



WEST FLORIDA SOFTBALL

MAY 6-8 // GSC CHAMPIONSHIP

West Florida Argonauts
30-12 Overall
22-7 GSC
Ashliegh McLean Head Coach



.309	BA	.225
241	R	137
340	H	234
72	2B	33
8	3B	4
46	HR	40
204	RBI	126
566	TB	395
.370	OBP	.314
.515	SLG	.379
96	BB	110
163	K	252
55	SB	29
36	E	60
.969	FLD	.949
2.80	ERA	5.00
234	H	340
137	R	137
8	SHO	2
110	BB	96
252	K	163
.225	BA	.309

Opponents

IN THE GSC CHAMPIONSHIP

UWF has an extensive history in the Gulf South Conference Championship, and the program will look to add to that history this week, starting with a matchup against West Georgia. The Argonauts have made 22 prior trips to the GSC Championship, good for the fourth-most in conference history, and their 48 wins in the tournament and .623 winning percentage are each the third-best in the GSC.

West Florida is making its 23rd appearance in the tournament, and West Georgia is making its 19th, but the teams have met twice before in the GSC Tournament -- the most recent of those was in the 2019 GSC Championship Game, which UWF won 4-1.

The 2019 tournament marked UWF's fourth conference championship (1998, 2004, 2005), which is also the fourth-most in GSC history. Current Argonauts Kelsey Sweatt, Teala Howard, and Jacquelynne Poling were named to the All-Tournament Team in 2019, with Sweatt earning the nod as the tournament's Most Outstanding Player. The pitcher threw 14.0 innings across three games, striking out 18 batters and pitching to a 0.50 ERA.

A LOOK AT OUR BRACKET

West Florida is familiar with each of the other seven teams in the conference tournament, with a combined 13-7 record against the other seven teams who reached the postseason.

The Argonauts faced their first opponent, West Georgia, on April 23 and split a doubleheader

Schedule

Home: 21-2 Away: 8-9 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 * 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
5/6-8 GSC Tournament Oxford, Ala.

5/19-21 NCAA Regionals
5/27-31 NCAA Championship

* Gulf South Conference Game
(DH) Doubleheader
BOLD - Home Game
& - in Dahlonge, Ga.

Last Week's Starters

#	Name	Pos.	Notes
5	Kelsey Sweatt	P	2nd in the GSC in wins (14) and 3rd in strikeouts (111)... 6th in opp. BA (.206)
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 (.658), home runs (7), and RBIs (30)
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)... 13-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 .281 this year
8	Kara Wilson	CF	Leads GSC center fielders in home runs (10), RBIs (34), and total bases (80)
11	Courtney McLellan	RF	Batting .357/.41/.643... 2nd in the GSC in doubles (11)

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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

before the series finale was cancelled due to bad weather.

Also in UWF's half of the bracket for the first day of competition are 1-seed Auburn Montgomery and 8-seed Montevallo. The Argonauts went 2-1 at AUM in mid-march and swept Montevallo in Pensacola on April 9-10.

ARGONAUTS LATELY

West Florida has a 12-2 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 1.97 ERA over the last month, highlighted by several strong outings from all three pitchers. Grace Gilbert leads the team with a 1.80 ERA over 35.0 innings, and opponents are hitting just .210 against her, while Sweatt has struck out 57 batters in her last 45.0 innings. She had double-digit strikeouts in three of her five starts in April.

WE ARE RANKED

The UWF softball team remains ranked 22nd in the country and is still under consideration for a spot in the NCAA Tournament, as announced last Wednesday.

UWF has been ranked in every poll since March 7. The Argonauts were joined in the poll by fellow Gulf South Conference teams Valdosta State at No. 2, Auburn Montgomery at No. 11, and Alabama Huntsville at No. 18, while South Region opponent Rollins (No. 15) is also ranked.

The complete list of teams under consideration includes Alabama Huntsville, Auburn Montgomery, Rollins, Saint Leo, Tampa, Valdosta State, UWF, and West Georgia. Six teams will make it to the NCAA Tournament from the South Region this year.

SLUGGING AWAY

Fans have witnessed one of the most powerful offenses in UWF history this season. The Argonauts have put together a .515 slugging percentage, good for the highest in program history, and have hit 46 home runs, which are the third-most in a single season in UWF history and are the 13th-most in the country.

UWF is also 17th in Division II and first in the GSC in doubles (72) -- Courtney McLellan ranks second in the GSC in doubles (11), and Ally Merrill is third with 10.

Five Argonauts are slugging .600 or better this season – Jacquelynne Poling (.718), Ally Merrill (.658), Courtney McLellan (.643), Kara Wilson (.606), and Teala Howard (.601).

NFCA TOP 25

Rk.	School	Record
1	Augustana (S.D.) (12)	32-4
2	Valdosta State (3)	32-3
3	UT Tyler	31-5
4	North Georgia (1)	33-5
5	Indianapolis	34-3
6	Oklahoma Christian	33-5
7	Lincoln Memorial	36-6
8	Young Harris	29-8
9	Texas A&M-Commerce	25-12
10	West Texas A&M	30-10
11	Auburn Montgomery	32-5
12	Concordia Irvine	22-11
13	Central Oklahoma	29-9
14	Grand Valley State	31-7
15	Rollins	16-2
16	Colorado Mesa	30-2
17	Minnesota State	28-7
18	UAH	27-10
19	Saint Anselm	20-4
20	Winona State	28-7
21	Southern Arkansas	20-7
22	West Florida	27-12
23	Angelo State	29-11
24	Biola	19-13
t.-25	Northwest Nazarene	24-9
t.-25	Texas A&M-Kingsville	24-11

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES:

Kutztown (14), Southeastern Oklahoma State (7), Georgian Court (6), Shepherd (5), Central Missouri (1), Tampa (1).

NEWS AND NOTES

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 46 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 Ashleigh McLean is in her third season at the helm of the program, and earned her 100th career win on Saturday. With a career 101-32 record, she has a better winning percentage through her first three seasons (.759) 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 25 games since March 9, Poling has hit all 8 of her home runs and leads UWF in round-trippers, RBIs (26), slugging (.833), and walks (12).

Her eight home runs are a career-high and the most for a UWF catcher since Natalie Manis hit eight in 2005.

THE EXCITING TEALA HOWARD

Third baseman Teala Howard is fourth in the country with 66 hits this year, and she led DII in hits last season.

The junior is UWF's all-time batting leader (.466), ranks third in steals (98), and fifth in slugging (.592), and she tied the UWF single-season record for batting in 2019 (.464) as a freshman.

NEWS AND NOTES

She's currently on an 13-game hitting streak and is hitting .521 (25-48) with 19 runs and 9 stolen bases, and she has 9 multi-hit games in that stretch.

POWER HITTER KARA WILSON

This season, UWF's senior leads all GSC center fielders in total bases (80), home runs (10), and RBIs (34), and ranks sixth, eighth, and ninth 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 10 home runs this season are the most for UWF since 2010, when Shannon Miles hit 12.

THREE-TIME PITCHER OF THE WEEK KELSEY SWEATT

Pitcher Kelsey Sweatt has been dominant over her last nine outings, and it started with the series at Union to begin April. 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.

The Jacksonville, Florida, native has double-digit strikeouts in three games this year, all of which came in April. She struck out 12 against Union on April 2, 10 against Montevallo on April 10, and struck out 13 at Flagler, throwing a one-hit shutout.

The 13 strikeouts against Flagler matched a career high for Sweatt -- she also had 13 Ks against West Georgia last year, and it marked the fifth time in her UWF career that she struck out 10 or more batters in a game.

Sweatt's hot streak has put her second in the league in wins (14), third in strikeouts (111), and sixth in opponent batting average (.204).

PROFESSIONAL HITTER COURTNEY MCLELLAN

Courtney McLellan has been as consistent as anyone in the UWF lineup this year, with her batting average never dipping below .342 all season. The senior from Bradenton is second in the GSC in doubles (12) and has taken major steps forward at the plate this season.

Already a first team All-GSC pick in 2019, McLellan has set career highs in hits (41), batting average (.357), doubles (2), home runs (5), RBIs (34), slugging (.643), and on-base percentage (.411), with more walks than strikeouts.

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.	.592	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.	98	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.	6.78	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.	4.56	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)	.446
SLG	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	1.026
OBP	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	.555
Runs	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	51
Hits	Teala Howard (UWF)	66
RBI	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	52
2B	Kristyn Nix (UWG)	16
3B	Laney Harris (Lee)	5
HR	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	21
SB	Allie Miller (AUM)	30
TB	Nicole Pennington (VSU)	119
BB	Summer Cryder (DSU)	35

GSC LEADERS

Stat	Player (School)	No.
ERA	Samantha Richards (VSU)	1.28
Wins	Samantha Richards (VSU)	21
CG	Samantha Richards (VSU)	18
Saves	Lexi Close (UWG)	4
IP	Samantha Richards (VSU)	148.0
SO	Samantha Richards (VSU)	191
SO/7	Lexi Close (UWG)	9.4
BB/7	Logan Hill (VSU)	0.89
Opp BA	Samantha Richards (VSU)	.180
H/7	Kya Draper (UWG)	4.71
K/BB	Samantha Richards (VSU)	9.1

PAST CHAMPIONS

Year	Tournament	Reg. Season
2020	N/A	N/A
2019	West Florida	West Florida
2018	North Alabama	North Alabama
2017	Miss. College	Ala. Huntsville
2016	North Alabama	North Alabama
2015	Shorter	Valdosta State
2014	Valdosta State	Shorter
2013	Valdosta State	Ala. Huntsville
2012	Valdosta State	Valdosta State
2011	Valdosta State	Ala. Huntsville

GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE STANDINGS

School	GSC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Streak
Auburn Montgomery * (1)	25-5	0.833	35-5	0.875	W15
Valdosta State * (2)	25-5	0.833	32-6	0.842	L3
Alabama Huntsville * (3)	23-7	0.767	30-10	0.750	W4
West Florida * (4)	22-7	0.759	30-12	0.714	W4
West Georgia * (5)	17-11	0.607	23-14	0.622	L3
Mississippi College * (6)	14-14	0.500	18-19	0.486	W2
Lee * (7)	14-16	0.467	17-21	0.447	L3
Montevallo * (8)	12-18	0.400	17-24	0.415	L1
Delta State	12-18	0.400	20-24	0.455	L1
West Alabama	11-19	0.367	16-23	0.410	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	.357	.454	.689	313	351	45	4	91	165	110	62
Alabama Huntsville	.331	.427	.481	270	360	45	10	33	174	138	95
Auburn Montgomery	.317	.405	.541	266	330	53	12	52	129	166	108
Lee	.312	.397	.461	229	312	45	10	28	120	178	96
West Florida	.309	.370	.515	241	340	72	8	46	96	163	55
Montevallo	.302	.382	.455	226	339	52	13	31	131	196	74
West Georgia	.298	.387	.444	178	299	54	6	27	122	184	36
West Alabama	.293	.383	.416	221	310	52	6	22	115	146	90
Mississippi College	.271	.358	.382	161	264	50	5	16	112	175	60
Delta State	.270	.374	.400	206	311	67	4	25	167	237	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	32-6	232.2	.204	38	260	12	3
Auburn Montgomery	1.67	35-5	259.1	.203	69	196	11	9
West Florida	2.80	30-12	279.2	.225	110	252	8	5
West Georgia	3.07	23-14	248.2	.221	92	277	7	5
Alabama Huntsville	3.50	30-10	262.0	.274	127	170	4	3
Mississippi College	3.69	18-19	242.2	.246	179	157	3	0
Delta State	4.65	20-24	293.2	.295	139	194	4	1
Montevallo	4.82	18-25	265.2	.315	125	182	6	3
West Alabama	5.19	18-23	261.2	.317	118	125	1	0
Lee	5.35	17-21	239.1	.316	125	153	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 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
Games Summary for West Florida (as of May 03, 2021)
(All games)

Score by innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
West Florida	43	31	39	42	32	38	14	2	241
Opponents	20	24	14	18	29	22	10	0	137

Record when ...

Overall	30-12	After 4 leading	20-3
Conference	23-8	..... trailing	3-6
Non-Conference	7-4	..... tied	7-3
Home games	21-2	After 5 leading	20-2
Away games	9-9	..... trailing	3-7
Neutral site	0-1	..... tied	5-2
Day games	28-12	After 6 leading	23-2
Night games	2-0	..... trailing	1-9
vs Left starter	3-1	..... tied	3-0
vs Right starter	27-11		
1-Run games	6-6	Hit 0 home runs	10-5
2-Run games	6-3	... 1 home run	10-5
5+Run games	14-2	... 2+ home runs	10-2
Extra innings	2-0		
Shutouts	8-2	Opponent 0 home runs	17-5
		..... 1 home run	8-1
		..... 2+ HRs	5-6
Scoring 0-2 runs	2-5		
..... 3-5 runs	8-6		
..... 6-9 runs	15-1	Made 0 errors	15-3
..... 10+ runs	5-0	.... 1 error	10-6
		.... 2+ errors	5-3
Opponent 0-2 runs	17-2		
..... 3-5 runs	9-3	Opp. made 0 errors	6-3
..... 6-9 runs	4-6	..... 1 error	14-3
..... 10+ runs	0-1	..... 2+ errors	10-6
Scored in 1st inning	16-3		
Opp. scored in 1st	5-5	Out-hit opponent	23-5
Scores first	26-4	Out-hit by opponent	5-7
Opp. scores first	4-8	Hits are tied	2-0

Record when team scores:

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

Record when leading after:

Inn.	1	2	3	4	5	6
W-L	14-3	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	5-7	3-6	3-7	1-9

Record when tied after:

Inn.	1	2	3	4	5	6
W-L	13-5	8-5	7-3	7-3	5-2	3-0

Current winning streak: 4

Longest winning streak: 7

Longest losing streak: 3

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Miscellaneous Stats for West Florida (as of May 03, 2021)
(All games)

Multiple Hit Games	2	3	4	5+	Total
9 Teala Howard	16	6	-	-	22
17 Ally Merrill	9	2	-	-	11
8 Kara Wilson	10	-	1	-	11
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	68	14	1	0	83

Multiple RBI Games	2	3	4	5+	Total
8 Kara Wilson	5	3	1	-	9
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	28	11	4	2	45

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

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

2021 UWF Softball
Overall Statistics for West Florida (as of May 03, 2021)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 30-12 Home: 21-2 Away: 9-9 Neutral: 0-1 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	.446	42-42	148	48	66	8	3	3	11	89	.601	4	3	17	0	.471	0	4	25-29	50	82	5	.964
17 Ally Merrill	.368	41-41	117	26	43	11	1	7	30	77	.658	11	1	12	0	.414	4	1	3-3	241	8	3	.988
11 Courtney McLellan	.357	42-42	115	16	41	12	3	5	34	74	.643	12	0	11	0	.411	2	4	0-1	34	0	1	.971
19 Jacquelynne Poling	.341	35-35	85	15	29	8	0	8	29	61	.718	20	3	13	0	.464	4	4	0-0	131	11	1	.993
8 Kara Wilson	.326	42-42	132	31	43	7	0	10	34	80	.606	13	0	22	0	.384	1	1	5-7	53	2	2	.965
18 Mika Garcia	.271	42-42	118	26	32	4	0	4	20	48	.407	11	4	13	0	.348	2	6	4-7	60	50	11	.909
4 Angela Agurkis	.192	27-25	73	9	14	4	0	2	8	24	.329	2	1	7	0	.224	0	1	0-1	54	2	0	1.000

12 Chelsea Dumas	.500	19-0	4	13	2	1	0	1	2	6	1.500	0	0	0	0	.500	0	0	2-2	0	0	0	.000
25 Laurynn Boggs	.400	22-2	10	7	4	2	0	0	3	6	.600	0	0	3	1	.400	0	0	5-6	3	0	1	.750
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	.288	29-21	59	14	17	1	1	0	2	20	.339	4	0	9	0	.333	0	7	5-5	38	0	0	1.000
21 Brett Leiva	.261	20-17	46	8	12	2	0	4	9	26	.565	4	1	11	0	.333	0	1	1-1	78	7	1	.988
7 Morgan Zettle	.250	15-8	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	.227	23-14	44	7	10	3	0	2	8	19	.432	4	0	9	0	.286	1	3	0-1	17	9	0	1.000
16 Mallory Vining	.194	30-29	36	7	7	4	0	0	2	11	.306	2	5	13	0	.318	1	0	2-2	39	46	5	.944
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	.309	42	1100	241	340	72	8	46	204	566	.515	96	20	163	1	.370	17	35	55-68	839	276	36	.969
Opponents	.225	42	1041	137	234	33	4	40	126	395	.379	110	26	252	5	.314	1	24	29-41	811	308	60	.949

LOB - Team (216), Opp (226). DPs turned - Team (17), Opp (7). 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	2.64	8-3	24	8	2	1/3	3	79.2	69	38	30	17	78	6	0	13	.229	3	4	0	0	8
13 Grace Gilbert	2.69	8-6	20	17	7	1/2	0	91.0	85	47	35	35	63	19	1	7	.245	2	10	0	0	10
5 Kelsey Sweatt	3.02	14-3	24	17	10	3/2	2	109.0	80	52	47	58	111	8	3	20	.204	4	12	0	1	6
Totals	2.80	30-12	42	42	19	8/3	5	279.2	234	137	112	110	252	33	4	40	.225	9	26	0	1	24
Opponents	5.00	12-30	42	42	18	2/0	2	270.1	340	241	193	96	163	72	8	46	.309	27	20	0	17	35

PB - Team (5), B. Leiva 3, J. Poling 2, Opp (6). Pickoffs - Team (1), B. Leiva 1, Opp (1). SBA/ATT - J. Poling (13-19), K. Sweatt (13-17), G. Gilbert (10-13), A. Agurkis (10-11), B. Leiva (6-11), M. Young (6-11).