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Birds Of A Feather Get Together Thursday

SPU Faces Seattle U., NNU In Homecoming Week; Aziz Surges Plenty to play for.

A suddenly revitalized crosstown rivalry is renewed, heroes of the past are to be honored and the annual congregating of the alumni will all take place as Seattle Pacific University celebrates homecoming week. The Falcons (5-2, 9-7), winners in three of their last four, can break the logjam for second place in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference when they host Seattle University (5-2, 12-4) Thursday night (Jan. 30). On Saturday afternoon (Feb. 1) a capacity crowd is expected in Brougham Pavilion for the homecoming game with Northwest Nazarene (1-6, 3-12). SPU next visits travel partner Western Washington in Bellingham Feb. 8.

Once more, with meaning. Two of the basic ingredients to a healthy rivalry are proximity and competitiveness and both are now part of the fixin's when SPU and Seattle U. meet. Geography has never been the problem; only four miles separate the two campuses. On the court, the Falcons had always held their end of the bargain. But not until the Redhawks ended seven years of futility with a 70-64 win in the pavilion back on Nov. 30 did the competitiveness return to the formula. The winner of Thursday's game will remain in second place and, more importantly, stay in contention for one of eight regional berths in the NCAA Division II tournament.

Celebrate them home. In between the two ballgames, giants of the Falcons' proud past will be inaugural inductees into the Falcon Legends Hall of Fame. The charter class of 2003 includes three individuals whose works are particularly evident in the basketball program. Ken Foreman served as head coach from 1952-57, guiding the team to its first postseason (NAIA) berth in his final season. More importantly, Foreman and his father ended the program's nomadic early existence by building Brougham Pavilion, completing it in 1953. Loren Anderson was Seattle Pacific's first true star, scooting through and shooting over defenses to set 13 scoring records during his career (1954-58). Six of those marks, including single game (54 points) and career average (18.9), still stand. Anderson is also the only SPU athlete to have his jersey (No. 5) retired. Another inductee is Howard Heppner, the big cog of the teams which went 62-22 from 1964-66. Heppner was the leading scorer and rebounder for each of those teams, including the bunch which went to the 1965 Elite Eight. Presenting Anderson and Heppner will be Les Habegger, the head coach who won 267 games and took six teams to the NCAA tournament from 1957-74. Rounding out the inductees are track & field champions Ben Moring and Steve Gough and world-class runner Doris Brown Heritage. Friday's noon hour ceremony at Upper Gwinn Commons is sold out.

More Aziz, please. The Falcons arrived home with a satisfactory split from their two-game road trip to Western Oregon and Humboldt State and with **Yusef Aziz** (Sr., 6-4, Seattle, Wa./Foster) having once again brought his game to a boil. Aziz got SPU off to a strong start, scoring 21 of his 27 points in the first half against the Wolves. **Maurice Cato** (Sr., 6-0, Fairfield, Ca.) the hit two treys during a pivotal, late 16-4 run for an 88-77 win. Aziz poured in another 24 points at Humboldt however the No. 2-ranked Lumberjacks defense stiffened in the final two minutes and they prevailed, 80-70. For the week, Aziz totaled 51 points (22-37 FGs) and had 15 rebounds and seven assists. In the Seattle U. game, Aziz will be pitted against his former high school and junior college teammate, Darnell Lyons, the Redhawks' top scorer.

2002-03 MEN'S BASKETBALL

SPU Quick Facts

2002-03 Record—9-7 (GNAC 5-2)

Coach—Jeff Hironaka, 1st year

Coach's Career Record— 9-7

This Week

Thr., Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m.

vs. Seattle University (5-2, 12-4)

Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.

Sat., Feb. 1, 3:30 p.m.

vs. Northwest Nazarene (1-6, 3-12)

Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.

Last Week's Results

SPU 88, at Western Oregon 77

at Humboldt State 80, SPU 70

Streaks & Such

The Falcons have won their last 12 homecoming games

Stat de jour

Seattle Pacific leads the GNAC in both three-point and overall field goal percentage and has shot a combined 57 percent from the floor during the past four games

GNAC Standings

| | W | L | W | L |
|--------------------|---|---|----|----|
| Humboldt State | 6 | 1 | 15 | 1 |
| Seattle University | 5 | 2 | 12 | 4 |
| Seattle Pacific | 5 | 2 | 9 | 7 |
| Alaska Fairbanks | 5 | 2 | 12 | 4 |
| Alaska Anchorage | 4 | 3 | 7 | 9 |
| Western Washington | 4 | 3 | 10 | 6 |
| Central Washington | 4 | 4 | 10 | 7 |
| Western Oregon | 2 | 5 | 10 | 7 |
| Northwest Nazarene | 1 | 6 | 3 | 12 |
| Saint Martin's | 0 | 8 | 0 | 18 |

NCAA West Region Poll

- Humboldt State
- Cal State San Bernardino
- Hawaii Hilo
- Cal Poly Pomona
- BYU Hawaii
- Cal State Bakersfield
- Western Washington
- Seattle Pacific**
- Hawaii Pacific
- Alaska Fairbanks

Trey magnifique. Seattle Pacific is the top (41 percent) three-point shooting team in the GNAC and one of the best (8th) in the nation. Of particular interest Thursday will be how Seattle U. plans to defend. The Redhawks pride themselves on defense, allowing only 71 points and 42 percent shooting, but in the first meeting SPU made 15 treys. **Adam Harris** (Sr., 6-0, Fox Island, Wa./Gig Harbor) leads the conference in three-point shooting (53 percent, 24-45) and **Jeff Knudson** (Fr., 6-7, Mukilteo, Wa./Kamiak), although quiet of late, has NBA range (50 percent, 19-38). Last week at Western Oregon, Seattle Pacific was 8-16 outside the arc and shot a season-best 60.7 percent from the field. Harris (45) and Cato (3-5) combined to sink 7-10 treys.

Put-backs. The Falcons have won their last 12 homecoming games...Over the past four games SPU has connected on 57 percent of its field goals. The loss at Humboldt was the first in 16 games when shooting 49 percent or higher...SPU made a season-low two treys (both by Aziz) at Arcata...The Falcons are 44-4 in conference home games the past three-plus seasons. They are 9-0 this season when leading at halftime...Cato has made 62 percent of his field goals in the last four games (20-32), including 6-12 three-pointers...Center **Jason Chivers** (So., 6-8, Palmdale, Ca./Highland-L.A. Trade Tech) scored in double figures for the first time in eight games at Humboldt, finishing with 16 on 8-10 shooting...Knudson, who drained 11 treys in the first four games, has only eight since...SPU is No. 1 in both GNAC 3-point and overall (.498) field goal accuracy. After a cold 18-31 on free throws last week, it is still No. 10 at the foul line (.656)...Aziz ranks No. 6 in GNAC scoring (17.9) and assists (3.8) and ninth in rebounding (6.2). Cato is No. 3 in steals (2.07). Chivers is No. 7 in field-goal accuracy (.618) and eighth in rebounding (6.4).

Opponent & series notes. Seattle University has proven tough in tight games, winning seven of eight that have been decided by six or fewer points. The Redhawks are off to their best start in 36 years and have won three in a row and seven of eight. They lead the series 43-32 but since dropping from Division I the series has gone 26-11 in favor of the Falcons...Northwest Nazarene has lost six straight to SPU and trails the series 32-19. The Crusaders are winless (0-5) on the road this season.

Missing links. For the latest and best information on Seattle Pacific University athletics, click on the Falcons Online (www.spu.edu/falconsonline). For updated standings and statistics, see the Great Northwest Athletic Conference web site at www.gnacsports.com.

Tickets, please. Reserved tickets for all SPU home games are priced \$7 and \$6. General admission is \$5 with youth, students and senior citizens \$3 with proper identification. Groups can qualify for discounts by calling (206) 281-2085 in advance.

SPU Coaches. The longest-serving assistant in program history, **Jeff Hironaka** was selected to succeed Ken Bone as head coach Apr. 30, 2002. A former aide at Idaho State and The Master's, Hironaka joined Bone in 1991 and from there the Falcons won 236 of 253 games, claimed five outright or shared conference championships and qualified for the NCAA tournament eight of the last nine years, including a Final Four advancement in 2000. Hironaka is the second Japanese-American head coach of a four-year collegiate program. **Keith Cooper**, an alumnus of Seattle Pacific, is the staff's top assistant.

2002-03 Men's Basketball Roster

| No. | Name | Pos | Hgt | Yr | Exp | Hometown (High School/Last Coll.) |
|-----|-----------------------------|-----|-----|----|-----|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Jordan Lee | G | 6-2 | So | 1V | Tacoma, Wa. (Life Christian) |
| 3 | Maurice Cato [√] | G | 6-0 | Sr | 1V | Fairfield, Ca (Fairfield/Skyline) |
| 4 | Mike Bushmaker | F | 6-7 | Fr | RS | Yakima, Wa (Eisenhower) |
| 10 | Adam Harris [√] | G | 6-0 | Sr | 3V | Fox Island, Wa. (Gig Harbor) |
| 11 | Tony Binetti | G | 6-1 | Fr | HS | Enumclaw, Wa. (Enumclaw) |
| 15 | Jeff Knudson | F | 6-7 | Fr | RS | Mukilteo, Wa (Kamiak) |
| 21 | Yusef Aziz [√] | F | 6-4 | Sr | 1V | Seattle, Wa (Foster/Highline) |
| 22 | Jesse Keely | F/C | 6-7 | Sr | 2V | Fircrest, Wa. (Bellarmine/Portland) |
| 30 | Gene Woodard | F | 6-4 | Sr | 3V | Edmonds, Wa. (O'Dea) |
| 34 | Jason Chivers [√] | C | 6-8 | So | TR | Palmdale, Ca. (Highland/LA Trade) |
| 40 | Daniel Sandrin [√] | F | 6-7 | Sr | 2V | Bothell, Wa. (Bothell/Portland) |
| 50 | Chris Cohen | C | 6-8 | Jr | 2V | Saint Helens, Or. (Saint Helens) |

[√] projected starter

Head Coach: Jeff Hironaka

Assistant Coaches: Keith Cooper, George Parker, Rich King, Michael Johnson

2002-03 Schedule/Results

| Date | Opponent | Time |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Nov. 8 | NW ALL-STARS (Ex.) | W, 108-77 |
| Nov. 15 | BLUE ANGELS (Ex.) | W, 117-96 |
| Nov. 22-23 | VITAMILK TIP-OFF CLASSIC | |
| Nov. 22 | MINN. DULUTH | W, 80-70 |
| Nov. 23 | CENTRAL WASH. | W, 84-81 |
| Nov. 25 | WARNER PACIFIC | W, 71-66 |
| Nov. 30 | SEATTLE UNIVERSITY | L, 64-70 |
| Dec. 5 | at Central Washington* | W, 81-71 |
| Dec. 7 | at Saint Martin's* | W, 79-56 |
| Dec. 16-17 | River City Shootout (at San Antonio) | |
| Dec. 16 | Missouri Western | L, 65-70 |
| Dec. 17 | Pittsburg State | L, 64-70 |
| Dec. 19 | at Nevada | L, 80-89 |
| Jan. 3-4 | OAK HARBOR FREIGHTLINES CL. | |
| Jan. 3 | UC SANTA CRUZ | W, 95-60 |
| Jan. 4 | ROCKY MOUNTAIN | L, 67-83 |
| Jan. 11 | WESTERN WASH.* | L, 76-83 |
| Jan. 16 | ALASKA ANCHORAGE*W | 86-68 |
| Jan. 18 | ALASKA FAIRBANKS*W | 95-71 |
| Jan. 23 | at Western Oregon* | W, 88-77 |
| Jan. 25 | at Humboldt State* | L, 70-80 |
| Jan. 30 | SEATTLE UNIVERSITY* | 7:30 |
| Feb. 1 | NORTHWEST NAZARENE* | 3:30 |
| Feb. 8 | at Western Washington* | 7:00 |
| Feb. 13 | at Alaska Fairbanks* | 8:00 |
| Feb. 15 | at Alaska Anchorage* | 9:05 |
| Feb. 20 | HUMBOLDT STATE* | 7:30 |
| Feb. 22 | WESTERN OREGON* | 7:00 |
| Feb. 27 | at Northwest Nazarene* | 6:00 |
| Mar. 1 | at Seattle University* | 7:00 |
| Mar. 6 | SAINT MARTIN'S* | 7:30 |
| Mar. 8 | CENTRAL WASHINGTON* | 7:00 |
| Mar. 15-18 | NCAA West Regional | |
| Mar. 28-31 | NCAA Elite Eight (at Lakeland, Fl.) | |

*Great Northwest Athletic Conference games
All times are Pacific

2002-03 Season Leaders

Scoring

| | |
|----------------|------|
| Yusef Aziz | 17.9 |
| Maurice Cato | 11.3 |
| Adam Harris | 7.6 |
| Daniel Sandrin | 7.6 |
| Jason Chivers | 7.4 |
| Jesse Keely | 7.3 |

Rebounds

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Jason Chivers | 6.4 |
| Yusef Aziz | 6.2 |

Assists

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| Yusef Aziz | 3.8 |
| Maurice Cato | 2.6 |

Steals

| | |
|--------------|------|
| Maurice Cato | 2.07 |
| Yusef Aziz | 1.38 |

Blocked Shots

| | |
|----------------|------|
| Daniel Sandrin | 0.60 |
|----------------|------|

Field Goal Percentage

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Jason Chivers | .546 |
| Yusef Aziz | .507 |

Three Point Percentage

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| Adam Harris | (24-45) .533 |
| Jeff Knudson | (19-38) .500 |

Free Throw Percentage

| | |
|----------------|--------------|
| Adam Harris | (27-33) .818 |
| Daniel Sandrin | (26-34) .765 |

| Team | Pts. | Reb | FG% | FT% | 3P% |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| SPU | 77.8 | 35.0 | .498 | .656 | .414 |
| Opp. | 72.8 | 33.2 | .449 | .690 | .347 |

Seattle Pacific University
2002-03 Men's Basketball Statistics
Record: 9-7/ 5-2 GNAC

| Date | Opponent | Score | Site | Attend | Record | Leading Scorer | Leading Rebounder |
|---------|----------------------|----------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 11/22 | Minn.-Duluth | W 80- 70 | H Seattle, Wa. | 1075 | 1- 0 | 15- Lee/Knudson | 8- Chris Cohen |
| 11/23 | Central Washington | W 84- 81 | H Seattle, Wa. | 875 | 2- 0 | 32- Yusef Aziz | 8- Jason Chivers |
| 11/25 | Warner Pacific | W 71- 66 | H Seattle, Wa. | 415 | 3- 0 | 19- Yusef Aziz | 8- Jesse Keely |
| 11/30 | Seattle University | 64- 70 L | H Seattle, Wa. | 575 | 3- 1 | 21- Yusef Aziz | 11- Yusef Aziz |
| 12/ 5 * | Central Washington | W 81- 71 | H Ellensburg, Wa. | 1328 | 4- 1 | 22- Jason Chivers | 12- Jason Chivers |
| 12/ 7 * | Saint Martin's | W 79- 56 | H Lacey, Wa. | 253 | 5- 1 | 18- Yusef Aziz | 7- Jason Chivers |
| 12/16 | Missouri Western St. | 65- 70 L | N San Antonio, Tx. | 24 | 5- 2 | 17- Yusef Aziz | 6- Daniel Sandrin |
| 12/17 | Pittsburgh St. | 64- 70 L | N San Antonio, Tx. | 105 | 5- 3 | 15- Maurice Cato | 10- Jason Chivers |
| 12/19 | Nevada | 80- 89 L | A Reno, Nv. | 4801 | 5- 4 | 21- Yusef Aziz | 9- Yusef Aziz |
| 1/ 3 | UC Santa Cruz | W 95- 60 | H Seattle, Wa. | 425 | 6- 4 | 13- Gene Woodard | 6-Aziz/B'maker/W'dard |
| 1/ 4 | Rocky Mountain | 67- 83 L | H Seattle, Wa. | 725 | 6- 5 | 19- Yusef Aziz | 6- Aziz/Chivers |
| 1/1 * | Western Washington | 76- 83 L | H Seattle, wa. | 1625 | 6- 6 | 16- Yusef Aziz | 7- Yusef Aziz |
| 1/16 * | Alaska Anchorage | W 86- 68 | H Seattle, Wa. | 425 | 7- 6 | 20- Yusef Aziz | 9- Sandrin/Chivers |
| 1/18 * | Alaska Fairbanks | W 95- 71 | H Seattle, Wa. | 575 | 8- 6 | 16- Daniel Sandrin | 9- Yusef Aziz |
| 1/23 * | Western Oregon | W 88- 77 | A Monmouth, Or. | 625 | 9- 6 | 27- Yusef Aziz | 6- Yusef Aziz |
| 1/25 * | Humboldt State | 70- 80 L | A Arcata, Ca. | 1468 | 9- 7 | 24- Yusef Aziz | 9- Yusef Aziz |

* - GNAC Game

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

| Seattle Pacific | GP-GS | M- | A | Pct | M- | A | Pct | M- | A | Pct | Off | Def | Tot | Avg | A | TO | BLK | STL | PF | D | Min- | Avg | Pts | Avg |
|-----------------|-------|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|---|------|------|------|------|
| Yusef Aziz | 16-16 | 111- | 219 | 50.7 | 10- | 29 | 34.5 | 54- | 85 | 63.5 | 32 | 68 | 100 | 6.2 | 60 | 40 | 8 | 22 | 37- | 1 | 515- | 32.2 | 286 | 17.9 |
| Tony Binetti | 16- 1 | 25- | 61 | 41.0 | 9- | 33 | 27.3 | 7- | 12 | 58.3 | 7 | 20 | 27 | 1.7 | 25 | 19 | 4 | 11 | 32- | 0 | 224- | 14.0 | 66 | 4.1 |
| Mike Bushmaker | 10- 0 | 2- | 7 | 28.6 | 0- | 0 | 0.0 | 0- | 3 | 0.0 | 7 | 8 | 15 | 1.5 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 5- | 0 | 48- | 4.8 | 4 | 0.4 |
| Maurice Cato | 15-15 | 64- | 134 | 47.8 | 23- | 59 | 39.0 | 19- | 29 | 65.5 | 7 | 22 | 29 | 1.9 | 39 | 44 | 1 | 31 | 36- | 0 | 397- | 26.5 | 170 | 11.3 |
| Jason Chivers | 16-16 | 53- | 97 | 54.6 | 0- | 0 | 0.0 | 13- | 24 | 54.2 | 38 | 64 | 102 | 6.4 | 12 | 16 | 9 | 9 | 37- | 1 | 313- | 19.6 | 119 | 7.4 |
| Chris Cohen | 14- 0 | 26- | 50 | 52.0 | 1- | 2 | 50.0 | 8- | 17 | 47.1 | 16 | 25 | 41 | 2.9 | 3 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 21- | 0 | 135- | 9.6 | 61 | 4.4 |
| Adam Harris | 16-16 | 35- | 67 | 52.2 | 24- | 45 | 53.3 | 27- | 33 | 81.8 | 7 | 25 | 32 | 2.0 | 41 | 26 | 0 | 19 | 35- | 1 | 385- | 24.1 | 121 | 7.6 |
| Jesse Keely | 16- 4 | 44- | 72 | 61.1 | 5- | 7 | 71.4 | 24- | 32 | 75.0 | 13 | 35 | 48 | 3.0 | 30 | 26 | 5 | 12 | 44- | 1 | 250- | 15.6 | 117 | 7.3 |
| Jeff Knudson | 15- 0 | 24- | 48 | 50.0 | 19- | 38 | 50.0 | 2- | 3 | 66.7 | 8 | 16 | 24 | 1.6 | 13 | 10 | 1 | 6 | 19- | 0 | 174- | 11.6 | 69 | 4.6 |
| Jordan Lee | 16- 0 | 24- | 58 | 41.4 | 8- | 23 | 34.8 | 6- | 8 | 75.0 | 10 | 7 | 17 | 1.1 | 18 | 10 | 0 | 6 | 10- | 0 | 238- | 14.9 | 62 | 3.9 |
| Daniel Sandrin | 15-11 | 42- | 86 | 48.8 | 4- | 10 | 40.0 | 26- | 34 | 76.5 | 15 | 45 | 60 | 4.0 | 28 | 31 | 9 | 15 | 36- | 1 | 326- | 21.7 | 114 | 7.6 |
| Gene Woodard | 16- 0 | 24- | 52 | 46.2 | 1- | 5 | 20.0 | 7- | 14 | 50.0 | 10 | 29 | 39 | 2.4 | 18 | 14 | 2 | 13 | 14- | 0 | 195- | 12.2 | 56 | 3.5 |
| Team | | | | | | | | | | | 12 | 14 | 26 | | 0 | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Seattle Pacific | 16-16 | 474- | 951 | 49.8 | 104- | 251 | 41.4 | 193- | 294 | 65.6 | 182 | 378 | 560 | 35.0 | 289 | 255 | 39 | 149 | 326- | 5 | | | 1245 | 77.8 |
| Opponents | 16-16 | 420- | 936 | 44.9 | 94- | 271 | 34.7 | 231- | 335 | 69.0 | 191 | 340 | 531 | 33.2 | 234 | 258 | 51 | 126 | 288- | 6 | | | 1165 | 72.8 |

— First Half — — Second Half — — Game —

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|------|-----|-------|------|-----|-------|------|-----|-------|
| All FG | 246- | 477 | 51.6% | 228- | 474 | 48.1% | 474- | 951 | 49.8% |
| 3 Pt FG | 54- | 118 | 45.8% | 50- | 133 | 37.6% | 104- | 251 | 41.4% |
| FT | 72- | 116 | 62.1% | 121- | 178 | 68.0% | 193- | 294 | 65.6% |

Deadball Rebounds: Seattle Pacific 52, Opponents 55
Opponent Team Rebounds: 31 — (Offense: 17 Defense: 14)
Technical Fouls: Seattle Pacific 0; ; Opponents 2