	.246	1	3	0	0	4
5 Kelsey Sweatt	2.79	4-1	8	6	3	1/1	2	32.2	19	14	13	15	31	3	1	4	.170	3	4	0	1	2
13 Grace Gilbert	4.15	1-3	7	6	1	0/0	0	28.2	36	23	17	11	24	11	1	2	.305	2	3	0	0	4
Totals	3.20	9-5	14	14	4	2/1	2	92.0	84	55	42	31	88	16	2	12	.241	6	10	0	1	10
Opponents	4.68	5-9	14	14	5	1/0	0	88.1	113	83	59	27	44	22	2	16	.311	8	5	0	5	8

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