

## Argos of the Week



**Tiffany Davis**

**Hometown:** Gainesville, Fla.

**Class:** Senior  
**Position:** Defender/Midfielder

**2003:** Started in 17 games, in which she has totaled five goals and five assists. She put in two goals that helped the team defeat St. Leo University in weekend action.

**2002:** Started in 17 and played in all 20 games. Averaged 60.0 minutes per contest. Scored five goals and made an assist for 11 points. Had the game-winning goal in the GSC win over North Alabama. Made the GSC Academic Honor Roll.

**2001:** Started in all 21 games. Scored two goals in each game against Oklahoma Christian and Florida Southern. Made game-winners over Florida Southern, Saint Leo and Lincoln Memorial. Earned a spot on the GSC Academic Honor Roll.



**Anna Thorsteinsdottir**

**Hometown:** Reykjavik, Iceland  
**Class:** Freshman  
**Position:** Defender/Midfielder

**2003:** Started in 19 games this season. Scoring 10 goals and 16 assists for a total of 36 points on the season. She scored two goals and an assist against St. Leo University in weekend action. When she scored the second goal, she became the third straight Argonaut freshman to record at least 10 goals in a season.



**Stephen Simmons**

**Hometown:** N. Lauderdale, Fla.  
**Class:** Senior  
**Position:** Forward

**2003:** Named as a Pre-Season All-GSC player. Has played in 17 games this season scoring 11 goals and assisting on three goals. Scored the only goal in a hard fought match against Montevallo.

**2002:** Named to the All-GSC First Team. Played in all 19 games and started 18. Led the team in points with 18. Netted a team-high eight goals and made two assists... Named the GSC Player of the Week after wins over Eckerd and Spring Hill. Finished the season ranked third in the UWF Record Book for career goals with 30 and fifth for career points with 66.

## Simmons leads UWF in 1-0 win

**Andrew Kilgo**  
*Sports Editor*

In a hard fought defensive battle at the UWF Soccer Complex the UWF men's soccer team edged Montevallo 1-0 on a second half goal by senior Stephen

Simmons.

Simmons scored his ninth goal of the season from close range at the 60:49 mark. Patrick McLean assisted on the goal. UWF had a sizable advantage in shots, 29-12 and 6-2 in shots-on-goal. Matt Gascoigne had two saves in net

for the Argos. Ryan Connella collected nine saves for Montevallo. Felipe Lawall stayed busy for UWF with six shots in 75 minutes of action.

West Florida improves its record to 11-5-1 on the season and 5-2 in the conference.

## SLAMMIN' IT



Photo by Greg Miller

Senior Kristy Krause goes in for the kill in action against the University of North Alabama at home Friday night. UWF lost the match, making them 22-3 so far in the season.

## UWF falls short in weekend action

### Argonauts drop final two home games of the season

**Amber Gay**  
*Staff Writer*

The University of West Florida Argonauts fell short of victory last weekend against the defending Gulf South Conference champions the University of North Alabama Lions and the University of Alabama-Huntsville Chargers both in four games.

These losses slip the Argos to 22-3, 7-3 in the conference. UWF falls to third in the GSC behind the University of Montevallo Falcons.

On Friday, UWF took on the Lions in a critical match but were defeated 27-30, 30-24, 22-30.

"I think we put a lot of undue pressure on ourselves to win the match," said coach Melissa Wolter. "We took that pressure away in game three and just played to play and relaxed and stuck to what we do well and the end results showed but we can't do that in game three in the match."

The Argos came back strong in the third game but to no avail. Krause said the downfall of their game was their passing.

"When we pass, we execute," said senior middle hitter Kristy

Krause. "It's termination automatically."

Despite the loss, Krause, a criminal justice major, scored 28 kills, five service aces and seven blocks.

"I just came in mad," Krause said. "I was mad they beat us before knowing they shouldn't have and I just came in for revenge."

Sophomore outside hitter/middle hitter Jessica Bragion had a double-double game with 10 kills and 10 digs. Sophomore setter Melina Pereira set up 47 assists and seven digs.

"I told them that they needed to not think about our opponent and just play for us, play for every ball, play for every point and not look at the score," Wolter said. "When we just play to be out there and competing and living in the moment."

On Saturday, the Argos came close but couldn't pull off the win against the Chargers.. UWF lost 22-30, 34-32, 27-30, 27-30.

"We definitely did not play together and not to our ability," said junior outside hitter April Prater.

This is the first time all season UWF has lost two consecutive

games. Wolter said the team played flat and looked tired and that was the reason they lost the match.

"We can only play catch up for so long," Wolter said. "We went down in a couple games early and just couldn't fight our way back."

Krause finished the game with 28 kills and 20 digs while Pereira had 53 assists.

"We are looking at no more losses," Krause said. "We can't afford to lose. We need to just look forward to each game. We can't dwell in the past."

Wolter said the team will be practicing with more team based drills and focusing on teamwork for the rest of the season and into conference play. The past couple of games there have been one or two people trying to get the job done on the court instead of a team effort and the team can't win like that she said

Prater, an exercise science major, said, "We need to work on teamwork. We have the ability to be winners. We are just kind of getting comfortable and we can't get comfortable yet. The season isn't over yet and we need to keep playing as a team."



Photo by Ron Besser

Where's the ball? Members of the UWF and Montevallo soccer teams knock heads in Friday's contest.

## UWF women regain swagger in soccer

**Geoff Watts**  
*Staff Writer*

After suffering their first loss in 10 games, the University of West Florida women's soccer team got back on track with a 2-0 Gulf South Conference win over the University of Montevallo Falcons.

"We got back to playing our system, doing what we do well," Head Coach Joe Bartlinski said. "Our defense held up extremely well."

After being held scoreless for nearly the entire first half, junior defense/midfielder CiCi Marrero broke the Argo scoring drought with a goal in the 40th minute, assisted by sophomore midfielder/forward Mauricia Nicholson.

In the 58th minute, freshman defense/midfielder Anna Thorsteindottir took advantage of a corner kick the best way she knew how by stashing the ball in the upper left corner of the net, putting the game out of reach for the Falcons at 2-0.

Sophomore keeper Klara Vrbova, no stranger to blanking opponents this season, was again stellar in goal, along with the suffocating play of the defense around her. "At the end of the day, our kids worked hard and got the result they deserved," Bartlinski said. "We still need to take care of business in our remaining games going into the conference tournament."

### Notes:

- The Argos outshot the Falcons 24-5 and had nine corner kicks to the Falcons' one.
- The Argos have won nine of their last 10 games, all shutouts, outscoring their opponents by a staggering 49-0.
- The Argos improved their overall record to 15-2-1, 7-1 in Gulf south Conference play.

The University of West Florida women's soccer team was at it again Saturday, piling on regional foe St. Leo University Lions 6-0. It was the Argos' team record-tying 14th shutout of the season, regaining some valuable momentum heading into the stretch drive.

"I told the team I would have been disappointed if they didn't regain their passion and energy after losing a little confidence earlier," Bartlinski said. "They responded against a scrappy, hard-working team."

The Argos didn't have to wait long this time before lighting up the scoreboard. Repeating her feat of Friday night, freshman defense/midfielder Thorsteindottir curled her corner kick past the Lions' keeper in the 15th minute.

The Argos charged into halftime with momentum as sophomore midfielder/forward Patricia Toledo fired in an unassisted shot from close range in the 44th minute, giving the Argos a 2-0 lead.

Coinciding with Toledo's late first-half tally in the 44th minute, was a "red card" or ejection of a St. Leo player for what the referee recorded as "dis-sent."

"Basically, she just cussed the referee out, and you just can't do that," Bartlinski said with a chuckle.

The ejection forced the Lions to play the rest of the game one player short, and the Argos proceeded to open the floodgates. Senior defense/midfielder Tiffany Davis got the second half party started with a goal from close range in the 51st minute, assisted by sophomore midfielder/forward Nicholson.

A little more than eight minutes later, freshman Thorsteindottir worked her corner kick magic once more, scoring in the 59th minute to give the Argos a commanding 4-0 lead.

Senior defense/midfielder Davis added a goal of her own, less than three minutes later, with a nice assist from freshman Thorsteindottir. The Argos capped the scoring in the 78th minute with a goal, from close range once again, from junior defense/forward Noelle Sims, assisted by senior midfielder/forward Way Bean, concluding the 6-0 whitewash.

Sophomore keeper Klara Vrbova was outstanding once again in goal, sharing duty with junior Sharon Kerby in preserving UWF's 14th shutout of the season.

"That's a tough situation when you're down one player," Bartlinski said. "I think we were able to get back some of our confidence."

The Argos close out the regular season at the Argo Soccer Complex Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. against the Spring Hill College Badgers. The Argos will try to send out their six seniors during "Senior Night" on a winning note.

"We normally start three seniors, but all six will start on Tuesday," Bartlinski said. "I'm really looking forward to 'Senior Night,' it should be a fun evening for all of our players."

### Notes:

- The Argos outshot the Lions 17-5 and also had a decisive 10-1 edge on corner kicks
- The Argos will attempt to tie Lincoln Memorial University's Gulf South Conference record for shutouts in a season (15) against Spring Hill College Tuesday evening.
- UWF secured the No. 1 seed in the upcoming Gulf South Conference Tournament.
- Midfielder Anna Thorsteindottir became the third straight Argo freshman to record at least 10 goals in a season. The others were Brianna Oeser — 2001 and Mauricia Nicholson — 2002.

## Men's cross-country takes fourth at GSC Championships

### Women's cross-country takes sixth at GSC

*From Staff Reports*

The West Florida men's cross-country team took a fourth place finish in the Gulf South Conference championship meet hosted by Christian Brothers. Harding won their fourth straight title with all five of their runners in the top five slots. West Florida had a

score of 97, just one point behind Alabama-Huntsville. West Georgia placed second with 60 points.

Michael Padilla and Caleb Carmichael earned GSC Second Team honors. Padilla led the Argos' effort at 13th place with an 8K time of 26:46, and Carmichael placed 18th in 27:11. Danny Bauer followed at 21st in 27:14, Ramad Hicks finished 22nd with a time of 27:15, and Jamie Duffell was 23rd in 27:18. Also competing for UWF was Scott Poindexter, placing 35th with a time of 28:32,

and Craig Henry at 49th with a time of 30:18.

The Argos will look forward to the NCAA Division II South Regional meet November 8th in Atlanta, Ga.

### Women's Results

The Argos took a sixth place finish at the GSC Championships. Alabama-Huntsville won the team title to break a three-year streak of Harding, who finished second in the meet.

Lauren Brooks led West Florida at 24th place with a 5K time of 20:09. She was backed by Jen Pulmano in 27th place with a

time of 20:26, Amanda Campbell in 36th with a time of 20:59, Summer Forester at 46th place in 21:37, and Laura Ruffner rounding out the top five at 48th place with a time of 21:46.

Also competing for the Argos were Elaine Skislak at 57th in 22:21 and Naomi Evangelista, placing 66th with a time of 22:51.

The UWF women's cross-country team will take their chances at the NCAA Division II South Regional in Atlanta on Nov. 8.