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Legacy In Good Hands With '03-'04 SPU Women

Falcons Finish 29-1; Presnell and Hughes Earn Top Honors

Midnight tolls. Following the most impressive regular season in the history of Seattle Pacific University athletics, the Falcon women's basketball team came within 20 minutes of a trip to the Elite Eight before midnight tolled on their magical season. Along the way, SPU accumulated enough newspaper clippings, trophies and memories for two seasons. Seattle Pacific won a record 29 games, captured the Great Northwest Athletic Conference championship without a single loss and sat atop the NCAA Division II rankings for five consecutive weeks. The players and coaches also made hundreds of new friends as well, and more than 1,500 were on hand to share tears and words of encouragement following the final game, their only loss.

How 'bout them Falcons? Numbers best tell the story of the wild, wild ride that was the 2002-03 season. The Falcons dominated opponents, winning 29 games in a row from November through mid-March. The average margin was nearly 22 points per game. Their regular season win streak reached 33 games and the home streak was extended to 35 before Cal State Bakersfield came from behind to end it in the championship game of the NCAA West Regional, 85-80, Mar. 17. In the final coaches poll, SPU was ranked No. 8 despite finishing with the best winning percentage (.967) in Division II and fifth-best overall in all of collegiate basketball (Div. I, II, III and NAIA).

On top of the world. The Falcons' numerous amazing feats did not go unnoticed at the national level. **Gordy Presnell** was voted the 2003 Russell Athletic/Women's Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year for NCAA Division II. Presnell accepted his honor in Atlanta, during the NCAA Final Four and WBCA National Convention. Earlier he had been named both conference and regional coach of the year. "This is certainly an honor but it's an award to be shared with the team and the university," said Presnell. In 16 years at the helm of the program, Presnell, with a record of 336-123, has averaged 21 wins per season and guided the team into postseason play 11 times, including eight of the last nine NCAA tournaments.

Leaving their mark. Graduating seniors **Kelley Berglund** (Sr., 6-3, Port Angeles, Wa./Washington State), **Kerie Hughes**, (Sr., 5-6, Mount Vernon, Wa./Mount Vernon), **Stephanie Urrutia** (Sr., 5-9, Sunnyside, Wa.) and **Stacie Lukkes** (Sr., 6-0, Kent, Wa./Kentwood) leave some big shoes to fill. Berglund, a two-time all-region and all-conference center, will go down as one of the most dominant forces in program history. She owns the school records for single game, season and career field-goal accuracy. Hughes finished a spectacular four-year tenure by earning the GNAC player of the year award and joining Berglund on the all-conference and all-region selections. Hughes finished fourth in career steals and assists and is the career leader in free throw accuracy. The versatile Urrutia completed her four years at No. 9 in scoring and No. 7 in foul line percentage. Lukkes appeared in 108 games as a reserve center and was a two-time academic all-conference selection.

New beginnings. Even before Presnell completes his recruiting for next season, he could send a formidable starting five onto the court this spring. Returning to the fold are **Kristin Poe** (Jr., 5-8, Enumclaw, Wa./Enumclaw), **Valerie Gustafson** (Jr., 6-0, Olympia, Wa./Black Hills) and **Michelle Beaumont** (So., 5-11, Bellingham, Wa./Sehome)—all of whom were regular starters at least at one point this past season. Poe, who will be a fifth-year senior, has

2002-03 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SPU Quick Facts

2002-03 Record—29-1 (GNAC 18-0)

Coach—Gordy Presnell, 16th year

Coach's Career & SPU Record— 336-123

Coming Up

Apr. 16-May 15

National Letter of Intent Signing Period

NCAA West Regional Results

First Round (all at Brougham Pavilion)

NW Nazarene 83, Western Washington 79

CS Bakersfield 116, CS Stanislaus 106

Mont. State Billings 91, Cent. Wash. 69

Seattle Pacific 81, Chico State 70

Semifinal Round

CS Bakersfield 103, NW Nazarene 84

Seattle Pacific 86, Mont. State Billings 70

Championship

Cal State Bakersfield 85, Seattle Pacific 80

NOTE: Cal State Bakersfield was eliminated, 83-62, by eventual NCAA champion South Dakota State in the Elite Eight

Streaks & Such

The Falcons game home win streak ended at 35 games; their consecutive regular season unbeaten streak stands at 33

Stat de jour

SPU clinched its seventh straight NCAA playoff berth and its eighth in nine years

Final NCAA Div. II Poll

1. South Dakota State
2. Bentley (Ma.)
3. Northern Kentucky

also

5. Cal State Bakersfield
8. **Seattle Pacific**

Final GNAC Standings

	W	L	W	L
Seattle Pacific	18	0	29	1
Western Washington	15	3	22	6
Northwest Nazarene	12	6	20	9
Central Washington	12	6	17	9
Saint Martin's	9	9	13	14
Western Oregon	8	10	13	14
Alaska Anchorage	6	12	11	15
Humboldt State	4	14	9	18
Seattle University	3	15	9	18
Alaska Fairbanks	3	15	8	19

started 44 times. She totaled 15 points and 10 boards in the Bakersfield game. Gustafson was solid at power forward, averaging 9.9 points, 5.4 rebounds and shooting 56 percent from the field. Beaumont set an GNAC record with 35 points in one of her first starts and she was among the conference three-point leaders, hitting 47 percent. **Trisha Hermanson** (So., 5-6, Buckley, Wa./White River) has started six career games at point guard. In addition, **Carli Smith** (Fr., 5-11, Spokane, Wa./Valley Christian), who had four double-doubles and averaged 7.3 rebounds, was the GNAC freshman of the year; **Mandy Wood** (Fr., 5-6, Port Angeles, Wa./Port Angeles) led the league in three-point shooting (.480) and **Brittney Kroon** (Fr., 6-4, Wasilla, Ak.) was the team leader in blocked shots (1.21).

Calling all campers. Along with recruiting, Presnell and his staff are preparing for the annual summertime Falcon Basketball Camps. Camp sessions are June 23-26 and July 21-24 and the cost is \$150. Space is already limited in the first session. For registration forms, click on <http://www.spu.edu/depts/athletics/sportscamps.htm>.

Mark your calendars. Presnell's 2003-04 schedule is quickly taking shape. The Falcons are involved in three tournaments, including hosting of the Falcon Hoop Classic. Tentatively, UC San Diego and Southwest Baptist (Mo.) provide opposition for that season-opening tourney. The following weekend, in a high-powered tournament at Northwest Nazarene, SPU meets Cal State Bakersfield and Cal State Stanislaus. All four teams were involved in this year's NCAA West Regional. Finally, the annual CCAA/GNAC Challenge moves to L.A. and will be contested prior to Christmas, with games against Cal State L.A. and Cal Poly Pomona. Among the non-conference games is a Dec. 6 home date with Chico State, this year's first-round playoff opponent, coached by ex-player and assistant coach Lynne DeYoung. The team visits Warner Pacific and Oregon Tech during December.

Put-backs. Single-game attendance records were broken four times in the final month of the season, including 1,581 for the regional championship game. The Falcons averaged 1,418 fans for the three-day tourney and 1,236 for the final nine home dates...Presnell's recruiting got underway in the fall, when he signed Enumclaw High School point guard Beth Christensen to a letter of intent...South Dakota State won the NCAA crown and eliminated Cal State Bakersfield, 83-62, in the quarterfinal round...Beaumont, Gustafson, Hughes and Lukkes gave Seattle Pacific four selections to the academic all-GNAC team...Berglund and Hughes received honorable mention All-America. They were joined by Urrutia on the West Regional all-tournament team...Berglund averaged 25.0 points and 10.7 boards in the three postseason games. She became the first player in four years to lead the team in both scoring (14.7) and rebounding (8.6)...The team set new records for wins (29), fewest losses (1), consecutive wins (29), consecutive home wins (35), consecutive road wins (13, current) and for season free throws made (571), attempted (758) and overall percentage (.753). Individually, Berglund (.568) supplanted Wendy Kuipers as the career field-goal percentage leader and Wood broke Jennifer Riggan's 1992 mark for trey accuracy...A major Brougham Pavilion record fell during the regional. Div. II player of the year and regional MVP Heather Garay of Bakersfield scored a record 44 points in a double-overtime, 116-106 win over Cal State Stanislaus. The two teams also combined for a record 222 points...In the final NCAA statistics report, Seattle Pacific finished No. 1 in winning percentage, No. 3 in scoring margin (21.6), No. 4 in scoring (84.1), No. 8 in 3-point shooting (.383), No. 9 in field goal percentage (.473) and 10th in rebounding margin (9.6).

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 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*	W, 89-44
Mar. 8	HUMBOLDT STATE*	W, 78-44
Mar. 14-17	Cal State Chico (NCAA)	W, 81-70
	MT State Billings (NCAA)W,	86-70
	CS Bakersfield (NCAA)	L, 80-85

*Great Northwest Athletic Conference games
All times are Pacific

2002-03 Statistical Leaders

Scoring

Kelley Berglund	14.7
Kerie Hughes	12.4
Stephanie Urrutia	12.3
Valerie Gustafson	9.9

Rebounds

Kelley Berglund	8.6
Carli Smith	7.3

Assists

Kerie Hughes	5.4
Stephanie Urrutia	4.1

Shooting Percentage

Kelley Berglund	.568
Valerie Gustafson	.558
Carli Smith	.541

Three-Point Percentage

Mandy Wood	(35-75) .480
Michelle Beaumont	(33-70) .471

Free-Throw Percentage

Trisha Hermanson	.893
Carli Smith	.829

Steals

Kerie Hughes	1.93
Kelley Berglund	1.86
Valerie Gustafson	1.80

Blocks

Brittney Kroon	1.21
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Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	84.1	43.9	.473	.753	.383
Opp.	62.5	34.3	.357	.707	.318

Seattle Pacific University
2002-03 Women's Basketball Statistics
Record: 29-1/ 18- 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
3/ 6*	Western Oregon	W 89- 44	H Seattle, Wa.	805	26- 0	14- Kelley Berglund	8- 2 Players Tied
3/ 8*	Humboldt State	W 78- 44	H Seattle, Wa.	1475	27- 0	18- Kelley Berglund	9- Kristin Poe
3/14	Chico St. (NCAA)	W 81- 70	H Seattle, Wa.	1528	28- 0	30- Kelley Berglund	15- Kelley Berglund
3/15	MS Billings (NCAA)	W 86- 70	H Seattle, Wa.	1145	29- 0	21- Kelley Berglund	8- 3 Players Tied
3/17	CS Bakersfield (NCAA)	80- 85 L	H Seattle, Wa.	1581	29- 1	24- Kelley Berglund	10- Kristin Poe

* - GNAC Game

	GP-GS	— All FG —			— 3 Pt FG —			— FT —			— Rebounds —								Min-	Avg	Pts	Avg
		M-	A	Pct	M-	A	Pct	M-	A	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	A	TOBLK	STL	PF-D				
Seattle Pacific	30-30	895	1894	47.3	162	412	39.3	571	758	75.3	449	868	1317	43.9	606	600	137	382	518	- 3	2523	84.1
Opponents	30-30	645	1809	35.7	164	516	31.8	422	617	68.4	385	644	1029	34.3	429	705	74	303	585	- 135	1876	62.5