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**No. 8 SPU, No. 10 Humboldt Collide Thursday
Falcons Extend Win Streak to 15; Stone Co-Player Of Week
Division II game of the week.** Winning streaks, the conference lead and top-10 national rankings are all amongst the spoils when 8th-ranked Seattle Pacific University faces No. 10 Humboldt State Thursday night (Jan. 24). It will be the first road game in over a month for the Falcons (7-0, 15-1), who have won a school-record 15 straight while the Lumberjacks (6-1, 15-1) own a 12-game home win streak. SPU visits Western Oregon (2-5, 5-11) Saturday night (Jan. 26) before returning to Brougham Pavilion for homecoming week and a bout with Saint Martin's Jan. 31.

On top for now. It's a good thing that Seattle Pacific holds a slight lead in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference standings because seven of the next nine games are on the road. Humboldt and Western Washington each trail by one game as the GNAC schedule approaches the halfway point. And the Falcons, unbeaten at 5-0 on the road this season, are also trying to stay within striking distance of the top spot in the region. Cal State San Bernardino not only holds the No. 1 position in the West but in the entire nation with a record of 15-0. SPU is expected to overtake Humboldt as the region's No. 2 team later this week. The No. 8 national ranking is an improvement of one spot from last week and the highest since a two-week stay at No. 4 in 1993-94.

On a roll. Rarely do teams live up to their billing but the Falcons seemed to have raised their level of play with each successive victory. Coach **Ken Bone** said that his team's performance during the first half of last week's 95-64 defeat of Alaska Anchorage was the best of the past two years. It came on the heels of an 81-56 win over Alaska Fairbanks. In its last three outings, SPU has hit a combined 58 percent of its field goals and it has committed less than 10 turnovers in three of the last four games. The defeat of Anchorage featured a season-high of 60-percent shooting and the win erased the old record of 14 straight set in 1965-66.

Balance versus Big Three. As the only game this week featuring two top-10 teams, Seattle Pacific's visit to Arcata, Ca., is sure to attract attention from throughout the country. On the court, there will be several interesting matchups. It pits the top defensive team in the GNAC (SPU allows opponents to shoot only .408 and score 64.8 points) and the most explosive offensive club (HSU averages 91.9 points per game). And while the Falcons are uniquely balanced, with all five starters averaging between 10.2 and 16.1 points, the Lumberjacks boast the conference's Big Three. Austin Nichols leads the league in scoring (23.1) and both Fred Hooks (19.4) and Isaac Gildea (16.4) rate amongst the top 10. Hooks is the top rebounder in the GNAC at 12.0.

But are they elite? Already the question is being posed to Bone: Is this squad as good as the Falcons who went to the Final Four in 2000? There's certainly a lot of basketball to be played but they are formidable. They are stronger both on defense and in rebounding and the bench seems deeper. Offensively, they may not be as potent yet they are more versatile. Four of the five starters are effective both in post-up positions and on the perimeter. Forward **Yusef Aziz** (Jr., 6-4, Seattle, Wa./Foster-Highline CC) is the epitome of that concept, using his quickness against bigger opponents and his strength versus the smaller ones. He leads the team with a 16.1 scoring average and is third in the conference in field-goal accuracy (.607), including 10 of 27 -pointers. In fact, the SPU starting frontline of Aziz, **Brannon Stone** (Sr., 6-9, Oak Harbor, Wa.) and center **Eric Sandrin** (Sr., 6-10, Bothell, Wa./Shorecrest) has 43 treys.

2001-02 MEN'S BASKETBALL

SPU Quick Facts

2001-02 Season Record—15-1 (7-0 GNAC)

Coach—Ken Bone, 12th year

Coach's SPU Record— 242-93

Coach's Career Record— 249-114

This Week's Schedule

Thr., Jan. 24, 8 p.m.

at Humboldt State

East Gym, Arcata, Ca.

Sat., Jan. 26, 7 p.m.

at Western Oregon

New P.E. Building, Monmouth, Or.

Last Weeks' Results

at SPU 81, Alaska Fairbanks 56

at SPU 95, Alaska Anchorage 64

Streaks & Such

SPU has won 15 in a row, breaking the school record of 14, set in 1965-66

Stat de jour

The Falcons have shot 58 percent in their last three games and committed less than 10 turnovers in three of the last four

NCAA Division II Poll

1. Cal State San Bernardino
2. Kentucky Wesleyan
3. Northeastern State (Ok.)

also

8. Seattle Pacific
10. Humboldt State

GNAC Standings

	W	L	W	L
Seattle Pacific	7	0	15	1
Humboldt State	6	1	15	1
Western Washington	6	1	12	4
Alaska Anchorage	4	3	4	12
Saint Martin's	4	4	6	10
Central Washington	3	5	10	6
Northwest Nazarene	3	5	5	10
Western Oregon	2	5	5	11
Seattle University	2	6	3	14
Alaska Fairbanks	0	7	2	14

Stone is coming off a week in which he hit 6-12 shots outside the arc, scored 31 points and passed for 11 assists with just one turnover to earn GNAC co-player of the week.

Keep 'em coming. One reason the frontline is so efficient is that Bone keeps his players fresh, and he can do that because of some high-quality reserves. **Daniel Sandrin** (Jr., 6-7, Bothell, Wa./Bothell-Portland) and **Gene Woodard** (Jr., 6-4, Edmonds, Wa./O'Dea) would've won starting jobs at many GNAC schools, particularly in light of their play during the first half of this season. Sandrin came off the bench for 20 points last week, canning 9-13 shots. He also had three assists, two blocks and two steals. Sandrin is fourth in the conference in shooting (.597) and averages 7.4 points. Woodard contributed eight points and three steals vs. Fairbanks and is averaging 6.2 points and shooting .507.

Put-backs. Thursday's game can be heard live over the Internet at www.hsujacks.com...SPU has had fewer turnovers than its opponent in 14 of 16 games this season and has out-rebounded 13 of 15 foes...Seattle Pacific leads the conference in scoring defense, field-goal percentage defense, offensive field-goal percentage (.494) and scoring margin (+17.3) and is second in rebounding margin (+5.6), steals (9.4) and turnover margin (+2.94)...Aziz is second among GNAC leaders in steals (2.06) and third in field goal percentage. Stone is fourth in steals (1.9), fifth in assists (4.6) and blocks (1.25) and seventh in steals (1.75). **Nick Johnson** (Sr., 6-3, Burlington, Wa./Burlington-Edison) is second in free throw percentage (.875)...Stone surpassed Bob Rochelle (1957-61) and Orville Anderson (1955-59), respectively, to become the school's No. 4 career rebounder and No. 7 scorer last week. He needs 45 points to become No. 6 and 17 steals to own that career record...The next win will be the 250th in Bone's career. He missed the final 25 minutes of last year's game Arcata after being ejected for the only time in his career...**Maurice Cato** (Jr., 6-0, Fairfield, Ca.) had a season-high six assists and Daniel Sandrin a career-high seven rebounds vs. Alaska Fairbanks...**Chris Cohen** (So., 6-8, Saint Helens, Or.) had a season-best six points and three boards vs. UAA...Stone's double-double of 17 points and 10 rebounds vs. UAF was his second of the season...SPU hit a season-high 59 percent (10-17) treys vs. UAA but managed only 9-17 the line, a season-low 53 percent...Less than 75 reserved seats remain for the Feb. 2 homecoming game vs. Central Washington but plenty of general admission seats are available.

Opponent & series notes. Seattle Pacific has won 16 in a row over Humboldt State and leads the series 16-1, but the last three games have been settled by a total of seven points. That includes a 77-76 victory at Arcata a year ago on a last-second rebound layup by **Aaron Bellessa** (Jr., 6-2, Federal Way, Wa./Decatur). At home, SPU prevailed 91-88 in overtime. The 'Jacks won their first 15 games before losing at Central Jan. 17...The Falcons have won six of seven meetings with Western Oregon, including four in a row. Robert Day leads the Wolves, averaging 18.9 points.

2001-02 Men's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Hgt	Yr	Exp	Hometown (High School/Last Coll.)
1	Jordan Lee	G	6-2	Fr	RS	Tacoma, Wa. (Life Christian)
3	Maurice Cato	G	6-0	Jr	TR	Fairfield, Ca (Fairfield/Skyline)
4	Mike Bushmaker	F	6-7	Fr	HS	Yakima, Wa (Eisenhower)
10	Adam Harris	G	6-0	Sr	3V	Fox Island, Wa. (Gig Harbor)
11	Aaron Bellessa	G	6-2	Jr	2V	Federal Way, Wa. (Decatur)
15	Jeff Knudson	F	6-6	Fr	HS	Mukilteo, Wa (Kamiak)
20	Yusef Aziz	F	6-4	Jr	TR	Tukwila, Wa (Foster/Highline)
21	Brannon Stone	F	6-9	Sr	3V	Oak Harbor, Wa. (Oak Harbor)
22	Jesse Keely	F/C	6-7	Jr	1V	Fircrest, Wa. (Bellarmine/Portland)
23	Nick Johnson	G	6-3	Sr	3V	Burlington, Wa. (Burlington-Edison)
30	Gene Woodard	F	6-4	Jr	2V	Edmonds, Wa. (O'Dea)
32	Joe Sundberg	G	6-1	Jr	TR	Longview, Wa (M. Morris/Skagit Valley)
34	Eric Sandrin	C	6-10	Sr	1V	Bothell, Wa. (Shorecrest/Portland)
40	Daniel Sandrin	F	6-7	Jr	1V	Bothell, Wa. (Bothell/Portland)
42	Chris Cohen	F	6-8	So	1V	Saint Helens, Or. (Saint Helens)

Head Coach: Ken Bone

Associate Head Coach: Jeff Hironaka

Assistant Coaches: Jarrett Mentink, George Parker, Reggie Paul

2001-02 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 6	BLUE ANGELS (ex.)	W, 86-67
Nov. 9	NW ALL-STARS (ex.)	W, 90-68
Nov. 16-17	VITAMILK TIP-OFF CLASSIC	
Nov. 16	SPU v INDIANAPOLIS	L, 67-68
Nov. 17	SPU v LOCK HAVEN	W, 87-59
Nov. 24	at Seattle University	W, 64-49
Nov. 27	NORTHWEST COLL.	W, 103-66
Dec. 1	HAWAII PACIFIC	W, 86-56
Dec. 6	at Central Washington*	W, 101-100 ot
Dec. 8	at Saint Martin's*	W, 73-46
Dec. 15	Henderson St. (at Las Vegas)	W, 68-63
Dec. 16	Ashland, Oh. (at Las Vegas)	W, 76-63
Dec. 28-29	OAK HARBOR FREIGHT LINES CL.	
Dec. 28	TEXAS A&M COMMERCE	W, 78-62
Dec. 29	LEWIS-CLARK ST.	W, 80-64
Jan. 3	NORTHWEST NAZARENE*	W, 85-64
Jan. 5	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY*	W, 72-67
Jan. 12	WESTERN WASH.*	W, 96-89
Jan. 17	ALASKA FAIRBANKS*	W, 81-56
Jan. 19	ALASKA ANCHORAGE*	W, 95-64
Jan. 24	at Humboldt State*	8:00
Jan. 26	at Western Oregon*	7:00
Jan. 31	SAINT MARTIN'S*	7:30
Feb. 2	CENTRAL WASHINGTON*	3:30
Feb. 7	at Seattle University*	8:00
Feb. 9	at Northwest Nazarene*	7:30
Feb. 16	at Western Washington*	7:00
Feb. 21	at Alaska Anchorage*	8:05
Feb. 23	at Alaska Fairbanks*	4:00
Feb. 28	WESTERN OREGON*	7:00
Mar. 2	HUMBOLDT STATE*	7:00
Mar. 7-9	NCAA West Regional	
Mar. 21-23	NCAA Elite Eight at Evansville, In.	

*Great Northwest Athletic Conference games
All times are Pacific

2001-02 Season Leaders

Scoring

Yusef Aziz	16.1
Nick Johnson	12.9
Eric Sandrin	11.1
Maurice Cato	10.2
Brannon Stone	10.2

Rebounds

Eric Sandrin	6.2
Yusef Aziz	5.6
Nick Johnson	5.2

Assists

Brannon Stone	4.6
Maurice Cato	3.3

Steals

Yusef Aziz	2.06
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Blocked Shots

Brannon Stone	1.25
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Field Goal Percentage

Yusef Aziz	.607
Daniel Sandrin	.597

Three Point Percentage

Brannon Stone	(26-72) .361
Maurice Cato	(25-73) .342

Free Throw Percentage

Nick Johnson	(42-48) .875
Maurice Cato	(40-49) .816

Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	82.0	37.2	.494	.744	.351
Opp.	64.8	31.6	.408	.706	.342

Seattle Pacific University
2001-02 Men's Basketball Statistics
Record: 15- 1/ 7- 0 GNAC

Date	Opponent	Score	Site	Attend	Record	Leading Scorer	Leading Rebounder
11/16	Indianapolis	67- 68 L	H Seattle ,Wa.	675	0- 1	17- Nick Johnson	8- Nick Johnson
11/17	Lock Haven	W 87- 59	H Seattle, Wa.	565	1- 1	17- Yusef Aziz	9- Yusef Aziz
11/24	Seattle University	W 64- 49	A Seattle, Wa.	310	2- 1	12- Eric Sandrin	5-four players tied
11/27	Northwest College	W 103- 66	H Seattle, Wa.	575	3- 1	19- Nick Johnson	8- Aziz/Johnson
12/ 1	Hawaii Pacific	W 86- 56	H Seattle, Wa.	425	4- 1	15- Yusef Aziz	8- Yusef Aziz
12/ 6	* Central Washington	W 101-100 (OT)	A Ellensburg, Wa.	2100	5- 1	28- Maurice Cato	12- Eric Sandrin
12/ 8	* Saint Martin's	W 73- 46	A Lacey, Wa.	662	6- 1	11- Nick Johnson	9- Nick Johnson
12/15	Henderson State	W 68- 63	N Las Vegas, Nv.	106	7- 1	25- Yusef Aziz	7- Eric Sandrin
12/16	Ashland	W 76- 63	N Las Vegas, Nv.	200	8- 1	18- Brannon Stone	8- Brannon Stone
12/28	Tx. A&M Commerce	W 78- 62	H Seattle, Wa.	325	9- 1	18- Yusef Aziz	8- Yusef Aziz
12/29	Lewis-Clark St.	W 80- 64	H Seattle ,Wa.	475	10- 1	19- Yusef Aziz	8- Stone/Johnson
1/ 3	* Northwest Nazarene	W 85- 64	H Seattle, Wa.	675	11- 1	21- Yusef Aziz	7- Eric Sandrin
1/ 5	Seattle University	W 72- 67	H Seattle, Wa.	1275	12- 1	18- Yusef Aziz	11- Yusef Aziz
1/12	* Western Wash.	W 96- 89	H Seattle, Wa.	1875	13- 1	28- Nick Johnson	6- Nick Johnson
1/17	* Alaska Fairbanks	W 81- 56	H Seattle, Wa.	550	14- 1	17- Brannon Stone	10- Brannon Stone
1/19	* Alaska Anchorage	W 95- 64	H Seattle, Wa.	1150	15- 1	17- Yusef Aziz	8- Eric Sandrin

* - GNAC Game

	GP-GS	— All FG —			— 3 Pt FG —			— FT —			— Rebounds —													
		M-	A	Pct	M-	A	Pct	M-	A	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	A	TO	BLK	STL	PF	D	Min-	Avg	Pts	Avg
Seattle Pacific	16-13	99-	163	60.7	10-	27	37.0	49-	70	70.0	34	55	89	5.6	30	22	10	33	25-	1	417-	26.1	257	16.1
Yusef Aziz	16-13	99-	163	60.7	10-	27	37.0	49-	70	70.0	34	55	89	5.6	30	22	10	33	25-	1	417-	26.1	257	16.1
Aaron Bellessa	15- 0	7-	14	50.0	1-	1	100.0	2-	3	66.7	3	12	15	1.0	24	15	0	6	17-	0	193-	12.9	17	1.1
Maurice Cato	16-15	49-	127	38.6	25-	73	34.2	40-	49	81.6	4	22	26	1.6	52	36	0	23	40-	0	370-	23.1	163	10.2
Chris Cohen	12- 0	8-	17	47.1	0-	0	0.0	2-	2	100.0	6	10	16	1.3	5	4	0	2	5-	0	56-	4.7	18	1.5
Adam Harris	8- 1	4-	8	50.0	3-	6	50.0	5-	6	83.3	2	6	8	1.0	7	6	0	3	7-	0	78-	9.8	16	2.0
Nick Johnson	16-16	75-	141	53.2	14-	35	40.0	42-	48	87.5	34	50	84	5.2	36	18	1	12	19-	0	480-	30.0	206	12.9
Jesse Keely	14- 0	10-	33	30.3	1-	2	50.0	7-	7	100.0	15	16	31	2.2	4	14	4	5	21-	0	120-	8.6	28	2.0
Jordan Lee	16- 0	16-	40	40.0	10-	27	37.0	3-	5	60.0	4	7	11	0.7	9	8	0	5	12-	0	159-	9.9	45	2.8
Daniel Sandrin	16- 1	46-	77	59.7	7-	18	38.9	19-	30	63.3	15	38	53	3.3	20	22	4	8	27-	0	289-	18.1	118	7.4
Eric Sandrin	16-14	65-	139	46.8	7-	30	23.3	41-	55	74.5	30	69	99	6.2	23	30	10	10	49-	2	362-	22.6	178	11.1
Brannon Stone	16-16	58-	123	47.2	26-	72	36.1	21-	28	75.0	22	60	82	5.1	74	32	20	28	35-	1	444-	27.8	163	10.2
Joe Sundberg	10- 0	1-	7	14.3	0-	1	0.0	2-	4	50.0	3	3	6	0.6	3	2	1	1	3-	0	40-	4.0	4	0.4
Gene Woodard	16- 2	34-	67	50.7	2-	10	20.0	29-	45	64.4	16	29	45	2.8	10	15	1	15	20-	0	242-	15.1	99	6.2
Team											16	15	31		0								0	
Seattle Pacific	16-16	472-	956	49.4	106-	302	35.1	262-	352	74.4	204	392	596	37.2	297	224	51	151	280-	4			1312	82.0
Opponents	16-16	368-	902	40.8	110-	322	34.2	190-	269	70.6	177	328	505	31.6	211	275	34	114	322-	15			1036	64.8

	— First Half —			— Second Half —			— Game —		
All FG	241-	492	49.0%	231-	464	49.8%	472-	956	49.4%
3 Pt FG	58-	168	34.5%	48-	134	35.8%	106-	302	35.1%
FT	89-	118	75.4%	173-	234	73.9%	262-	352	74.4%

Deadball Rebounds: Seattle Pacific 58, Opponents 28
Opponent Team Rebounds: 47 — (Offense: 25 Defense: 22)
Technical Fouls: Seattle Pacific 1 — Bench 1; Opponents 3Bench 1