



WEST FLORIDA SOFTBALL

MAY 19-22 // NCAA REGIONAL



Opponents		
.304	BA	.230
246	R	145
353	H	256
76	2B	35
8	3B	4
47	HR	40
209	RBI	133
586	TB	419
.367	OBP	.316
.505	SLG	.377
105	BB	112
174	K	269
57	SB	29
37	E	63
.970	FLD	.949
2.81	ERA	4.82
256	H	353
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.230	BA	.304

Last Week's Starters

#	Name	Pos.	Notes
5	Kelsey Sweatt	P	3rd in the GSC in wins (14) and 4th in strikeouts (116)... 6th in opp. BA (.208)
19	Jacquelynne Poling	C	Most homers for a UWF catcher (8) since Natalie Manis in 2005
17	Ally Merrill	1B	Career bests in batting (.368), slugging (.648), home runs (7), and RBIs (31)
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 (.466)... 15-game hitting streak
18	Mika Garcia	SS	GSC Player of the Week on 3/23... Hit .778 with 4 RBIs in CBU series
2	Kayanna Perez	LF	Went 4-for-7 (.571) in CBU series... Batting .266 this year
8	Kara Wilson	CF	Leads GSC center fielders in home runs (11), RBIs (37), and total bases (87)
11	Courtney McLellan	RF	Batting .336/.399/.607... 2nd in the GSC in doubles (12)

IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

UWF is making its 15th trip to the NCAA Tournament this weekend, a total good for the third-most in Gulf South Conference history. The Argonauts' 36 all-time wins in the tournament are also the third-most in conference history, and UWF has had 14 of those wins over the last three NCAA Tournaments.

West Florida's 14 NCAA Tournament wins since 2017 are the second-most in the country, behind only Southern Indiana (17), who the Argonauts beat in the 2017 NCAA Championship.

A LOOK AT OUR BRACKET

West Florida is familiar with four of the five other teams in the bracket, holding a 6-6 record against Alabama Huntsville, Mississippi College, Auburn Montgomery, and Valdosta State this year.

Valdosta State is the only team in this bracket that UWF has faced in the regional since 2017, and the Argonauts are 3-0 against the Lady Blazers in those NCAA Tournament games.

UWF's first matchup will be against Rollins, who the Argonauts last saw in 2017 when UWF won 11-10 against the Tars at the Gulf Coast Invitational to start the season.

Rollins enters the tournament with a 19-2 record as the winners of the Sunshine State Conference. The Tars have a 0.84 ERA, good for second-best in the country, and have one of the toughest pitching duos in Division II. Ali Shenefield and Ashley Worrell were both named as finalists for

Schedule

Home: 21-2 Away: 8-9 Neutral: 1-3

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 *	L, 3-6; L, 4-6
3/28 #7 Valdosta State *	L, 3-10

April

4/2 Union *	W, 3-1; W, 8-2
4/3 Union *	W, 7-6
4/9 Montevallo *	W, 6-4; W, 12-5
4/10 Montevallo *	W, 8-3
4/13 Columbus State	W, 7-1
4/15 Flagler	L, 0-2; W, 7-0
4/23 West Georgia *	L, 1-2; W, 9-2

May

5/1 Lee *	W, 4-3; W, 11-3
5/2 Lee *	W, 4-0
5/6 West Georgia	L, 3-5 (10)
5/6 Montevallo	L, 2-3
5/19-22	NCAA Regional
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
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
CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC

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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the NFCA Player/Pitcher of the Year. Shenefield's 0.73 ERA is the sixth-best in the country, and she has 57 strikeouts over 57.2 innings, and Worrell has allowed opponents to hit just .147.

ARGONAUTS LATELY

West Florida has a 12-4 record since the start of April, with series wins over Union, Montevallo, and Lee, and a split against West Georgia. The offense has stayed hot, hitting .309 and slugging .504 while averaging 6.2 runs per game.

But the biggest difference has been in the circle. The Argonaut pitching staff has thrown to a 2.11 ERA over the last month and a half, highlighted by several strong outings from all three pitchers. Kelsey Sweatt has a 7-0 record with 62 strikeouts in 47.2 innings, Grace Gilbert has posted a 2.17 ERA over eight appearances, and Montana Young has a 1.86 ERA with 23 strikeouts and just 1 walk over 26.1 innings.

AWARDS TO HAND OUT

Five University of West Florida softball players have been named to the Division II Conference Commissioner's Association All-South Region teams, as announced on Tuesday afternoon.

Teala Howard and Courtney McLellan were first team selections, and Jacquelynne Poling, Ally Merrill, and Kelsey Sweatt earned second team nods. Howard, McLellan, Poling, and Sweatt were named to the NFCA All-South Region teams last week, and this is Merrill's first career all-region selection.

SLUGGING AWAY

Fans have witnessed one of the most powerful offenses in UWF history this season. The Argonauts have put together a .505 slugging percentage, good for the highest in program history, and have hit 47 home runs, which are the third-most in a single season in UWF history and are the 14th-most in the country.

UWF is also 17th in Division II and first in the GSC in doubles (76) -- Courtney McLellan and Ally Merrill are each second in the GSC with 12 doubles.

Four Argonauts are slugging .600 or better this season -- Jacquelynne Poling (.700), Ally Merrill (.648), Courtney McLellan (.607), and Kara Wilson (.621).

The program record for slugging is .476, done by the historic 2005 UWF team that won 60 games and won the GSC Championship. UWF's 47 home runs are the third-most for an Argonaut squad since 1995, behind only the 2005 and 2008 teams that each hit 50.

EARNING #100

UWF head coach Ashliegh McLean is in her third season at the helm of the program, and earned her 100th career win on Saturday. With a career 101-

NFCA TOP 25

Rk.	School	Record
1	Augustana (S.D.) (16)	40-4
2	North Georgia	36-5
3	Auburn Montgomery	39-5
4	Oklahoma Christian	36-6
5	Lincoln Memorial	36-6
6	UT Tyler	33-7
7	Indianapolis	43-6
8	Young Harris	31-9
9	Valdosta State	34-8
10	Texas A&M-Commerce	28-15
11	Concordia Irvine	26-11
12	West Texas A&M	32-10
13	Grand Valley State	37-7
14	Central Oklahoma	34-10
15	Colorado Mesa	34-2
16	UAH	31-12
17	Minnesota State	34-7
18	Saint Anselm	27-4
19	Southern Arkansas	26-7
20	Angelo State	31-11
21	Rollins	19-2
22	Georgian Court	33-4
23	Winona State	33-10
24	Biola	19-13
25	Kutztown	31-11

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:

Tampa (14), Northwest Nazarene (12), Central Missouri (4), Texas A&M University-Kingsville (4), **West Florida (2)**, Rogers State (1), West Liberty (1).

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34 record, she has a better winning percentage through her first three seasons (.748) 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.

McLean's first two years were 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.

THE CLASS OF THE GSC

With a 54-16 conference record since 2019, West Florida holds the best winning percentage (.771) in league play among all Gulf South Conference teams. The team's 54 conference wins -- as well as their 101 total wins -- over the past three seasons are the most in the GSC.

UWF has gotten production from every part of the lineup. Teala Howard leads the team with a .450 batting average in conference play, and she, Angela Agurkis, Mika Garcia, Kayla Mayo, Courtney McLellan, Ally Merrill, Jacquelynne Poling, Kara Wilson have each hit multiple home runs against the GSC.

JACQUELYNNE POLING, SO CLUTCH

Catcher Jacquelynne Poling has kicked into another gear offensively in her senior season. In UWF's last 27 games since March 9, Poling has hit all 8 of her home runs and leads UWF in round-trippers, RBIs (27), slugging (.803), and walks (13).

Her eight home runs are a career-high and the most for a UWF catcher since Natalie Manis hit eight in 2005. Additionally, Poling is leading all GSC catchers in slugging (.700) and walks (21), while rankings second among catchers in home runs (8) and doubles (9). The senior has also been one of the toughest catchers to run on, catching 31.6 percent of all baserunners, good for the second-best mark in the conference.

THE EXCITING TEALA HOWARD

Third baseman Teala Howard is eighth in the country with 69 hits this year, and she led DII in hits last season. This season, Howard leads the GSC in hits and batting (.448), and she ranks second in the league in runs (50) and stolen bases (27), and she's fourth in total bases (92), as well.

Her season so far has led to her being a finalist for the National Fast-pitch Coaches Association Player of the Year -- marking the second time in her career she's made the cut.

The junior is UWF's all-time batting leader (.466), ranks third in steals

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(100), and fifth in slugging (.591), and she tied the UWF single-season record for batting in 2019 (.464) as a freshman.

She's currently on an 15-game hitting streak and is hitting .519 (28-54) with 21 runs and 11 stolen bases, and she has 10 multi-hit games in that stretch.

POWER HITTER KARA WILSON

This season, UWF's senior leads all GSC center fielders in total bases (87), home runs (11), and RBIs (37), and ranks sixth, seventh, and seventh in those categories among all GSC hitters. Her multi-homer game in the series finale at Valdosta was the first of her career and the first for an Argonaut since 2017, and her 11 home runs this season are the most for UWF since 2010, when Shannon Miles hit 12.

Wilson's 11th home run of the season came in the sixth inning of the GSC Tournament game against West Georgia last week, tying the game at 3-3.

MONTANA YOUNG IS GETTING EVERYONE OUT

Freshman pitcher Montana Young has been impressive in her first season in the Blue and Green, and she's found another gear over the last month. Since April 9, Young has posted a 0.83 ERA over 25.1 innings, with 21 strikeouts and no walks. She was solid for the Argonauts in two relief appearances in last week's GSC Tournament, going a total of 10.1 innings over two games with a 1.35 ERA and 10 strikeouts.

She struck out a career-high eight batters in the Tournament game against West Georgia on Thursday.

THREE-TIME PITCHER OF THE WEEK KELSEY SWEATT

Pitcher Kelsey Sweatt has been dominant since the start of April, and her best stretch of the year began at Union. Sweatt was named the GSC Pitcher of the Week for the third time this season, after posting a 1.62 ERA and striking out 20 batters over 13 innings against the Lady Bulldogs on the road in that series.

Since April 10, Sweatt has a 4-0 record and 40 strikeouts over 30.2 innings, allowing an opponents batting average of just .180. She also has a 1.60 ERA in that time, and she ranks third in the GSC in wins (14), fourth in strikeouts (116), and sixth in opponent batting average (.208) this season. She has three games with 10 or more strikeouts this year, all of which came in April.

IN THE RECORD BOOKS

Career Batting Average (Min. 300 AB)

1.	.466	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.	.591	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.	100	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.	6.83	Kelsey Sweatt	2019-present
4.	6.75	Jillian Lafrance	2008-10
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.	.800	Kelsey Sweatt (40-10)	2019-present
5.	.784	Krissy 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.	4.60	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	Teala Howard (UWF)	.448
SLG	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	1.024
OBP	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	.547
Runs	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	54
Hits	Teala Howard (UWF)	69
RBI	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	56
2B	Kristyn Nix (UWG)	18
3B	Laney Harris (Lee)	5
HR	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	23
SB	Allie Miller (AUM)	31
TB	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	128
BB	Logan Hill (VSU)	40

GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE STANDINGS

School	GSC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Streak
Auburn Montgomery	25-5	0.833	39-5	0.886	W19
Valdosta State	25-5	0.833	34-8	0.810	L1
Alabama Huntsville	23-7	0.767	31-12	0.721	L1
West Florida	22-7	0.759	30-14	0.682	L2
West Georgia	17-11	0.607	25-16	0.610	L1
Mississippi College	14-14	0.500	21-20	0.512	L1
Lee	14-16	0.467	17-23	0.425	L5
Montevallo	12-18	0.400	18-26	0.409	L1
Delta State	12-18	0.400	20-24	0.455	L1
West Alabama	11-19	0.367	18-23	0.439	L4
Christian Brothers	7-23	0.233	7-26	0.212	L8
Union	6-20	0.231	7-27	0.206	W3
Shorter	1-26	0.037	5-34	0.128	W1

GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE BATTING STATISTICS

School	Avg	OBP	SLG	R	H	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
Valdosta State	.345	.442	.665	322	371	51	4	95	178	133	63
Alabama Huntsville	.320	.419	.465	275	373	47	11	33	187	159	96
Auburn Montgomery	.317	.404	.532	293	365	57	13	55	142	181	111
Lee	.310	.392	.451	231	326	45	10	28	122	191	100
West Florida	.304	.367	.505	246	353	76	8	47	105	174	57
Montevallo	.298	.376	.449	231	359	55	14	33	133	212	74
West Georgia	.296	.382	.437	191	331	60	7	28	129	207	36
West Alabama	.293	.383	.416	221	310	52	6	22	115	146	90
Delta State	.270	.374	.400	206	311	67	4	25	167	237	61
Mississippi College	.267	.351	.378	177	287	53	5	19	120	201	61
Union	.251	.322	.386	116	221	38	6	23	73	192	22
Shorter	.237	.310	.339	103	219	39	5	15	88	186	14
Christian Brothers	.231	.362	.354	165	215	37	4	23	149	166	25

GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE PITCHING STATISTICS

School	ERA	W-L	IP	Opp. BA	BB	SO	SHO	SV
Valdosta State	1.62	34-8	258.2	.209	40	289	12	3
Auburn Montgomery	1.63	39-5	287.1	.203	73	218	12	9
West Florida	2.81	30-14	296.1	.230	112	269	8	5
West Georgia	3.05	25-16	277.2	.221	108	304	8	5
Alabama Huntsville	3.39	31-12	283.0	.278	136	180	4	3
Mississippi College	3.62	21-20	268.2	.244	197	176	4	1
Delta State	4.65	20-24	293.2	.295	139	194	4	1
Montevallo	4.72	19-27	284.2	.310	135	193	6	3
West Alabama	5.19	18-23	261.2	.317	118	125	1	0
Lee	5.22	17-23	252.1	.311	131	166	1	2
Christian Brothers	6.42	7-30	233.1	.358	124	127	1	0
Union	6.77	7-27	217.0	.316	209	150	0	0
Shorter	9.16	5-34	225.1	.362	230	108	0	1

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)
3/23	Mika Garcia (UWF)	Avery Sanders (MC), Samantha Richards (VSU)	Montana Young (UWF)
3/30	Nicole Pennington (VSU), Alley Taylor (UWG)	Morgan Goree (UWG)	Morgan Hill (VSU)
4/6	Ashley Cornell (UAH)	Kelsey Sweatt (UWF)	Josie Bond (CBU)
4/13	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	Samantha Richards (VSU)	Kathryn Fallen (AUM)
4/20	Mackenzi David (UU)	Samantha Richards (VSU)	Kinley Adams (MONT)
4/27	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	Kya Draper (UWG)	Taylor Macera (VSU)

THE ASHLEIGH 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 D2CCA 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
Games Summary for West Florida (as of May 13, 2021)
(All games)

Score by innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	EX	Total
West Florida	45	31	39	43	32	38	16	2	0	0	246
Opponents	20	26	16	19	29	22	11	0	0	2	145

Record when ...

Overall	30-14	After 4 leading	20-3
Conference	23-8	..... trailing	3-7
Non-Conference	7-6	..... tied	7-4
Home games	21-2	After 5 leading	20-2
Away games	9-9	..... trailing	3-8
Neutral site	0-3	..... tied	5-3
Day games	28-14	After 6 leading	23-2
Night games	2-0	..... trailing	1-10
vs Left starter	3-1	..... tied	3-1
vs Right starter	27-13		
1-Run games	6-7	Hit 0 home runs	10-6
2-Run games	6-4	... 1 home run	10-6
5+Run games	14-2	... 2+ home runs	10-2
Extra innings	2-1		
Shutouts	8-2	Opponent 0 home runs	17-7
		..... 1 home run	8-1
Scoring 0-2 runs	2-6	..... 2+ HRs	5-6
..... 3-5 runs	8-7		
..... 6-9 runs	15-1	Made 0 errors	15-4
..... 10+ runs	5-0	.... 1 error	10-7
		.... 2+ errors	5-3
Opponent 0-2 runs	17-2		
..... 3-5 runs	9-5	Opp. made 0 errors	6-3
..... 6-9 runs	4-6	..... 1 error	14-4
..... 10+ runs	0-1	..... 2+ errors	10-7
Scored in 1st inning	16-4	Out-hit opponent	23-5
Opp. scored in 1st	5-5	Out-hit by opponent	5-9
Scores first	26-5	Hits are tied	2-0
Opp. scores first	4-9		

Record when team scores:

Runs	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
W-L	0-2	0-1	2-3	1-3	5-3	2-1	2-1	6-0	6-0	1-0	5-0

Record when opponent scores:

Runs	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
W-L	8-0	5-0	4-2	4-3	2-0	3-2	3-4	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-1

Record when leading after:

Inn.	1	2	3	4	5	6
W-L	14-4	16-2	18-2	20-3	20-2	23-2

Record when trailing after:

Inn.	1	2	3	4	5	6
W-L	3-4	6-5	5-8	3-7	3-8	1-10

Record when tied after:

Inn.	1	2	3	4	5	6
W-L	13-6	8-7	7-4	7-4	5-3	3-1

Current losing streak: 2

Longest winning streak: 7

Longest losing streak: 3

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Miscellaneous Stats for West Florida (as of May 13, 2021)
(All games)

Multiple Hit Games	2	3	4	5+	Total
9 Teala Howard	17	6	-	-	23
17 Ally Merrill	10	2	-	-	12
8 Kara Wilson	11	-	1	-	12
11 Courtney McLellan	8	2	-	-	10
18 Mika Garcia	8	1	-	-	9
19 Jacquelynne Poling	6	2	-	-	8
21 Brett Leiva	3	-	-	-	3
2 Kayanna Perez	2	1	-	-	3
4 Angela Agurkis	2	-	-	-	2
13 Grace Gilbert	1	-	-	-	1
25 Laurynn Boggs	1	-	-	-	1
10 Madilynne Webb	1	-	-	-	1
1 Kayla Mayo	1	-	-	-	1
TEAM	71	14	1	0	86

Multiple RBI Games	2	3	4	5+	Total
8 Kara Wilson	6	3	1	-	10
17 Ally Merrill	6	1	1	-	8
11 Courtney McLellan	4	2	2	-	8
19 Jacquelynne Poling	2	1	-	2	5
1 Kayla Mayo	2	1	-	-	3
18 Mika Garcia	1	2	-	-	3
21 Brett Leiva	3	-	-	-	3
4 Angela Agurkis	2	-	-	-	2
22 Hanna Stapleton	1	-	-	-	1
9 Teala Howard	1	-	-	-	1
25 Laurynn Boggs	1	-	-	-	1
13 Grace Gilbert	-	1	-	-	1
TEAM	29	11	4	2	46

Hitting Streaks	Longest	Current
9 Teala Howard	15	15
8 Kara Wilson	12	4
17 Ally Merrill	7	6
18 Mika Garcia	5	1
11 Courtney McLellan	5	-
7 Morgan Zettle	4	-
21 Brett Leiva	4	-
2 Kayanna Perez	4	-
4 Angela Agurkis	4	-
1 Kayla Mayo	3	-
16 Mallory Vining	3	1
19 Jacquelynne Poling	3	-
13 Grace Gilbert	2	-
25 Laurynn Boggs	2	-
12 Chelsea Dumas	2	2
10 Madilynne Webb	2	-
22 Hanna Stapleton	1	-

Reached Base Streaks	Longest	Current
9 Teala Howard	15	15
8 Kara Wilson	12	4
19 Jacquelynne Poling	11	4
11 Courtney McLellan	11	1
18 Mika Garcia	8	1
16 Mallory Vining	7	3
17 Ally Merrill	7	6
2 Kayanna Perez	6	-
21 Brett Leiva	5	-
7 Morgan Zettle	5	-
1 Kayla Mayo	4	-
4 Angela Agurkis	4	-
13 Grace Gilbert	4	-
22 Hanna Stapleton	2	2
25 Laurynn Boggs	2	-
12 Chelsea Dumas	2	2
10 Madilynne Webb	2	-

2021 UWF Softball
Overall Statistics for West Florida (as of May 13, 2021)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 30-14 Home: 21-2 Away: 9-9 Neutral: 0-3 GSC: 23-8

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	.448	44-44	154	50	69	8	3	3	11	92	.597	7	3	17	0	.482	0	4	27-31	51	87	5	.965
17 Ally Merrill	.368	43-43	125	26	46	12	1	7	31	81	.648	11	1	14	0	.411	4	2	3-3	253	10	3	.989
11 Courtney McLellan	.336	44-44	122	16	41	12	3	5	34	74	.607	14	0	13	0	.399	2	4	0-1	36	0	1	.973
19 Jacquelynne Poling	.333	37-37	90	15	30	9	0	8	30	63	.700	21	3	13	0	.454	5	6	0-0	148	11	1	.994
8 Kara Wilson	.329	44-44	140	32	46	8	0	11	37	87	.621	13	1	22	0	.387	1	1	5-7	55	2	2	.966
18 Mika Garcia	.264	44-44	125	27	33	4	0	4	20	49	.392	12	4	13	0	.343	2	7	4-7	62	56	12	.908
4 Angela Agurkis	.182	29-26	77	9	14	4	0	2	8	24	.312	3	1	8	0	.222	0	1	0-1	54	2	0	1.000
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12 Chelsea Dumas	.500	21-0	4	14	2	1	0	1	2	6	1.500	0	0	0	0	.500	0	0	2-2	0	0	0	.000
25 Laurynn Boggs	.364	24-2	11	7	4	2	0	0	3	6	.545	0	0	3	1	.364	0	0	5-6	5	0	1	.833
22 Hanna Stapleton	.333	2-1	3	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	.667	0	1	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
2 Kayanna Perez	.266	31-23	64	14	17	1	1	0	2	20	.313	5	0	11	0	.319	0	7	5-5	45	0	0	1.000
21 Brett Leiva	.260	22-18	50	8	13	3	0	4	9	28	.560	4	1	13	0	.327	0	1	1-1	78	7	1	.988
7 Morgan Zettle	.250	16-8	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	.231	21-5	26	1	6	2	0	0	3	8	.308	2	0	7	0	.276	1	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
1 Kayla Mayo	.213	24-15	47	7	10	3	0	2	8	19	.404	4	0	9	0	.269	1	3	0-1	18	9	0	1.000
16 Mallory Vining	.205	31-30	39	7	8	4	0	0	2	12	.308	2	5	15	0	.319	1	0	2-2	43	47	5	.947
13 Grace Gilbert	.150	26-25	60	8	9	2	0	0	6	11	.183	5	1	8	0	.224	1	3	2-2	25	32	1	.983
3 Kelsey Hodges	.000	9-0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	1-1	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	.304	44	1161	246	353	76	8	47	209	586	.505	105	21	174	1	.367	18	39	57-70	889	290	37	.970
Opponents	.230	44	1111	145	256	35	4	40	133	419	.377	112	28	269	5	.316	1	28	29-41	862	319	63	.949

LOB - Team (236), Opp (246). DPs turned - Team (17), Opp (8). IBB - Team (2), C. McLellan 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	bk	sfa	sha
20 Montana Young	2.49	8-5	26	8	2	1/3	3	90.0	81	41	32	17	88	6	0	13	.235	3	4	0	0	10
13 Grace Gilbert	2.81	8-6	21	18	7	1/2	0	94.2	91	50	38	35	65	20	1	7	.251	2	11	0	0	11
5 Kelsey Sweatt	3.07	14-3	26	18	10	3/2	2	111.2	84	54	49	60	116	9	3	20	.208	4	13	0	1	7
Totals	2.81	30-14	44	44	19	8/3	5	296.1	256	145	119	112	269	35	4	40	.230	9	28	0	1	28
Opponents	4.82	14-30	44	44	20	2/0	2	287.1	353	246	198	105	174	76	8	47	.304	28	21	0	18	39

PB - Team (6), J. Poling 3, B. Leiva 3, Opp (6). Pickoffs - Team (1), B. Leiva 1, Opp (1). SBA/ATT - J. Poling (13-19), K. Sweatt (13-17), G. Gilbert (10-13), M. Young (6-11), A. Agurkis (10-11), B. Leiva (6-11).