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SPU Women Eye Perfection This Week At Home

Already Crowned GNAC Champs, SPU Seeks To Wrap-up West Home and again. It begins with a couple of home games, yet it could become the biggest home stand in five years. Top-ranked, undefeated and newly-crowned Great Northwest Athletic Conference champion Seattle Pacific University returns to Brougham Pavilion for its final pair of regular season contests this week. The Falcons (16-0, 25-0) will be seeking to wrap-up the top seed in the West Region when they face Western Oregon (8-8, 13-12) Thursday (Mar. 6) and Humboldt State (4-12, 9-16) Saturday (Mar. 8). If they win both, they will become the first SPU team to finish a regular season unbeaten but, more importantly, they will host the first three rounds of the NCAA Division II tournament, beginning Mar. 14.

Last one standing. Heading into this week, the Falcons are the lone remaining team in a handful of respects. First off, Seattle Pacific beat out nine fellow GNAC institutions to capture its second conference crown in three seasons and fourth under Coach **Gordy Presnell**. Secondly, the Falcons remain the only undefeated team at the Division II level. Finally, Presnell's team has the conference's longest regular season winning streak and home winning streak, both currently at 31 games. SPU is a shoo-in for the NCAA tournament, its seventh straight berth and eighth in nine years. The 64-team bracket will be announced Sunday (Mar. 9), beginning at 7 p.m. PST. Eight teams are drawn into each regional, the winners of which advance to the Elite Eight, Mar. 26-29 in Saint Joseph, Mo.

This time it's personal. Saturday's game will be a time to celebrate, both beforehand and (hopefully) afterward. Prior to tip-off there will be a salute to the team's four seniors: **Kelley Berglund** (Sr., 6-3, Port Angeles, Wa./Washington State), **Kerie Hughes** (Sr., 5-6, Mount Vernon, Wa./Mount Vernon), **Stacie Lukkes** (Sr., 6-0, Kent, Wa./Kentwood) and **Stephanie Urrutia** (Sr., 5-9, Sunnyside, Wa.). Hughes and Urrutia have been fixtures in the SPU backcourt for four seasons, with Hughes starting at point guard 87 times and Urrutia a three-year starter. Berglund, an all-region and all-conference center, will long be remembered as one of the most dominant and versatile inside players in program history. Lukkes has appeared in 104 games as a reserve center and is a two-time academic all-conference selection.

Splitting votes? One race yet to be determined is the GNAC player of the year award. In Berglund and Hughes, Presnell has two prime candidates. Hughes has gone on a tear during the second half of the season, averaging 15.9 points since Jan. 11. Last week she posted a pair of 21-point outings as SPU prevailed over Alaska Anchorage (93-78) and Alaska Fairbanks (84-69). She converted a combined 10-for-19 from the floor, charged down the lane to earn 27 free throws (sinking 20) and passed for 12 assists versus only three turnovers. In the conference, Hughes is third in assists (5.64), fifth in three-point accuracy (.431) and 10th free-throw percentage (.769). Berglund is coming off her eighth double-double of the season, finishing with 14 points and 12 rebounds at Fairbanks. She's the season leader in both scoring (13.3) and rebounding (8.4), ranking fourth in the GNAC in the latter and fifth in shooting percentage (.548).

Not in our house. There's little doubt that West Region coaches have begun searching for ways to beat SPU. No supportive videotapes exist for this season, and if they're trying to win in Brougham, they'll need to dig back to Jan.

2002-03 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SPU Quick Facts

2002-03 Record—25-0 (GNAC 16-0)
Coach—Gordy Presnell, 16th year
Coach's Career & SPU Record— 332-122

This Week

Thr., Mar. 6, 5:30 p.m.
vs. Western Oregon (8-8, 13-12)
Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.

Sat., Mar. 8, 5 p.m.
vs. Humboldt State (4-12, 9-16)
Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.

Last Week's Results

SPU 93, at Alaska Anchorage 78
SPU 84, at Alaska Fairbanks 69

Streaks & Such

SPU has won 31 straight home games and 31 consecutive regular season games

Stat de jour

The Falcons have earned NCAA tournament berths each of the last six years

NCAA Div. II Rankings (Feb. 26)

1. Seattle Pacific
 2. California (Pa.)
 3. Bentley (Ma.)
- also*
5. Cal State Bakersfield
 23. Western Washington

GNAC Standings

	W	L	W	L
Seattle Pacific	16	0	25	0
Western Washington	13	3	20	5
Northwest Nazarene	11	6	17	8
Central Washington	10	6	15	8
Saint Martin's	9	8	13	13
Western Oregon	8	8	13	12
Alaska Anchorage	5	11	10	14
Humboldt State	4	12	9	16
Alaska Fairbanks	3	13	8	17
Seattle University	2	14	7	17

NCAA West Region Poll (Feb. 26)

1. Seattle Pacific
2. Cal State Bakesfield
3. Western Washington
4. Montana State Billings
5. Cal State Stanislaus
6. Cal State San Bernardino
7. Chico State
8. UC Davis

18, 2001. Rarely have home games proven dramatic this season. The Falcons have won 10 times by an average of 25.2 points, out-rebounded visitors by 13.3. The 31-game streak is the nation's third-longest.

The deep end. The Falcons, with an up-tempo transition game and plenty of depth, seem to run opponents into the ground. Wave upon wave of quality players are at Presnell's disposal and he usually goes 11 deep, especially now that everyone is healthy. Seven different players scored in double figures during the Alaska trip, including non-starters like **Carli Smith** (Fr., 5-11, Spokane, Wa./Valley Christian) and **Brittney Kroon** (Fr., 6-4, Wasilla, Ak.). Smith totaled 24 points and 10 boards while Kroon had six blocked shots and eight rebounds in 18 minutes.

Put-backs. The school season record for victories is 27, set 1997-98 by the only team reach the Elite Eight...Only one Div. II team (North Dakota State in 1994-95) has gone undefeated (32-0) through the playoffs...No previous SPU women's basketball team has gone undefeated in conference play...Following last week's games, a new season record for free throws made (477) was established...Berglund's current scoring average would be the lowest by an SPU scoring leader in 24 years...**Valerie Gustafson** (Jr., 6-0, Olympia, Wa./Black Hills) was 13-21 from the field and scored 27 points last week...Urrutia is six points shy of cracking the career scoring leader list. She will bump Elizabeth Fenner (1992-95) from No. 10. Hughes moved into No. 5 in career assists and steals...The Falcons lead the GNAC in nine statistical categories, including scoring (84.4), scoring margin (+21.8), field-goal percentage (.482), three-point accuracy (.405), rebounding (+8.7), steals (12.92), blocked shots (4.68), scoring defense (62.5) and defensive field-goal percentage (.357)...Nationally, SPU is No. 4 in scoring margin, No. 5 in scoring offense and sixth in three-point accuracy... Individually in the GNAC, **Mandy Wood** (Fr., 5-6, Port Angeles, Wa.) is No. 1 (.533) and **Michelle Beaumont** (So., 5-11, Bellingham, Wa./Sehome) No. 2 (.484) in three-point percentage. Kroon is No. 2 in blocked shots (1.38). Smith is No. 3 in free-throw percentage (.833), No. 4 in field-goal accuracy (.556) and No. 7 in rebounding (7.3). Gustafson is No. 3 in field-goal percentage (.582). Berglund is No. 7 in blocked shots (0.88) and No. 12 in scoring (13.6). Urrutia is No. 7 in free-throw percentage (.811) and assists (3.96).

Opponent & series notes. The Falcons have won 11 straight against Western Oregon and lead the series 11-2. The Wolves have won four of their last six...SPU has won 15 in a row against Humboldt State, has never lost to the Lumberjacks at home and controls the series 16-1. Humboldt, after a good start, has lost eight of 10.

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. General admission for all SPU home games are \$5 with students, youth and senior citizens \$3 with proper identification. Reserved tickets for double-headers are priced at \$7 and \$6. Teams or groups can qualify for discount rates by calling (206) 281-2085 in advance.

2002-03 Women's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Hgt	Yr	Exp	Hometown (High School/Last Coll.)
4	Carli Smith	F	5-11	Fr	HS	Spokane, Wa. (Valley Christian)
11	Trisha Hermanson	G	5-6	So	1V	Buckley, Wa. (White River)
12	Mandy Wood	G	5-6	Fr	HS	Port Angeles, Wa. (Port Angeles)
20	Kerie Hughes	G	5-6	Sr	3V	Mount Vernon, Wa. (Mt. Vernon)
21	Autumn Garis	G	5-8	Fr	HS	Redmond, Wa. (Redmond)
22	Demecia Casimir	G	5-7	Fr	HS	Spokane, Wa. (Northwest Christian)
23	Michelle Beaumont	G	5-11	So	1V	Bellingham, Wa. (Sehome)
24	Stephanie Urrutia	G	5-9	Sr	3V	Sunnyside, Wa. (Sunnyside)
30	Stacie Lukkes	C	6-0	Sr	3V	Kent, Wa. (Kentwood)
31	Kristin Poe	F	5-8	Jr	2V	Enumclaw, Wa. (Enumclaw)
32	Kelley Berglund	C	6-3	Sr	1V	Port Angeles, Wa. (Pt. Angeles/WSU)
33	Brittney Kroon	C	6-4	Fr	HS	Wasilla, Ak. (Wasilla)
42	Valerie Gustafson	F-C	6-0	Jr	2V	Olympia, Wa. (Black Hills)

Head Coach: Gordy Presnell

Assistant Coaches: Lindsey Dion, Jamie Craighead

2002-03 Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 22-23	at Goodrich Classic (Bellingham, Wa.)	
Nov. 22	SPU v North Dakota State	W, 70-67
Nov. 23	SPU v Colorado Christian	W, 93-44
Nov. 27	at Northwest College	W, 110-50
Nov. 29	WESTMONT	W, 95-56
Nov. 30	PACIFIC LUTHERAN	W, 73-55
Dec. 5	at Humboldt State*	W, 98-76
Dec. 7	at Western Oregon*	W, 62-48
Dec. 20	at Lewis-Clark State	W, 81-64
Dec. 27-28	CCAA/GNAC Challenge (Bellingham)	
Dec. 27	Cal Poly Pomona	W, 87-73
Dec. 28	Cal State L.A.	W, 84-52
Jan. 4	LEWIS-CLARK STATE	W, 83-58
Jan. 9	NW NAZARENE*	W, 95-75
Jan. 11	SAINT MARTIN'S*	W, 90-49
Jan. 18	at Central Washington*	W, 63-60
Jan. 23	at Western Washington*	W, 78-62
Jan. 25	at Seattle University*	W, 78-62
Jan. 30	ALASKA ANCHORAGE*W	90-57
Feb. 1	ALASKA FAIRBANKS* W	80-72
Feb. 6	at Saint Martin's*	W, 73-62
Feb. 8	at Northwest Nazarene*	W, 81-74
Feb. 15	CENTRAL WASH.*	W, 80-69
Feb. 20	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY*W	86-40
Feb. 22	WESTERN WASH.*	W, 102-91
Feb. 27	at Alaska Anchorage*	W, 93-78
Mar. 1	at Alaska Fairbanks*	W, 84-69
Mar. 6	WESTERN OREGON*	5:30
Mar. 8	HUMBOLDT STATE*	5:00
Mar. 14-17	NCAA West Regional	
Mar. 26-29	NCAA Elite Eight (St. Joseph, Mo.)	

*Great Northwest Athletic Conference games
All times are Pacific

2002-03 Statistical Leaders

Scoring

Kelley Berglund	13.3
Kerie Hughes	12.7
Stephanie Urrutia	12.3
Valerie Gustafson	10.2

Rebounds

Kelley Berglund	8.4
Carli Smith	7.3

Assists

Kerie Hughes	5.4
Stephanie Urrutia	4.0

Shooting Percentage

Valerie Gustafson	.582
Carli Smith	.556
Kelley Berglund	.548

Three-Point Percentage

Mandy Wood	(32-60) .533
Michelle Beaumont	(30-62) .484

Free-Throw Percentage

Trisha Hermanson	.893
Carli Smith	.833

Steals

Kerie Hughes	1.88
Kelley Berglund	1.80
Valerie Gustafson	1.80

Blocks

Brittney Kroon	1.38
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Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	84.4	42.7	.482	.754	.405
Opp.	62.5	34.4	.358	.674	.311

Seattle Pacific University
2002-03 Women's Basketball Statistics
Record: 25- 0/ 16- 0 GNAC

Date	Opponent	Score	Site	Attend	Rec.	Leading Scorer	Leading Rebounder
11/22	North Dakota St.	W 70- 67	N Bellingham, Wa.	125	1- 0	24- Kelley Berglund	13- Kelley Berglund
11/23	Colorado Christian	W 93- 44	N Bellingham, Wa.	105	2- 0	16- Mandy Wood	8- Kelley Berglund
11/27	Northwest College	W 110- 50	A Kirkland, Wa.	123	3- 0	17- Stephanie Urrutia	8- Brittney Kroon
11/29	Westmont College	W 95- 56	H Seattle, Wa.	450	4- 0	17- Stephanie Urrutia	9- Kristin Poe
11/30	Pacific Lutheran	W 73- 55	H Seattle, Wa.	200	5- 0	23- Kelley Berglund	12- Kelley Berglund
12/ 5 *	Humboldt State	W 98- 76	A Arcata, Calif.	332	6- 0	19- Kerie Hughes	8- Carli Smith
12/ 7 *	Western Oregon	W 62- 48	A Monmouth, Ore.	200	7- 0	13- Kelley Berglund	11- Kelley Berglund
12/20	Lewis-Clark St.	W 81- 64	A Lewiston, Id.	800	8- 0	21- Michelle Beaumont	12- Carli Smith
12/27	Cal Poly Pomona	W 87- 73	N Bellingham, Wa.	192	9- 0	19- Stephanie Urrutia	6- G'son/Smith/B'lund
12/28	Cal State L.A.	W 84- 52	N Bellingham, Wa.	253	10- 0	35- Michelle Beaumont	11- Kelley Berglund
1/ 4	Lewis-Clark State	W 83- 58	H Seattle, Wa.	325	11- 0	15- Stephanie Urrutia	10- Valerie Gustafson
1/ 9*	N'west Nazarene	W 95- 75	H Seattle, Wa.	350	12- 0	17- Carli Smith	19- Carli Smith
1/1 *	St. Martin's	W 90- 49	H Seattle, Wa.	575	13- 0	15- Kelley Berglund	11- Kelley Berglund
1/18 *	Central Washington	W 63- 60	A Ellensburg, Wa.	951	14- 0	14- Carli Smith	7- Carli Smith
1/23 *	Western Wash.	W 78- 62	A Bellingham, Wa.	1606	15- 0	18- Kerie Hughes	12- Carli Smith
1/25 *	Seattle U.	W 78- 62	A Seattle, Wa.	589	16- 0	19- Valerie Gustafson	8- Kelley Berglund
1/30 *	Alaska Anchorage	W 90- 57	H Seattle, Wa.	311	17- 0	15- Kerie Hughes	12- Kelley Berglund
2/ 1*	Alaska Fairbanks	W 80- 72	H Seattle, Wa.	1252	18- 0	18- Kerie Hughes	11- Carli Smith
2/ 6*	Saint Martin's	W 73- 62	A Lacey, Wa.	125	19- 0	19- Trisha Hermanson	10- Carli Smith
2/ 8*	N'west Nazarene	W 81- 74	A Nampa, Id.	1242	20- 0	23- Kerie Hughes	10- Carli Smith
2/15 *	Central Washington	W 80- 69	H Seattle, Wa.	1211	21- 0	24- Kelley Berglund	12- Kelley Berglund
2/20 *	Seattle U.	W 86- 40	H Seattle, Wa.	752	22- 0	15- Mandy Wood	12- Carli Smith
2/22 *	Western Wash.	W 102- 91	H Seattle, Wa.	1375	23- 0	19- Kelley Berglund	10- Valerie Gustafson
2/27 *	Alaska Anchorage	W 93- 78	A Anchorage, Ak.	757	24- 0	21- Kerie Hughes	8- Stephanie Urrutia
3/ 1*	Alaska Fairbanks	W 84- 69	A Fairbanks, Ak.	323	25- 0	21- Kerie Hughes	12- Kelley Berglund

* - 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	TOBLK	STL	PF-D	Min-	Avg	Pts	Avg		
Michelle Beaumont	25-17	72-	161	44.7	30-	62	48.4	38-	47	80.9	17	43	60	2.4	32	59	10	14	45-	0	534-	21.4	212	8.5
Kelley Berglund	25-25	119-	217	54.8	0-	3	0.0	95-	130	73.1	67	144	211	8.4	19	72	22	45	75-	0	541-	21.6	333	13.3
Demecia Casimir	15- 0	4-	7	57.1	0-	2	0.0	0-	0	0.0	2	6	8	0.5	2	3	0	2	2-	0	49-	3.3	8	0.5
Autumn Garis	12- 0	2-	14	14.3	0-	1	0.0	6-	11	54.5	3	6	9	0.8	4	3	0	1	2-	0	81-	6.8	10	0.8
Valerie Gustafson	25-25	106-	182	58.2	1-	2	50.0	42-	61	68.9	38	92	130	5.2	40	36	15	45	71-	0	562-	22.5	255	10.2
Trisha Hermanson	15- 1	25-	81	30.9	10-	44	22.7	25-	28	89.3	6	23	29	1.9	34	33	4	18	17-	1	279-	18.6	85	5.7
Kerie Hughes	24-24	89-	202	44.1	30-	69	43.5	96-	126	76.2	7	43	50	2.1	136	63	4	45	27-	0	689-	28.7	304	12.7
Brittney Kroon	24- 0	32-	60	53.3	0-	0	0.0	14-	23	60.9	24	37	61	2.5	7	12	33	6	23-	0	182-	7.6	78	3.2
Stacie Lukkes	25- 0	23-	57	40.4	0-	1	0.0	18-	27	66.7	34	32	66	2.6	13	31	7	13	41-	1	296-	11.8	64	2.6
Kristin Poe	12- 6	25-	70	35.7	6-	20	30.0	12-	19	63.2	16	43	59	4.9	33	28	3	27	23-	0	250-	20.8	68	5.7
Carli Smith	25- 1	85-	153	55.6	0-	0	0.0	50-	60	83.3	73	110	183	7.3	21	42	6	36	38-	0	434-	17.4	220	8.8
Stephanie Urrutia	25-25	111-	232	47.8	25-	67	37.3	60-	74	81.1	28	74	102	4.1	99	76	14	38	49-	0	672-	26.9	307	12.3
Mandy Wood	25- 1	56-	117	47.9	32-	60	53.3	21-	27	77.8	6	25	31	1.2	50	48	2	31	25-	0	431-	17.2	165	6.6
Team											41	34	75		3								0	
Seattle Pacific	25-25	749-	1553	48.2	134-	331	40.5	477-	633	75.4	362	712	1074	44.0	490	509	120	321	438-	2		2109	84.4	
Opponents	25-25	537-	1501	35.8	136-	437	31.1	353-	524	67.4	332	523	855	34.2	352	599	58	247	491-	135		1563	62.5	

— First Half — — Second Half — — Game —

All FG	669-	1396	47.9%	80-	157	51.0%	749-	1553	48.2%
3 Pt FG	125-	306	40.8%	9-	25	36.0%	134-	331	40.5%
FT	378-	510	74.1%	99-	123	80.5%	477-	633	75.4%

Deadball Rebounds: Seattle Pacific 81, Opponents 75
Opponent Team Rebounds: 82 — (Offense: 46 Defense: 36)
Opponent Team Turnovers: 2
Technical Fouls: None