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SPU Women Return Starting Five Next Fall

Falcons Finish At No. 19; 2 Recruits Still Sought

Stopped short. They may have been stopped this time, but be forewarned: Seattle Pacific University could come back better than ever next season. The Falcons, who were eliminated in the first round of the NCAA Division II women's basketball tournament earlier this month, are planning to bring back all five starters from the squad which went 22-6 and was ranked 19th in the final national poll. SPU had qualified for the playoffs for the sixth year in a row and none of the 12 players on the roster are seniors.

20-20-20 vision. For the first time in the 27-year existence of women's varsity basketball on the SPU campus, the Falcons have won 20 or more games for three consecutive seasons. Although they were riding the momentum of a six-game win streak going into the playoffs, they fell victim to Cal State Bakersfield, 96-84, in the opening round of the West Regional. The 1-2 punch of Diane Dittburner and Heather Garay combined for 39 of the Roadrunners' 59 second-half points. Cal Poly Pomona wound-up prevailing as the regional champion and went on to successfully defend its NCAA title. The Broncos won each of their three Elite Eight contests by comfortable margins, including the 74-62 victory over Southeast Oklahoma State in the nationally-televised championship game Mar. 23 in Rochester, Minn.

Take five. A year ago, Seattle Pacific came within one point and one second of defeating Cal Poly and earlier this season it held a late second-half lead over the Broncos. Perhaps when the Falcons are another year older and wiser they will seal the deal and make another trip to the Elite Eight. Five starters will return next fall with that in mind. Center **Kelley Berglund** (Jr., 6-3, Port Angeles, Wa./Washington State) was the Great Northwest Athletic Conference newcomer of the year after leading the team in scoring (16.0) and establishing a new school record for field-goal percentage (.569). In fact, on the strength of her 23-point, nine-rebound performance against Bakersfield, Berglund was voted to the all-West Regional team. Also returning are forwards **Kristin Poe** (So., 5-8, Enumclaw, Wa./Enumclaw)—another all-conference pick and the top rebounder (8.1)—and **Valerie Gustafson** (So., 6-0, Olympia, Wa./Black Hills), plus two-year starters **Stephanie Urrutia** (Jr., 5-9, Sunnyside, Wa./Sunnyside) and **Kerie Hughes** (Jr., 5-6, Mount Vernon, Wa./Mt. Vernon) in the backcourt.

Not standing pat. The Falcons don't figure to stand pat, however. Besides some reserves with the potential to start, there will also be at least two new recruits. **Carli Smith**, the two-time state B level player of the year from Spokane's Valley Christian High School, signed a national letter of intent last fall. Smith, a 5-foot-11 forward, is one of only 21 players in state history to score over 2000 career points. She led her team to a record of 24-5 and fifth place in the state tournament. At least one more recruit will come aboard after the spring signing period begins Apr. 10.

Late push. There was a time in mid-February when it appeared SPU might be on the outside looking in come March Madness. Going into the final month of the regular season the Falcons could ill-afford a single setback, so they reeled off six straight wins and clinched a playoff berth and a share of second place in the GNAC by beating Central Washington. That win capped a perfect (13-0) season at home, including an 87-74 triumph over eventual conference champion and regional runner-up Western Washington, and it extended the home winning streak to a record 20 games, dating back to Jan. 18, 2001. SPU has won 77 of the last 82 games played at the pavilion.

2001-02 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SPU Quick Facts

2001-02 Final Record—22-6 (14-4 GNAC)
Final Ranking—No. 19, NCAA Div. II
Coach—Gordy Presnell, 15th year
Coach's Career & SPU Record—307-122

Coming Up

National Letter of Intent Signing Period
April 10-May 15

NCAA West Regional Results

First Round (all at Pomona, Ca.)
Sonoma St. 67, MSU Billings 55
Cal State Bakersfield 96, SPU 84

Semifinals

Western Washington 71, Sonoma St. 60
CP Pomona 65, Cal St. Bakersfield 61

Championship

Cal Poly Pomona 71, Western Wash. 70
Note: Cal Poly Pomona proceeded to win its second straight NCAA Championship

Streaks & Such

SPU will begin the 2002-03 season with a record 20 consecutive home wins

Stat de jour

Kelley Berglund established records for single game and season field-goal percentage while Kerie Hughes now holds the mark for season and career free-throw accuracy

Final 2002 NCAA Division II Poll

1. Cal Poly Pomona
- also*
11. Western Washington
19. **Seattle Pacific**
23. Cal State Bakesfield

Final GNAC Standings

	W	L	W	L
Western Washington	16	2	24	5
Seattle Pacific	14	4	22	6
Central Washington	14	4	20	6
Western Oregon	9	9	16	11
Northwest Nazarene	8	10	16	12
Alaska Fairbanks	8	10	14	13
Saint Martin's	8	10	14	13
Seattle University	7	11	13	16
Humboldt State	5	13	7	19
Alaska Anchorage	1	17	5	22

Wake up, Gordy. Coach Gordy Presnell will live the college coach's dream this June when he attends commencement exercises without watching a single player on his team walk across the stage. It is the first time in 20 years that the Falcons cannot claim a single senior. Presnell considers next season's team to have among the best combination of experience, skill and talent he has had in his 15 seasons at SPU and expects the Falcons to make a run at the Elite Eight for the second time in program history. There should be five seniors next season.

Just for the record. In addition to Berglund's field-goal percentage mark and the home win streak, Hughes set a new record for season free-throw percentage at .867 (104-120). She surpassed Leanne Bajema who shot .849 in 1990-91. Hughes enters her final season as the career leader as well at .818 (189-231). Berglund barely bettered Tosca Lindberg, who shot .568 in 1991-92. She also set a new single game efficiency standard, hitting all 14 of her shots from the floor Jan. 10 at Anchorage. That also matched the best performance in Div. II this year. Poe's 22 rebounds vs. Saint Martin's Feb. 2 was No. 2 all-time for SPU and the highest single-game total in the GNAC this season.

Attention campers. The Falcons will offer basketball day camps for girls in grades 4-10 at the pavilion this summer. Sessions are June 24-28 and July 22-26, the cost is \$150 and includes a ball and t-shirt. Registration forms are available by call (206) 281-2085 or at The Falcons Online (www.spu.edu/falconsonline).

Put-backs. Presnell is putting the final touches on the non-conference schedule for next season. The Falcons will face North Dakota State in the opener of a tip-off tourney in Bellingham. That field includes Colorado Christian. The GNAC/CCAA Challenge is also in Bellingham and features bouts with Cal Poly Pomona and Cal State L.A. just after Christmas...As a team, the Falcons finished the season ranked first in the GNAC in scoring (80.6), scoring margin (15.8), free-throw percentage (.745) and rebounding margin (+9.0). The Falcons were second nationally in scoring margin, sixth in scoring and ninth in field-goal percentage and rebounding margin...Berglund led the GNAC in field-goal accuracy, finished third in scoring and seventh in rebounding (7.9). Hughes was the conference leader and No. 12 nationally in free throw percentage and second in assists (5.22). Urrutia finished sixth in assists (3.48), blocked shots (0.78) and three-point percentage (.356). Poe was sixth in rebounding (8.1) and eighth in steals (2.3)...Urrutia was the first guard to lead the team in blocked shots since that became an official statistic in 1984...Berglund and Poe each finished with eight double-doubles. Urrutia and Hughes had one apiece...Presnell got excellent efforts out of his freshman class. **Trisha Hermanson** (Fr., 5-6, Buckley, Wa./White River) and **Emily Faurholt** (Fr., 5-11, Kennewick, Wa.) both played in every game. Faurholt finished second in scoring (11.1) and averaged 5.6 boards. Hermanson hit 22 three-pointers. **Michelle Beaumont** (Fr., 5-11, Bellingham, Wa./Sehome) averaged 8.5 points in 16.4 minutes per game and scored 15 points in the postseason loss...Cal State Bakersfield was one of only three teams to shoot 45 percent or better vs. the Falcons, who lost for the first time when shooting over 50 percent. Garay, who finished with 31 points, and Dittburner (26) ranked Nos. 1 and 5 in NCAA scoring this season. The Roadrunners forced 27 turnovers and came up with an opponent season-high 15 steals.

2001-02 Women's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Hgt	Yr	Exp	Hometown (High School/Last Coll.)
4	Emily Faurholt	F	5-11	Fr	HS	Kennewick, Wa. (Kennewick)
11	Trisha Hermanson	G	5-6	Fr	HS	Buckley, Wa. (White River)
20	Kerie Hughes	G	5-6	Jr	2V	Mt. Vernon, Wa. (Mt. Vernon)
21	Jill Isaacson	G	5-8	Jr	TR	Wenatchee, Wa. (Wenatchee/Cent. Coll.)
23	Michelle Beaumont	G	5-11	Fr	HS	Bellingham, Wa. (Sehome)
24	Stephanie Urrutia	G	5-9	Jr	2V	Sunnyside, Wa. (Sunnyside)
30	Stacie Lukkes	C	6-0	Jr	2V	Kent, Wa. (Kentwood)
31	Kristin Poe	F	5-8	So	1V	Enumclaw, Wa. (Enumclaw)
32	Kelley Berglund	C	6-3	Jr	TR	Port Angeles, Wa. (Pt. An.-Wash. St.)
33	Ashley Cadotte	F	6-0	Fr	HS	Oregon City, Or. (Oregon City)
40	Mackenzie Duffin	C	6-2	Fr	HS	Kent, Wa. (Kent-Meridian)
42	Valerie Gustafson	F-C	6-0	So	1V	Olympia, Wa. (Black Hills)

Head Coach: Gordy Presnell

Assistant Coaches: Lynne DeYoung, Brett Hecko

2001-02 Results

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 8	at Portland (exhibition)	L, 75-84
Nov. 10	at Gonzaga (exhibition)	L, 59-78
Nov. 17	WESTERN BAPTIST	W, 85-58
Nov. 20	CASCADE COLLEGE	W, 104-45
Nov. 21	at Evergreen	W, 102-47
Nov. 24	SAN FRAN. STATE	W, 106-69
Nov. 27	NW COLLEGE	W, 102-51
Dec. 6	at Saint Martin's*	W, 68-53
Dec. 8	at Northwest Nazarene*	L, 62-66
Dec. 17-18	COCONUT COAST CLASSIC (at Hilo, Hi.)	
Dec. 17	Kentucky Wesleyan	W, 77-61
Dec. 18	Stonehill	W, 76-64
Dec. 28-29	CCAA/GNAC Challenge (at Pomona, Ca.)	
Dec. 28	at Cal Poly Pomona	L, 71-76
Dec. 29	Cal State Los Angeles	W, 63-60
Jan. 3	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY*W,	62-54
Jan. 5	WESTERN WASH.*	W, 87-74
Jan. 10	at Alaska Anchorage*	W, 87-55
Jan. 12	at Alaska Fairbanks*	L, 71-75
Jan. 17	WESTERN OREGON*	W, 69-58
Jan. 19	HUMBOLDT STATE*	W, 77-49
Jan. 26	at Central Washington*	L, 82-84
Jan. 31	NW NAZARENE*	W, 74-59
Feb. 2	SAINT MARTIN'S*	W, 85-67
Feb. 7	at Western Washington*	L, 87-102
Feb. 9	at Seattle University*	W, 69-60
Feb. 14	ALASKA FAIRBANKS*	W, 88-63
Feb. 16	ALASKA ANCHORAGE*W,	80-69
Feb. 21	at Humboldt State*	W, 81-69
Feb. 23	at Western Oregon*	W, 94-80
Mar. 2	CENTRAL WASH.*	W, 65-53
Mar. 7	Cal State Bakersfield #	L, 84-96

*Great Northwest Athletic Conference games

All times are Pacific

#NCAA West Region Tournament at Pomona, Calif.

Final 2001-02 Season Leaders

Scoring

Kelley Berglund	16.0
Emily Faurholt	11.1
Stephanie Urrutia	11.0
Kerie Hughes	9.7

Rebounds

Kristin Poe	8.1
Kelley Berglund	7.9
Emily Faurholt	5.6

Assists

Kerie Hughes	5.2
Stephanie Urrutia	3.4

Shooting Percentage

Kelley Berglund	.569
Emily Faurholt	.462

Three-Point Percentage

Kerie Hughes	(24-55) .436
Stephanie Urrutia	(31-87) .356

Free-Throw Percentage

Kerie Hughes	(104-120) .867
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Steals

Kristin Poe	2.29
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Blocks

Stephanie Urrutia	0.75
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Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	80.6	45.4	.450	.745	.326
Opp.	64.9	36.5	.379	.655	.289

Seattle Pacific University
2001-02 Women's Basketball Statistics
Record: 22-6/ 14-4 Great Northwest Conf.

Date	Opponent	Score	Site	Attend	Record	Leading Scorer	Leading Rebounder
11/17	Western Baptist	W 85- 58	H Seattle, Wa.	150	1- 0	19- Kelley Berglund	8- Faurholt/Berglund
11/20	Cascade College	W 104- 45	H Seattle, Wa.	110	2- 0	17- Emily Faurholt	10- Valerie Gustafson
11/21	Evergreen	W 102- 47	A Olympia, Wa.	100	3- 0	22- Kelley Berglund	8- Stacie Lukkes
11/24	San Francisco St.	W 106- 69	H Seattle, Wa.	150	4- 0	21- Stephanie Urrutia	6- Kelley Berglund
11/27	Northwest College	W 102- 51	H Seattle, Wa.	150	5- 0	18- Kelley Berglund	14- Kelley Berglund
12/ 6	* Saint Martin's	W 68- 53	A Lacey, Wa.	332	6- 0	19- Kelley Berglund	10- Kelley Berglund
12/ 8	* N'west Nazarene	62- 66 L	A Nampa, Id.	283	6- 1	14- Kerie Hughes	9- Valerie Gustafson
12/17	Kentucky Wesleyan	W 77- 61	N Hilo, Hi.	300	7- 1	18- Michelle Beaumont	10- Stephanie Urrutia
12/18	Stonehill College	W 76- 64	N Hilo, Hi.	200	8- 1	21- Kelley Berglund	9- Kelley Berglund
12/28	Cal Poly Pomona	71- 76 L	A Pomona, Ca.	226	8- 2	14- Kerie Hughes	11- Emily Faurholt
12/29	Cal State L.A.	W 63- 60	N Pomona, Ca.	226	9- 2	15- Michelle Beaumont	10- Stacie Lukkes
1/ 5	* Western Wash.	W 87- 74	H Seattle, Wa.	875	10- 2	26- Kelley Berglund	10- Kristin Poe
1/ 3	* Seattle University	W 62- 54	H Seattle, Wa.	326	11- 2	21- Kelley Berglund	9- Kristin Poe
1/10	* Alaska Anchorage	W 87- 55	A Anchorage, Ak.	352	12- 2	33- Kelley Berglund	10- Kelley Berglund
1/12	* Alaska Fairbanks	71- 75 L OT	A Fairbanks, Ak.	263	12- 3	18- Kerie Hughes	7- Hughes/Faurholt
1/17	* Western Oregon	W 69- 58	H Seattle, Wa.	250	13- 3	18- Kelley Berglund	13- Kristin Poe
1/19	* Humboldt State	W 77- 49	H Seattle, Wa.	275	14- 3	15- Berglund/Faurholt	7- Emily Faurholt
1/26	* Central Washington	82- 84 L OT	A Ellensburg, Wa.	500	14- 4	26- Emily Faurholt	8- Kristin Poe
1/31	* N'west Nazarene	W 74- 59	H Seattle, Wa.	175	15- 4	16- Kelley Berglund	12- Kristin Poe
2/ 2	* Saint Martin's	W 85- 67	H Seattle, Wa.	875	16- 4	19- Emily Faurholt	22- Kristin Poe
2/ 7	* Western Washington	87-102 L	A Bellingham, Wa.	775	16- 5	21- Kelley Berglund	7- Kristin Poe
2/ 9	* Seattle University	W 69- 60	A Seattle, Wa	283	17- 5	22- Stephanie Urrutia	11- Poe/Berglund
2/14	* Alaska Fairbanks	W 88- 63	H Seattle, Wa.	275	18- 5	21- Kelley Berglund	12- Kristin Poe
2/16	* Alaska Anchorage	W 80- 69	H Seattle, Wa.	250	19- 5	20- Kelley Berglund	16- Kelley Berglund
2/21	* Humboldt State	W 81- 69	A Arcata, Calif.	1028	20- 5	20- Kelley Berglund	13- Kristin Poe
2/23	* Western Oregon	W 94- 80	OT A Monmouth, Ore.	250	21- 5	22- Kerie Hughes	12- Kristin Poe
3/ 2	* Central Washington	W 65- 53	H Seattle, Wa.	725	22- 5	12- Hughes/Poe	12- Kelley Berglund
3/ 7	Cal St. Bakersfield	84- 96 L	N Pomona, Ca.	212	22- 6	23- Kelley Berglund	9- Kelley Berglund

* - GNAC Game

— All FG — — 3 Pt FG — — FT — — Rebounds —

	GP-GS	M- A	Pct	M- A	Pct	M- A	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	A	TOBLK	STL	PF-D	Min-	Avg	Pts	Avg	
Seattle Pacific	28- 3	92- 211	43.6	20- 85	23.5	33- 50	66.0	20	45	65	2.3	31	42	2	15	46- 1	459-	16.4	237	8.5
Kelley Berglund	28-28	170- 299	56.9	2- 4	50.0	106-135	78.5	76	144	220	7.9	33	76	18	45	84- 2	628-	22.4	448	16.0
Ashley Cadotte	23- 0	12- 36	33.3	4- 15	26.7	6- 13	46.2	11	26	37	1.6	16	21	3	13	16- 0	180-	7.8	34	1.5
Mackenzie Duffin	20- 0	14- 34	41.2	0- 0	0.0	7- 16	43.8	19	17	36	1.8	2	11	4	2	17- 0	100-	5.0	35	1.8
Emily Faurholt	28-24	128- 277	46.2	15- 38	39.5	40- 49	81.6	52	105	157	5.6	28	58	5	27	63- 0	757-	27.0	311	11.1
Valerie Gustafson	24- 6	68- 136	50.0	0- 0	0.0	44- 63	69.8	37	58	95	4.0	32	57	14	24	64- 0	447-	18.6	180	7.5
Trisha Hermanson	27- 5	36- 125	28.8	22- 79	27.8	20- 29	69.0	15	45	60	2.2	65	60	7	28	34- 0	529-	19.6	114	4.2
Kerie Hughes	27-23	67- 160	41.9	24- 55	43.6	104-120	86.7	18	89	107	4.0	14	93	2	44	59- 1	801-	29.7	262	9.7
Jill Isaacson	12- 0	1- 7	14.3	0- 2	0.0	3- 5	60.0	0	5	5	0.4	5	3	0	4	1- 0	50-	4.2	5	0.4
Stacie Lukkes	22- 0	27- 57	47.4	0- 0	0.0	19- 31	61.3	30	50	80	3.6	14	22	12	13	46- 0	310-	14.1	73	3.3
Kristin Poe	28-28	102- 251	40.6	9- 25	36.0	49- 69	71.0	78	150	228	8.1	79	88	1	64	43- 0	740-	26.4	262	9.4
Stephanie Urrutia	27-23	113- 251	45.0	31- 87	35.6	40- 52	76.9	39	64	103	3.8	94	57	21	34	49- 0	699-	25.9	297	11.0
Team								31	48	79		5							0	
Seattle Pacific	28-28	830-1844	45.0	127-390	32.6	471-632	74.5	426	846	1272	45.4	540	593	89	315	22- 4			2258	80.6
Opponents	28-28	662-1748	37.9	121-419	28.9	372-568	65.5	345	676	1021	36.5	406	616	63	253	521- 9			1817	64.9

— First Half — — Second Half — — Game —

All FG	433-	945	45.8%	397-	899	44.2%	830-	1844	45.0%
3 Pt FG	63-	207	30.4%	64-	183	35.0%	127-	390	32.6%
FT	174-	253	68.8%	297-	379	78.4%	471-	632	74.5%

Deadball Rebounds: Seattle Pacific 66, Opponents 91
Opponent Team Rebounds: 71 — (Offense: 27 Defense: 44)
Opponent Team Turnovers: 3
Technical Fouls: Seattle Pacific 1 — Bench 1; Opponents 0