

# LONGWOOD

## SOFTBALL

**GAME**  
**11-14**

### The Snowman

Starkville, Miss. • Nusz Park

**Date:** Feb. 25-26

**Opponents:** South Alabama/Mississippi State/Belmont

**Video:** ESPN+/SECN+



#### 2022 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result
F11	Fresno State	W, 8-7
F11	Georgia	L, 2-4
F12	Minnesota	L, 3-6
F12	Central Florida	L, 1-9
F13	Georgia	L, 3-16
F18	Wichita State	W, 4-2
F18	Western Illinois	W, 5-1
F19	Arkansas	L, 4-15
F19	Illinois	W, 5-3
F20	Western Illinois	L, 1-3
F25	South Alabama	
F25	Mississippi State	
F26	South Alabama	
F26	Belmont	
M4	UAB	
M4	UAB	
M5	Harvard	
M5	UAB	
M6	Harvard	
M11	USC Upstate	
M11	USC Upstate	
M12	USC Upstate	
M19	Charleston Southern	
M19	Charleston Southern	
M20	Charleston Southern	
M22	Virginia Tech	
M22	Virginia Tech	
M23	North Carolina	
M26	North Carolina A&T	
M27	North Carolina A&T	
M29	Virginia	
A2	Hampton	
A2	Hampton	
A3	Hampton	
A6	NC State	
A9	Radford	
A9	Radford	
A10	Radford	
A15	Presbyterian	
A16	Presbyterian	
A16	Presbyterian	
A20	George Mason University	
A20	George Mason University	
A23	Campbell	
A23	Campbell	
A24	Campbell	
A26	Virginia	
A27	James Madison	
A27	James Madison	
A30	Gardner-Webb	
A30	Gardner-Webb	
M1	Gardner-Webb	
M7	Winthrop	
M7	Winthrop	
M8	Winthrop	
<b>BIG SOUTH SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP</b>		
M11	TBA	
M12	TBA	
M13	TBA	
M14	TBA	

#### THE MATCHUPS

##### Longwood LANCERS

Farmville, Va.



**2021 Record** ..... 4-6 (0-0 Big South)

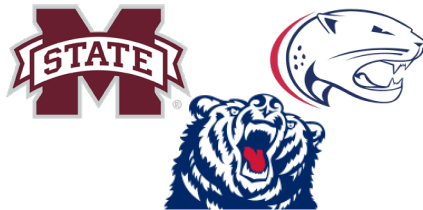
**Last Game** .....

**Head Coach** ..... Dr. Megan Brown

**Career Record** ..... 30-34 (2nd Season)

**Longwood Record** ..... Same

#### OPPONENTS:



#### LAST TIME OUT

- Longwood's most previous outing was in the Razorback Invitational where the Lancers were 3-2 over the five game weekend. The Lancers took wins over #25 Wichita State, and Power 5 opponent Illinois.
- Reigning Big South Pitcher of the Year Sydney Backstrom took home both of those wins, throwing 23 strikeouts, playing three complete games and grabbing a batting average against of .128.
- Freshman Emily Vinson and Jaden Pone continue to prove their worth for the Lancers. Pone currently on a three at bat hit streak, and reached base streak of six - as lead off.

#### THE FIRST PITCH

- Sydney Backstrom earned her first Big South Pitcher of the Week honor this past week after throwing 23 strikeouts against two top teams in the country, all while only allowing only 14 hits, and six walks over a three game span. 2-1 over the weekend, two of those wins came against #25 Wichita State, and Power 5 competitor Illinois.
- Kelly Park had a great weekend at the plate, hitting .417 batting average, and going 3-3 from the batter's box against #10 Arkansas. Park was 5-12, grabbing five hits, two doubles, and two RBI's, slugging a .583 percent.
- Korynna Anderson (slug% .467) and Alexis Wayland (slug% .600) had great weekends at the plate as well against the tough competition. Anderson grabbed four RBI's, one double, and her second home run of the season. Wayland added five RBI's and a game winning triple against Illinois to her resume.
- Longwood returns a wealth of experience, especially in the circle. Two huge arms coming back, Regan Kanagawa and Sydney Backstrom the reigning Big South Pitcher of the Year. Both grabbing starts over the previous weekend, Backstrom sits with a 3-3 record, while Kanagawa sits at 1-3.
- Kanagawa at the plate, is 2-6 on the year (.333 BA), appearing in three games as DH - grabbing the start offensively twice.
- Since joining the Big South in 2013, Longwood has never lost back-to-back games in the conference tournament, including the 2013 Big South Championship run in which they rattled off five straight wins after falling in the first round.

#### PROBABLE STARTERS (based on previous game)

Pos.	Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
RF	PONE, Jaden	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
LF	VINSON, Emily	3	0	0	0	0	2	0
C	WAYLAND, Alexis	3	1	1	0	0	1	0
SS	ANDERSON, Korynna	3	0	1	1	0	0	0
DP	KANAGAWA, Reagan	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
2B	TAYLOR, Lauren	3	0	2	0	0	1	0
3B	BASDIKIS, Mason	3	0	1	0	0	1	1
1B	JACOBSEN, Sydney	2	0	0	0	0	2	1
PH	BLAIR, Madison	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
CF	FOX, Lauren	2	0	0	0	0	2	1

#### PROBABLE PITCHERS (based on previous game)

Name	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
BACKSTROM, Sydney (L, 3-3)	6	4	3	3	1	11	0	0	0	0	22	23	2	5	80

## Media Information

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### INTERVIEW REQUESTS

All interview requests for Longwood softball players and coaches will be coordinated through the Longwood athletics communications office.

### GAME BROADCASTS

Select Longwood softball games will air on ESPN+ and WVHL 92.9 FM Kickin' Country in Farmville. For the full broadcast schedule for Longwood softball and all Lancer sports, visit [LongwoodLancers.com](http://LongwoodLancers.com).

### LONGWOODLANCERS.COM

For unparalleled coverage of the entire intercollegiate athletics department at Longwood, access [LongwoodLancers.com](http://LongwoodLancers.com). The official site of Longwood athletics features in-depth coverage of Longwood players, coaches and staff as well as game notes, player biographies, statistics and updates on the Longwood softball program.

### MEDIA MATERIALS

To request media materials of the Longwood softball program, including photos and video, please contact Emily McNamara in the Longwood athletics department.

### LOGO USAGE

The Longwood athletics department unveiled its new logo scheme in April of 2014. The logos below are acceptable to use when representing the Lancer athletics department and its teams.

#### PRIMARY LOGO



#### SECONDARY LOGOS



## BY THE NUMBERS

- After seeing an upset in the 2021 Big South Tournament, Longwood returns in the 2022 season with a wealth of experience returning, and ranked third in the Big South Preseason Poll.
- Sydney Backstrom is one of several returning arms for the Lancers, and was also picked as the Preseason Pitcher of the Year in the conference. Backstrom earned her first Big South Pitcher of the Week honor in week two of the 2022 season after grabbing two wins over #25 Wichita State and Power 5 Illinois. Backstrom added 23 strikeouts on the year (40 total), and holds a .288 B/AVG against.
- Emily Vinson (.310 BA) added her first Big South Freshman of the Year honor to her belt in the first week of the season. Vinson has appeared in every game for the Lancers, grabbing nine starts. Vinson has scored 10 of Longwood's 36 runs on the season. Vinson earned her first career home run in the 8-7 victory over Fresno State in game one of the Black and Gold Classic in Florida.
- Jaden Pone (.364 BA) has made a name for herself as leadoff for the Lancers grabbing ten of ten starts of the season. Pone is 12-33 from the plate, with a three at-bat hitting streak, and has reached a base successfully the last six times she's been to the plate.
- Junior shortstop Lauren Taylor returns for the Lancers after starting and appearing in 54 games for the team in 2021. Taylor (.360 BA) has already shown great amount of efficiency on defense for the Lancers from second base and shortstop. Taylor has started seven of the first ten games from second, and has already recorded nine hits, four runs, five RBI's, one home run, 11 putouts, 14 assists, with a fielding percentage of .962.
- With 130 steals last season, Longwood is only the second team in program history to surpass the century mark in that category. Only the 1999 Lancer squad stole more bases in the program's history, swiping 136 in 53 games.

## SERIES HISTORY

All-Time Record vs. South Alabama	--
Current Streak	--
First Meeting	Feb. 25, 2022
Last Meeting	Feb. 26, 2022

All-Time Record vs. Mississippi State	0-1
Current Streak	L 1
First Meeting	LWU 1-3 MISS, Mar. 5, 2016
Last Meeting	Feb. 25, 2022

All-Time Record vs. Belmont	--
Current Streak	--
First Meeting	Feb. 26, 2022
Last Meeting	--

## QUICK FACTS

### UNIVERSITY

Name	Longwood University
City/Zip	Farmville, VA 23909
Founded	1839
Enrollment (Undergraduate + Graduate)	5,124
Nickname	Lancers
Colors	Navy Blue (PMS 289) & White
Fight Song	Hail to Longwood U!
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Big South
President	W. Taylor Reveley IV
Alma Mater	Princeton
Director of Athletics	Michelle Meadows
Alma Mater	Virginia Tech
Athletics Phone	(434) 395-2057
Tickets Phone	(434) 395-2138
Website	<a href="http://www.LongwoodLancers.com">www.LongwoodLancers.com</a>
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/LongwoodLancers1839">/LongwoodLancers1839</a>
Twitter	@LongwoodLancers
Instagram	@LongwoodLancers

### PROGRAM HISTORY

Seasons of Softball	42
First Season	1981
All-Time Record	969-654-3
Division I Eligible	2007-Present
Division I Record	448-283
Division I NCAA Regionals	5
Division I NCAA Regional Record	5-10
Division I Reclassifying	2005-07
Reclassifying D-I Record	80-57
Division II Eligible	1981-2004
Division II Record	441-312-3
Division II NCAA Regionals	2
Division II NCAA Regional Record	2-4

### TEAM INFORMATION

2022 Overall Record	4-6
Big South Record	0-0
Home Record	0-0
Away/Neutral Record	4-6
Position Starters Returning	11
Pitchers Returning	2
Players Returning	9
Newcomers	9

## LONGWOOD FAN POLICY

- On March 15, 2021, Longwood announced guidelines for spectators at Lancer athletics events as part of the first phase of its plan to re-open athletics venues to spectators. The protocols apply to Longwood baseball, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball and tennis events on campus.
- The first phase of Longwood's athletics reopening plan limits spectators to family members of Longwood student-athletes, who must be listed on a player pass list submitted to the athletics department. Coordination of those lists and submissions for each game are handled by each team's coaching staff and in coordination with their respective student-athletes.
- Before entry, fans must complete a COVID-19 pre-screening. Upon entry, fans must wear face covering over the nose and mouth at all times, sit in designated spaces and refrain from eating and drinking.
- Congregating at athletics venues and surrounding facilities — including concourses, parking lots, and any tailgating site on campus — is prohibited.

## BIG SOUTH DYNASTY

- Since joining the Big South Conference in 2013, Longwood softball has emerged as the league's premier team.
- Under former head coach Kathy Riley, who retired after the 2020 season, the Lancers won five of the Big South's past seven league titles, doing so in 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2019.
- Longwood's five Big South championships are the third most in league history and the most by any team in a seven-year span. Only Coastal Carolina (1992-2012) and Winthrop (1987-Present) have won more, with six titles apiece.
- The Lancers are 5-1 in Big South Championship games and has won the league title every year they have advanced to the title game.
- Longwood is 24-10 in Big South postseason play for the conference's second-best winning percentage all-time. Only former Big South member UNCG, which went 20-5 (.800) from 1994-97, has a higher winning percentage in the league's championship tournament.
- The Lancers' three-peat from 2015-17 was only the fifth in Big South softball history and the first in more than a decade.

### Big South • All-Time Big South Championships

Rk.	Team (Years active)	No.
1.	Coastal Carolina (1988-2016)	6
	Winthrop (1988-Pres.)	6
2.	Longwood (2013-Pres.)	5
4.	UNCG (1993-97)	4
5.	Liberty (1994-2018)	3
	Texas A&M Corpus Christi (2003-06)	3

### Big South • Conference Winning Percentage

Rk.	Team (Years active)	W-L, Pct.
1.	East Carolina (1996-99)	50-12, .806
2.	UNCG (1993-97)	53-14-1, .787
3.	Longwood (2013-Pres.)	136-46, .747
4.	USC Upstate (2018-Pres.)	31-11, .738
5.	Coastal Carolina (1988-2016)	284-161, .638

### Big South • NCAA Regional Appearances

Rk.	Team (Years active)	No.
1.	Longwood (2013-Pres.)	5
	Coastal Carolina (1988-2016)	5
3.	Texas A&M Corpus Christi (2003-06)	3
	Liberty (1994-2018)	3
5.	Winthrop (1988-Pres.)	2
	Radford (1992-Pres.)	2

### Big South • NCAA Regional Wins

Rk.	Team (Years active)	No.
1.	Longwood (2013-Pres.)	5
2.	Coastal Carolina (1988-2016)	3
	Radford (1992-Pres.)	3
4.	Liberty (1994-2018)	2
	Winthrop (1988-Pres.)	2

### Longwood • Big South Conference History

Year	OVR.	CONF.	W-L	W-L	Finish	Postseason
2013	41-20	16-8	3rd			BSC Champion/NCAA
2014	40-16	17-6	2nd			BSC Semifinals
2015	34-25	20-4	1st			BSC Champion/NCAA
2016	40-20	19-5	1st			BSC Champion/NCAA
2017	30-29	13-8	3rd			BSC Champion/NCAA
2018	38-16	17-4	2nd			BSC Semifinals
2019	37-22	20-4	1st			BSC Champion/NCAA
2020	10-11	—	—			Season canceled (COVID)
2021	26-27	14-7	3rd			—

## NCAA REGIONALS

- Longwood has advanced to five of the past seven NCAA Regionals and reached the Regional Finals twice, in 2016 and 2017.
- The Lancers have since advanced to the NCAA postseason in 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2019, tying Coastal Carolina for the most Regional appearances in Big South history.
- Since Longwood University initiated the jump to the Division I level in 2004-05, Lancer softball has accounted for five of the school's six NCAA postseason appearances. Men's golf also qualified for the NCAA Regional in 2007.
- Longwood is 5-10 in NCAA Regional play, which is the most NCAA postseason wins by any Big South softball team.

### Longwood • NCAA Regional History by Year

Year	Site (Host)	W-L
2013	Knoxville, Tenn. (Tennessee)	0-2
2015	Knoxville, Tenn. (Tennessee)	1-2
2016	Harrisonburg, Va. (James Madison)	2-2
2017	Knoxville, Tenn. (Tennessee)	2-2
2019	Knoxville, Tenn. (Tennessee)	0-2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5-10</b>

## NEED FOR SPEED

- Longwood ranks seventh nationally in steals, averaging 2.31 swipes per game and stealing at an 83.9 percent success rate.
- The Lancers have one of the nation's top base-stealers in 3B **Mason Basdikis**, who is tied for 15th nationally with 30 steals.
- Basdikis is a perfect 30-for-30 stealing, ranking her tied for the national lead in stolen bases by a player who has yet to be caught stealing.
- Three of the Big South's top 10 base stealers are Lancers, including second-place Basdikis, third-place **Destiny Martinez** (21) and eighth-place **Lauren Taylor** (17).

### 2021 • NCAA • Stolen Bases Per Game Leaders

Rk.	Team	SB/Game
1.	Canisius	3.00
2.	Southeastern La.	2.96
3.	Louisiana	2.88
4.	Prairie View	2.87
5.	Hofstra	2.70
6.	Central Ark.	2.57
7.	Longwood	2.31
8.	Grambling	2.30
9.	Indiana	2.27
10.	UConn	2.18

### 2021 • NCAA • Most Steals Without Being Caught

Rk.	Player, Team	SB-A
1.	Mason Basdikis, Longwood	30-30
2.	Kelsey Brown, Virginia Tech	29-29
3.	Madison Naujokas, James Madison	23-23

### 2021 • Big South • Stolen Bases Leaders

Rk.	Player, Team	SB
1.	Macy McCall, Winthrop	46
2.	Mason Basdikis, Longwood	30
3.	Destiny Martinez, Longwood	21
4.	Sarah Price, USC Upstate	20
5.	Destini England, Campbell	19
6.	Sydney Fisher, Radford	18
	Bri Bryant, Campbell	18
8.	Lauren Taylor, Longwood	17
	Talia Douglas, Radford	17

## 2022 STREAKS

### HITTING STREAKS

Player	Current	Best
Alexis Wayland	3	3
Emily Vinson	0	5
Sydney Jacobsen	0	3
Lauren Taylor	4	4
Korynna Anderson	5	5
Lauren Fox	0	1
Mason Basdikis	1	1
Jaden Pone	3	3
Regan Kanagawa	0	2
Corienne Knapp	0	1
Kelly Park	0	2

### REACHED BASE SAFELY STREAKS

Player	Current	Best
Mason Basdikis	1	2
Alexis Wayland	3	3
Madison Blair	0	1
Sydney Jacobsen	0	4
Lauren Taylor	4	4
Lauren Fox	0	3
Emily Vinson	0	8
Korynna Anderson	5	5
Jaden Pone	6	6
Sydney Guess	0	1
Corienne Knapp	0	1
Regan Kanagawa	0	2
Kelly Park	0	3

## STRONG IN THE CIRCLE

- Longwood's pitching staffs have consistently been among the best in the Big South since joining the conference in 2013.
- In the Lancers' nine seasons in the league, they have finished in the top two of the conference ERA leaderboard six times, including a league-leading 2.29 mark during the 2016 Big South Championship season.
- Four Longwood pitchers have earned Big South Player or Pitcher of the Year recognition, including 2021 selection **Sydney Backstrom** and two-time Pitcher of the Year Elizabeth McCarthy in 2015 and 2016. Also earning Big South Player of the Year recognition in 2013 was former two-way standout and All-American Brooke Short, who went 18-8 with a 3.07 ERA while batting .420 with 18 home runs and 69 RBI that year.

### Longwood • Big South ERA Ranking by Year

Year	ERA	Rank
2013	3.10	2nd
2014	2.54	2nd
2015	3.90	7th
2016	2.29	1st
2017	2.73	2nd
2018	2.20	2nd
2019	3.10	2nd
2020	4.01	7th*
2021	4.57	7th

### Longwood • Big South Opp. AVG Ranking by Year

Year	B/Avg.	Rank
2013	.247	2nd
2014	.242	3rd
2015	.278	6th
2016	.212	1st
2017	.236	2nd
2018	.216	1st
2019	.231	2nd
2020	.259	6th*
2021	.252	3rd

\*Season concluded after 21 games due to COVID-19 pandemic

## 2022 STARTING LINEUPS BY GAME

Date	Opponent	C	1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF	DP	SP
F11	Fresno State	WAYLAND	JACOBSEN	TAYLOR	ANDERSON	BASDIKIS	PONE	FOX	GUESS	KANAGAWA	BACKSTROM
F11	Georgia	WAYLAND	JACOBSEN	TAYLOR	ANDERSON	BASDIKIS	VINSON	FOX	PONE	BLAIR	KANAGAWA
F12	Minnesota	WAYLAND	JACOBSEN	ANDERSON	TAYLOR	BASDIKIS	VINSON	FOX	PONE	KNAPP	KANAGAWA
F12	Central Florida	WAYLAND	JACOBSEN	ANDERSON	TAYLOR	BASDIKIS	VINSON	FOX	PONE	KNAPP	KANAGAWA
F13	Georgia	WAYLAND	JACOBSEN	PONE	TAYLOR	BASDIKIS	VINSON	FOX	GUESS	ANDERSON	BACKSTROM
F18	Wichita State	WAYLAND	JACOBSEN	TAYLOR	ANDERSON	BASDIKIS	VINSON	FOX	PONE	PARK	BACKSTROM
F18	Western Illinois	WAYLAND	JACOBSEN	TAYLOR	ANDERSON	BASDIKIS	VINSON	FOX	PONE	PARK	KANAGAWA
F19	Arkansas	WAYLAND	JACOBSEN	TAYLOR	ANDERSON	BASDIKIS	VINSON	FOX	PONE	PARK	KANAGAWA
F19	Illinois	WAYLAND	JACOBSEN	TAYLOR	ANDERSON	BASDIKIS	VINSON	FOX	PONE	PARK	BACKSTROM
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## BIG SOUTH TOURNAMENT

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## QUOTABLE:

*"This was a tough loss, without question. We still have a clear path, so we just have to keep taking one step forward at a time. Those who do are always champions."*

— Longwood head coach Dr. Megan Brown following Thursday's 5-4 opening-round loss to No. 2 seed USC Upstate



## A NEW ERA BEGINS

- Following the retirement of legendary head coach Kathy Riley in June of 2020, Longwood softball has a new head coach for the first time since 1998.
- Dr. Megan Brown** was brought in as the new head coach for Longwood softball and now enters her second season with the program. Brown was among the top pitching coaches in the country before her hiring at Longwood in August, 2020.
- Brown wasted little time in earning her first signature win as Longwood's head coach, leading the Lancers to a 3-2 upset over No. 16 Georgia on Feb. 20 at the Georgia Classic in Athens, Ga. The win was Longwood's 10th over a top-25 foe since making the jump to the Division I level in 2005.
- In year one, Brown has led the Lancers to another third-place Big South finish, a 14-7 record in league play, an 11-game winning streak and an RPI that reached as high in No. 70 in 2021.
- In taking over the Lancers, Brown assumed command of a mid-major powerhouse built by Riley, who amassed a 722-400-1 record in 23 seasons at Longwood and an 820-488-1 record in her 27 years as a collegiate head coach overall.
- The Lancers advanced to seven NCAA Regionals under Riley, including Division II berths in 2002 and 2013 and Division I berths in 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2019.
- With a coaching resume that has taken her to three high-major programs, Brown has worked with some of the best ever at the collegiate level, including NFCA Hall-of-Famers Tina Deese (Auburn), Karen Mullins (UConn), Diane Ninemire (Cal), and Chris Bellotto (Florida Southern) who she played for.

## A LOOK AT THE STREAK

- From March 10-28, Longwood won 11 consecutive games, which was the third-longest winning streak in program history and the second-longest of Longwood's Division I era (since 2007).
- Included in that streak were four consecutive series sweeps, two of which were in Big South play.
- Only the 2015 Lancers' 13-game tear and the 2016 Lancers' 12-game streak were longer.
- Longwood's pitching staff, led by an 8-0 stretch from **Sydney Backstrom**, logged a 2.46 ERA and held opposing hitters to a .193 clip.

### Longwood • Longest Winning Streaks

Rk.	Year	Streak	Final W-L
1.	2015	13	34-25
2.	2016	12	40-20
3.	2021	11	26-28

## CREAM OF THE CROP

- Longwood has annually produced some of the best players in the Big South and on the entire mid-major softball circuit.
- Among those are a pair of All-Americans in Megan Baltzell (2013) and Brooke Short (2013), two-time Big South Pitcher of the Year Elizabeth McCarthy (2015, 2016) and 2021 Big South Pitcher of the Year **Sydney Backstrom**.
- Baltzell was also a two-time Big South Player of the Year, winning those honors back-to-back in 2014 and 2015, while Short won the league's top award in 2013.
- Baltzell ranks tied for 12th on the NCAA's all-time home run list with 76 career bombs and fifth with a career .872 slugging percentage. She is one of only 12 players in NCAA Division I history to hit 30 home runs in a single season.
- Meanwhile Short was named Big South Player of the Year and an All-American as a senior in 2013, her only season in the Big South.
- Four Lancers have also earned All-Big South recognition four times: Emily Murphy (2013-16), Elizabeth McCarthy (2014-17), Karleigh Donovan (2016-19) and Sydney Gay (2016-19).

### Big South • All-Conference Awards Since 2013

Rk.	Team	No.
1.	<b>Longwood</b>	47
2.	Campbell	29
2.	Liberty <sup>A</sup>	27
4.	Coastal Carolina <sup>A</sup>	21
5.	Charleston Southern	20
	Radford	20

<sup>A</sup>Liberty left Big South after 2018. Coastal Carolina left Big South after 2016.

### Big South • 4-Time All-Conference Honorees

Rk.	Team	No.
1.	Coastal Carolina <sup>A</sup>	6
2.	<b>Longwood</b>	4
	Winthrop	4
4.	Charleston Southern	2

<sup>A</sup>Liberty left Big South after 2018. Coastal Carolina left Big South after 2016.

### Longwood • Big South Pitcher of the Year

Player, Pos.	Year
Elizabeth McCarthy, RHP	2015
Elizabeth McCarthy, RHP	2016
<b>Sydney Backstrom, RHP</b>	2021

### Longwood • Big South Player of the Year

Player, Pos.	Year
Brooke Short, UT/P	2013
Megan Baltzell, C	2014
Megan Baltzell, C	2015

### Longwood • Big South Coach of the Year

Coach	Year
Kathy Riley	2015
Kathy Riley	2016
Kathy Riley	2019

## WORKHORSE IN THE CIRCLE

- Sydney Backstrom earned Big South Pitcher of the Year and to the All-Big South first team for a second time, Backstrom led the Big South in wins (19), opponent batting average (.186), innings (196.1), shutouts (5) and complete games (23). She went also went 11-3 in Big South play, earning wins in 11 of Longwood's 14 conference victories.
- Backstrom owns a 59-35 career record, eight saves and a 2.59 ERA. In her 608.1 career innings, she has struck out 471 batters while holding hitters to a .208 batting average.
- Backstrom has been a workhorse for the Lancers in 2021, throwing 60 percent of the team's total innings. She ranks second nationally with 196.1 innings pitched and with 23 complete games.
- Backstrom is the latest in a long line of Longwood aces, following in the footsteps of 2013 Big South Tournament MVP Libby Morris, two-time Big South Pitcher of the Year Elizabeth McCarthy (2015, 2016) and four-time All-Big South pitcher Sydney Gay (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019).

### 2021 • NCAA • Innings Pitched

Rk.	Player, Team	IP
1.	Kassidy Wilbur, Stephen F. Austin	212.2
2.	<b>Sydney Backstrom, Longwood</b>	202.2
3.	Keely Rochard, Virginia Tech	194.0

### 2021 • NCAA • Complete Games

Rk.	Player, Team	CG
1.	Keely Rochard, Virginia Tech	25
2.	<b>Sydney Backstrom, Longwood</b>	24
3.	Georgina Corrick, South Florida	23
	Payton Gottshall, Bowling Green	23
	Valerie Cagle, Clemson	23

### 2021 • Big South • Wins

Rk.	Player, Team	W
1.	<b>Sydney Backstrom, Longwood</b>	19
2.	Madysen Watson, Winthrop	15
3.	Mallie Brown, USC Upstate	12

### 2021 • Big South • Opponent Batting Average

Rk.	Player, Team	B/Avg.
1.	<b>Sydney Backstrom, Longwood</b>	.185
2.	Jenna Greene, Presbyterian	.207
3.	Haley Haselden, Presbyterian	.207

### 2021 • Big South • RBI

Rk.	Player, Team	RBI
1.	Ansley Gilreath, Winthrop	41
2.	Peyton Darnell, USC Upstate	36
	Madison Canady, Radford	36
4.	<b>Alexis Wayland, Longwood</b>	34
	Talia Douglas, Radford	32
6.	Tiffany Domingue, USC Upstate	29
	Taylor Charlton, Winthrop	29
8.	<b>Sydney Jacobsen, Longwood</b>	27
9.	<b>Lauren Taylor, Longwood</b>	26
	Abby Wilson, Radford	26
2.	Peyton Darnell, USC Upstate	32
3.	<b>Alexis Wayland, Longwood</b>	29
	Tiffany Domingue, USC Upstate	26
	Taylor Charlton, Winthrop	29
6.	<b>Sydney Jacobsen, Longwood</b>	26
	Madison Canady, Radford	26
8.	Abby Wilson, Radford	22
9.	<b>Lauren Taylor, Longwood</b>	24
10.	Kayla Fredenhall, Campbell	22

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Hometown/High School	Previous School
1	Emily Vinson	Fr.	INF/OF		5-6	Elgin, S.C. / Lugoff-Elgin	
2	Sydney Guess	Sr.	OF/1B		5-4	Mechanicsville, Va. / Lee-Davis	Coastal Carolina
3	Alexis Wayland	Sr.	C/3B	R/R	5-3	Stanardsville, Va. / William Monroe	
4	Kayley DeVivi	So.	UT		5-4	Danville, Va. / Tunstall	
5	Leigha Hill	Jr.	INF/RHP	R/R	5-7	Chester, Va. / Thomas Dale	
6	Jaden Pone	Fr.	INF		5-3	Hope Mills, N.C. / Gray's Creek	
7	Reagen Kanagawa	R-Jr.	P/1B		6-2	Blue Springs, Mo. / Blue Springs	BYU
8	Corinne Knapp	Fr.	INF		5-8	Woodbridge, Va. / C.D. Hylton	
9	Kelly Park	Jr.	3B	R/R	5-7	Greenville, Pa. / Reynolds	
10	Lauren Taylor	Jr.	SS/OF	R/R	5-6	Mechanicsville, Va. / Lee Davis	
12	Lauren Fox	So.	OF		5-5	Ashburn, Va. / Stone Bridge	
13	Er'ron Burton	Fr.	P		-	Suffolk, Va. / Nansemond River	
14	Korynna Anderson	Jr.	INF		5-7	Los Alamitos, Calif. / Los Alamitos	Orange Coast College
19	Madison Blair	Sr.	1B	R/R	5-10	San Diego, Calif. / San Marcos	
21	Angelina Sherba	Sr.	LHP	L/L	5-6	Doylestown, Pa. / Central Bucks	
23	Mason Basdikis	Sr.	SS/3B	R/R	5-8	Powhatan, Va. / Powhatan	
32	Lindsey Hay	Jr.	C/3RD		5-5	Whiting, N.J. / Donovan Catholic High School	Hofstra
36	Jerzie Nutile	Fr.	INF/P		5-10	Pasadena, Md. / Chesapeake	
37	Sydney Jacobsen	Sr.	UTL	R/R	5-10	Yorktown, Va. / Tabb	
99	Sydney Backstrom	Gr.	RHP	R/R	6-1	Huntersville, N.C. / Hopewell	

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Hometown/High School	Previous School
14	Korynna Anderson	Jr.	INF		5-7	Los Alamitos, Calif. / Los Alamitos	Orange Coast College
99	Sydney Backstrom	Gr.	RHP	R/R	6-1	Huntersville, N.C. / Hopewell	
23	Mason Basdikis	Sr.	SS/3B	R/R	5-8	Powhatan, Va. / Powhatan	
19	Madison Blair	Sr.	1B	R/R	5-10	San Diego, Calif. / San Marcos	
13	Er'ron Burton	Fr.	P		-	Suffolk, Va. / Nansemond River	
4	Kayley DeVivi	So.	UT		5-4	Danville, Va. / Tunstall	
12	Lauren Fox	So.	OF		5-5	Ashburn, Va. / Stone Bridge	
2	Sydney Guess	Sr.	OF/1B		5-4	Mechanicsville, Va. / Lee-Davis	Coastal Carolina
32	Lindsey Hay	Jr.	C/3RD		5-5	Whiting, N.J. / Donovan Catholic High School	Hofstra
5	Leigha Hill	Jr.	INF/RHP	R/R	5-7	Chester, Va. / Thomas Dale	
37	Sydney Jacobsen	Sr.	UTL	R/R	5-10	Yorktown, Va. / Tabb	
7	Reagen Kanagawa	R-Jr.	P/1B		6-2	Blue Springs, Mo. / Blue Springs	BYU
8	Corinne Knapp	Fr.	INF		5-8	Woodbridge, Va. / C.D. Hylton	
36	Jerzie Nutile	Fr.	INF/P		5-10	Pasadena, Md. / Chesapeake	
9	Kelly Park	Jr.	3B	R/R	5-7	Greenville, Pa. / Reynolds	
6	Jaden Pone	Fr.	INF		5-3	Hope Mills, N.C. / Gray's Creek	
21	Angelina Sherba	Sr.	LHP	L/L	5-6	Doylestown, Pa. / Central Bucks	
10	Lauren Taylor	Jr.	SS/OF	R/R	5-6	Mechanicsville, Va. / Lee Davis	
1	Emily Vinson	Fr.	INF/OF		5-6	Elgin, S.C. / Lugoff-Elgin	
3	Alexis Wayland	Sr.	C/3B	R/R	5-3	Stanardsville, Va. / William Monroe	

## COACHING STAFF

Name	Title	Alma Mater
Dr. Megan Brown	Head Softball Coach	Florida Southern, '09
Jo Koons	Assistant Softball Coach	Utah State, '15
Jessica Dreswick	Assistant Softball Coach	Boston College, '18
Tyler Wrenn	Director of Sports Performance	
Lindsay Bentley	Assistant Athletic Trainer (MXC, WXC, SB)	

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Mason BASDIKIS	bazz-DEE-kiss
Kayley DEVIVI	duh-VEE-vee
NIA Green	NEE-uh
LEIGHA Hill	LEE-uh
BREEANNA Huggins	bree-AH-nuh
Hannah MUNDY	MUN-dee
MAISON Myers	MAY-sun
Alexis WAYLAND	WAY-lend
ARLEIGH Wood	ARR-lee

# LONGWOOD GAMEDAY > Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Site/Location	Tournament	Result
Feb. 11	11 a.m.	Fresno State	Neutral/Orlando, Fla.	Black & Gold Classic (UCF)	W, 8-7
Feb. 11	1:30 p.m.	Georgia	Neutral/Orlando, Fla.	Black & Gold Classic (UCF)	L, 2-4
Feb. 12	4:30 p.m.	Minnesota	Neutral/Orlando, Fla.	Black & Gold Classic (UCF)	L, 3-6
Feb. 12	7 p.m.	Central Florida	Away/Orlando, Fla.	Black & Gold Classic (UCF)	L, 1-9
Feb. 13	12 p.m.	Georgia	Neutral/Orlando, Fla.	Black & Gold Classic (UCF)	L, 3-16
Feb. 18	12:15 p.m.	Wichita State	Neutral/Fayetteville, Ark.	Razorback Invitational (Arkansas)	W, 4-2
Feb. 18	7 p.m.	Western Illinois	Neutral/Fayetteville, Ark.	Razorback Invitational (Arkansas)	W, 5-1
Feb. 19	2:30 p.m.	Arkansas	Away/Fayetteville, Ark.	Razorback Invitational (Arkansas)	L, 4-15
Feb. 19	7 p.m.	Illinois	Neutral/Fayetteville, Ark.	Razorback Invitational (Arkansas)	W, 5-3
Feb. 20	10 a.m.	Western Illinois	Neutral/Fayetteville, Ark.	Razorback Invitational (Arkansas)	L, 1-3
Feb. 25	12:30 p.m.	South Alabama	Neutral/Starkville, Miss.	The Snowman (Mississippi State)	
Feb. 25	3 p.m.	Mississippi State	Away/Starkville, Miss.	The Snowman (Mississippi State)	
Feb. 26	10 a.m.	South Alabama	Neutral/Starkville, Miss.	The Snowman (Mississippi State)	
Feb. 26	12:30 p.m.	Belmont	Neutral/Starkville, Miss.	The Snowman (Mississippi State)	
Mar. 4	3 p.m.	UAB	Away/Birmingham, Ala.	Green and Gold Classic (UAB)	
Mar. 4	5:30 p.m.	UAB	Away/Birmingham, Ala.	Green and Gold Classic (UAB)	
Mar. 5	11 a.m.	Harvard	Neutral/Birmingham, Ala.	Green and Gold Classic (UAB)	
Mar. 5	1:30 p.m.	UAB	Away/Birmingham, Ala.	Green and Gold Classic (UAB)	
Mar. 6	10 a.m.	Harvard	Neutral/Birmingham, Ala.	Green and Gold Classic (UAB)	
Mar. 11	1 p.m.	USC Upstate	Away/Spartanburg, S.C.		
Mar. 11	3 p.m.	USC Upstate	Away/Spartanburg, S.C.		
Mar. 12	1 p.m.	USC Upstate	Away/Spartanburg, S.C.		
Mar. 19	3 p.m.	Charleston Southern	Away/Charleston, S.C.		
Mar. 19	5 p.m.	Charleston Southern	Away/Charleston, S.C.		
Mar. 20	1 p.m.	Charleston Southern	Away/Charleston, S.C.		
<b>Mar. 22</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>	<b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>		
<b>Mar. 22</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>	<b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>		
<b>Mar. 23</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>	<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>		
<b>Mar. 26</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>North Carolina A&amp;T</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>		
<b>Mar. 26</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>	<b>North Carolina A&amp;T</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>		
<b>Mar. 27</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>North Carolina A&amp;T</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>		
Mar. 29	5 p.m.	Virginia	Away/Charlottesville, Va.		
Apr. 2	12 p.m.	Hampton	Away/Hampton, Va.		
Apr. 2	2 p.m.	Hampton	Away/Hampton, Va.		
Apr. 3	3 p.m.	Hampton	Away/Hampton, Va.		
Apr. 6	5 p.m.	NC State	Away/Raleigh, N.C.		
<b>Apr. 9</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>	<b>Radford</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>		
<b>Apr. 9</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>	<b>Radford</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>		
<b>Apr. 10</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Radford</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>		
<b>Apr. 15</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>	<b>Presbyterian</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>		
<b>Apr. 16</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Presbyterian</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>		
<b>Apr. 16</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Presbyterian</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>		
Apr. 20	2 p.m.	George Mason University	Away/Fairfax, VA		
Apr. 20	4 p.m.	George Mason University	Away/Fairfax, VA		
Apr. 23	1 p.m.	Campbell	Away/Buies Creek, N.C.		
Apr. 23	3 p.m.	Campbell	Away/Buies Creek, N.C.		
Apr. 24	1 p.m.	Campbell	Away/Buies Creek, N.C.		
<b>Apr. 26</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Virginia</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>		
Apr. 27,	5 p.m.	James Madison	Away/Harrisonburg, Va.		
Apr. 27	7 p.m.	James Madison	Away/Harrisonburg, Va.		
<b>Apr. 30</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Gardner-Webb</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>		
<b>Apr. 30</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>	<b>Gardner-Webb</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>		
<b>May 1</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Gardner-Webb</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>		
<b>May 7</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Winthrop</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>		
<b>May 7</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>	<b>Winthrop</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>		
<b>May 8</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Winthrop</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>		

## BIG SOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

<b>May 11</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>	<b>Big South Championship</b>
<b>May 12</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>	<b>Big South Championship</b>
<b>May 13</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>	<b>Big South Championship</b>
<b>May 14</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Home/Farmville, Va.</b>	<b>Big South Championship</b>

Home games in **bold**

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**2021 LONGWOOD MISCELLANEOUS STATS**

**Longwood Softball**  
**Miscellaneous Stats for Longwood University (as of Feb 22, 2022)**  
**(All games)**

<b>Multiple Hit Games</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5+</b>	<b>Total</b>
TAYLOR, Lauren	3	-	-	-	3
PONE, Jaden	2	1	-	-	3
PARK, Kelly	1	1	-	-	2
VINSON, Emily	2	-	-	-	2
WAYLAND, Alexis	2	-	-	-	2
FOX, Lauren	1	-	-	-	1
BASDIKIS, Mason	1	-	-	-	1
ANDERSON, Korynna	1	-	-	-	1
TEAM	13	2	0	0	15

<b>Multiple RBI Games</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5+</b>	<b>Total</b>
WAYLAND, Alexis	1	1	-	-	2
TAYLOR, Lauren	2	-	-	-	2
ANDERSON, Korynna	1	-	-	-	1
PARK, Kelly	1	-	-	-	1
TEAM	5	1	0	0	6

<b>Hitting Streaks</b>	<b>Longest</b>	<b>Current</b>
ANDERSON, Korynna	5	5
VINSON, Emily	5	-
TAYLOR, Lauren	4	4
PONE, Jaden	3	3
WAYLAND, Alexis	3	3
JACOBSEN, Sydney	3	-
KANAGAWA, Reagan	2	-
PARK, Kelly	2	-
BASDIKIS, Mason	1	1
FOX, Lauren	1	-
KNAPP, Corinne	1	-

<b>Reached Base Streaks</b>	<b>Longest</b>	<b>Current</b>
VINSON, Emily	8	-
PONE, Jaden	6	6
ANDERSON, Korynna	5	5
TAYLOR, Lauren	4	4
JACOBSEN, Sydney	4	-
PARK, Kelly	3	-
WAYLAND, Alexis	3	3
FOX, Lauren	3	-
BASDIKIS, Mason	2	1
KANAGAWA, Reagan	2	-
GUESS, Sydney	1	-
BLAIR, Madison	1	-
KNAPP, Corinne	1	-



## 2021 LONGWOOD STAT SUMMARY

### Longwood Softball Games Summary for Longwood University (as of Feb 22, 2022) (All games)

Score by innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Longwood University	6	5	7	3	7	4	4	36
Opponents	4	18	13	16	10	4	1	66

#### Record when ...

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

#### Record when team scores:

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

#### Record when opponent scores:

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

#### Record when leading after:

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

#### Record when trailing after:

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

#### Record when tied after:

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

Current losing streak: 1  
Longest winning streak: 2  
Longest losing streak: 4

Home attendance : 0 ( 0 dates avg = 0 )  
Away attendance : 3341 ( 10 dates avg = 334 )  
Total attendance: 3341 ( 10 dates avg = 334 )

## 2021 LONGWOOD OVERALL STATS

### Longwood Softball Overall Statistics for Longwood University (as of Feb 22, 2022) (All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 4-6 Home: 0-0 Away: 0-2 Neutral: 4-4 Big South: 0-0

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%
PONE, Jaden	.364	10-10	33	7	12	0	0	0	3	12	.364	2	0	5	0	.400	0	0	6-7	4	3	1	.875
TAYLOR, Lauren	.360	10-10	25	4	9	1	0	1	5	13	.520	4	0	8	0	.433	1	0	7-7	11	14	1	.962
ANDERSON, Korynna	.321	10-10	28	4	9	2	0	2	7	17	.607	1	2	3	0	.375	1	0	2-3	11	5	2	.889
WAYLAND, Alexis	.310	10-10	29	3	9	2	1	1	9	16	.552	1	0	3	0	.313	2	0	0-0	64	7	4	.947
VINSON, Emily	.310	10-9	29	10	9	3	0	1	2	15	.517	2	0	8	0	.355	0	0	4-5	11	2	0	1.000
FOX, Lauren	.174	10-10	23	3	4	0	0	0	0	4	.174	2	0	6	0	.240	0	0	4-4	11	0	0	1.000
JACOBSEN, Sydney	.167	10-10	24	2	4	0	1	0	0	6	.250	0	1	8	0	.200	0	0	0-0	52	1	3	.946
BASDIKIS, Mason	.120	10-10	25	1	3	1	0	0	0	4	.160	3	0	9	0	.214	0	0	3-4	5	12	0	1.000
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PARK, Kelly	.385	5-4	13	0	5	2	0	0	2	7	.538	1	0	4	0	.429	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
KANAGAWA, Reagan	.333	3-2	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	.333	0	0	1	0	.333	0	0	0-0	1	7	0	1.000
KNAPP, Corinne	.200	4-2	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.200	1	0	3	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
BLAIR, Madison	.000	6-1	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	0	3	0	.143	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
GUESS, Sydney	.000	5-2	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.143	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
DEVIVI, Kayley	.000	5-0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
HILL, Leigha	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.263	10	255	36	67	11	2	5	29	97	.380	19	3	63	0	.317	4	0	26-30	173	61	13	.947
Opponents	.309	10	236	66	73	16	3	6	53	113	.479	41	9	60	0	.426	3	4	21-25	188	67	11	.959

LOB - Team (57), Opp (53). DPs turned - Team (0), Opp (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
BACKSTROM, Sydney	5.18	3-3	7	5	4	0/0	0	33.0	29	24	19	14	40	7	2	6	.228	0	5	0	1	1
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KANAGAWA, Reagan	6.00	1-3	6	5	1	0/0	0	18.0	22	20	12	17	15	4	0	0	.314	7	0	0	0	3
BURTON, Er'ron	23.14	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	2.1	9	6	6	3	3	1	0	0	.600	1	1	0	1	0
SHERBA, Angelina	28.93	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	4.2	13	16	15	7	2	4	1	0	.542	0	3	0	1	0
Totals	8.07	4-6	10	10	5	0/0	0	58.0	73	66	52	41	60	16	3	6	.309	8	9	0	3	4
Opponents	4.16	6-4	10	10	4	0/0	2	62.2	67	36	29	19	63	11	2	5	.263	9	3	0	4	0

PB - Team (6), WAYLAND, Ale 6, Opp (4). SBA/ATT - WAYLAND, Ale (21-25), KANAGAWA, Re (12-13), BACKSTROM, S (6-8), SHERBA, Ange (3-4).



# DR. MEGAN BROWN

**Head Coach**

**Second Season**

**Florida Southern, '07 & '09 | Auburn, '13**

**Career Record: 27-32 (Second Season)**

**Longwood Record: 27-32 (Second Season)**

After a national search following the retirement of legendary head coach Kathy Riley, Longwood athletics director Michelle Meadows named Dr. Megan Brown the new head coach of Longwood softball in August, 2020.

Brown's coaching resume includes time in the ACC, Pac-12 and SEC, along with extensive playing credentials that include a record-setting All-American career at Florida Southern and six years on the professional softball circuit at home and abroad.

During that time, she has coached under and played for some of the most decorated head coaches in college softball, including National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Hall-of-Famers Diane Ninemire at Cal and Karen Mullens at UConn, SEC Coach of the Year Tina Deese at Auburn, and 1,200-game winner and NFCA Hall-of-Famer Chris Bellotto at Florida Southern.

Most recently Brown served as an assistant coach at Pac-12 member Cal (2020) and Atlantic Coast Conference member Boston College (2016-19), with prior stints at Akron (2015), UConn (2014), UNC Pembroke (2012-13) and Auburn (2010-11). She has also coached at the highest level of international fastpitch softball, serving as pitching coach and guest player for the Great Britain Women's National Team from 2011-14.

At Longwood, Brown takes over one of the most dominant dynasties in Big South Conference history. Under Riley, who won 722 games in 23 years at Longwood and 820 in 27 years at the college level, Longwood softball has won five of the past seven Big South championships, reached five NCAA Regionals, and twice advanced to the NCAA Regional Championship game.

Brown stepped into her new role armed with a longstanding history of pitching success, which has been the hallmark of her career both as a player and coach. That trend has followed her from the standout collegiate career that landed her in the Sunshine State Conference Hall of Fame, Florida Southern Hall of Fame and the NCAA record books, to her beginnings in the coaching industry as a volunteer assistant at Auburn and her most recent stints with two different high-major programs.

Throughout her coaching career, she has worked under some of the best to ever coach at the collegiate level, including most recently under 1,355-game winner Ninemire at Cal in 2020. With the Golden Bears, Brown worked under Ninemire in the Cal coaching legend's

33rd and final season before retirement, helping Ninemire cap a career that saw her finish at No. 9 on the all-time Division I wins leaderboard.

Prior to Brown's COVID-shortened stint as pitching coach at Cal in 2020, she was the top assistant at Boston College from 2016-19 and transformed the Eagle pitching staff into one of the best in the ACC.

Under her tutelage, Boston College's pitchers ranked second in the conference in ERA in 2017 behind only top-10 power Florida State, ranked among the league's top four in opponent batting average and strikeouts three consecutive years from 2016-18, and led the league in strikeouts looking in both 2016 and 2017. Leading that charge were Brown's pupils Jessica Dreswick and Allyson Frei, two NFCA All-Region pitchers who left their names littered throughout the school's record books. Among a wealth of school records, Dreswick set the program's single-season wins record and threw the school's first no-hitter of the ACC era under Brown.

That dominance in the circle propelled Boston College to the upper tier of the ACC, finishing in the top four of the league standings three consecutive years from 2016-18. The Eagles reached 30 overall wins and double-digit ACC victories in each of those seasons, leading to the program's winningest three-year run of its ACC era.

That five-year stretch at Cal and Boston College followed two years in which Brown held assistant coach positions at Mid-American Conference member Akron in 2015 and American Conference member Connecticut in 2014. At Akron, she oversaw the development of one of the best pitchers to ever come through the program in Erin Seiler. Seiler set Akron's single-season strikeout record with 305 that year, her highest total in a four-year career that ended with her atop the program leaderboards in career wins, complete games and strikeouts. Meanwhile at UConn, Brown learned under NFCA Hall of Fame inductee and 862-game winner Karen Mullins in the last of her 31 seasons leading the Huskies program.

Prior to her return to the Division I level at UConn, Brown cut her teeth in the college coaching ranks at Division II UNC Pembroke in 2012-13 and at SEC power Auburn in 2010 and 2011. At Auburn, she worked toward her doctorate degree while serving the Tiger program as a student manager in 2010 and a volunteer assistant coach in 2011, helping the program

reach two of its nine NCAA Tournaments under Tina Deese. Brown also continued her professional playing career while at Auburn, playing the latter half of both of those springs in the Italian Softball League.

Brown's wealth of coaching accolades followed a playing career that remains among the best in the history of NCAA Division II softball. She was a three-time All-American and four-year ace of a Florida Southern team that finished No. 2, No.3 and No. 4 in the NCAA Division II College World Series from 2004-07 and amassed a four-year record of 200-42. Brown won a school-record 124 of those games with a career ERA of 0.69, two of the 11 school records she still holds. Also among those are 58 career shutouts and 12 career no-hitters, both of which rank among the NCAA Division II top 10 along with her 124 wins and 58 shutouts.

Brown also remains the only player in Sunshine State Conference (SSC) history to thrive earn the SSC Pitcher of the Year award and one of only four to be named an All-American three times. She was inducted into both the Florida Southern Hall of Fame and Sunshine State Conference Hall of Fame in 2013.

Brown continued her softball playing career at the professional level, playing three seasons in the National Pro Fastpitch League, first with the Michigan Ice in 2007 followed by two seasons with the Rockford Thunder. After the 2009 season with the Thunder, she jumped into the international ranks with the Titano Hornets A1 Softball team in Dogana, San Marino in 2010 and 2011, and then with the Oosterhout Twins in Oosterhout, Netherlands, in 2012. Those international endeavors have taken her to softball fields in Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Great Britain, Italy, Netherlands and San Marino.

## DR. MEGAN BROWN YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	School	Title	W-L
2010	Auburn	Student manager	31-26
2011	Auburn	Volunteer assistant	40-19
2012	UNC Pembroke	Assistant coach	16-31
2013	UNC Pembroke	Assistant coach	23-32
2014	Connecticut	Assistant coach	13-38
2015	Akron	Assistant coach	26-25
2016	Boston College	Assistant coach	30-23
2017	Boston College	Assistant coach	31-22
2018	Boston College	Assistant coach	30-23
2019	Boston College	Assistant coach	18-35
2020	Cal	Assistant coach	13-11
2021	Longwood	Head Coach	26-28



# 2022 Softball Roster



**#1 • Emily Vinson**  
Elgin, S.C.



**#2 • Sydney Guess**  
Mechanicsville, Va.



**#3 • Alexis Wayland**  
Standardsville, Va.



**#4 • Kayley Devivi**  
Danville, Va.



**#5 • Leigha Hill**  
Chester, Va.



**#6 • Jaden Pone**  
Hope Mills, N.C.



**#7 • Reagen Kanagawa**  
Blue Springs, Mo.



**#8 • Corinne Knapp**  
Woodbridge, Va.



**#9 • Kelly Park**  
Greenville, Pa.



**#10 • Lauren Taylor**  
Mechanicsville, Va.



**#12 • Lauren Fox**  
Ashburn, Va.



**#13 • Er'Ron Burton**  
Suffolk, Va.



**#14 • Korynna Anderson**  
Los Alamitos, Calif.



**#19 • Madison Blair**  
San Diego, Calif.



**#21 • Angelina Sherba**  
Doylestown, Pa.



**#23 • Mason Basdikis**  
Powhatan, Va.



**#32 • Lindsey Hay**  
Whiting, N.J.



**#36 • Jerzie Nutile**  
Pasadena, Md.



**#37 • Sydney Jacobsen**  
Yorktown, Va.



**#99 • Sydney Backstrom**  
Huntersville, N.C.