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Two Exhibitions Ahead For SPU Men Cagers Lineup Revamped For Hironaka's 2nd Season

A couple dress rehearsals. They don't count but the two upcoming preseason exhibitions will have a lot to do with how Seattle Pacific University fares in the Falcons' first games of the men's basketball regular season. SPU hosts the Northwest All-Stars Thursday night (Nov. 6) and The Son's Blue Angels Nov. 15, both at Brougham Pavilion, as the season quickly approaches. The 27-game regular season commences Nov. 21-22 with the Wilcox Farms Tip-Off Classic. SPU is coming off a 16-11 record and a third-place finish in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

Several mix-ins. Coach **Jeff Hironaka** will present a team featuring plenty of new faces. Following the loss of six seniors, including four starters, Hironaka has gone about constructing a squad which is long on shooting ability and short on experience. Of his 16-man roster, 11 are freshmen, redshirt freshmen or sophomores. There is only one senior, center **Chris Cohen** (Sr., 6-8, Saint Helens, Or.). A September tour of Australia helped to build cohesiveness among the returnees and now Hironaka will mix-in his recruits, three of which are transfers.

It's only words. The youth movement will not be pressured to perform right away, at least not from the outside. The GNAC coaches picked SPU seventh in the preseason poll, but Hironaka hints that the Falcons are capable of much, much more. The program has put together 15 consecutive winning seasons and has qualified for the NCAA Division II tournament eight of the last 10 years. Although Humboldt State is the overwhelming favorite for the conference crown and, in some cases, the national title, Hironaka expects slots 2-7 in the GNAC to be hotly contested.

Center of attention. Hironaka's first recruit as coach and the team's lone returning starter will be this year's cornerstone. Center **Jason Chivers** (Jr., 6-8, Palmdale, Ca./Highland-L.A. Trade Tech) emerged as a potent force over the second half of last season, averaging 13.8 points, 6.9 rebounds and shooting 65 percent in the final 12 games. For the season, he was the Falcons' top rebounder (6.6), No. 3 scorer (10.0) and led the conference in field-goal accuracy (.590). If anything, he should grow stronger. During the Australia tour Chivers, playing against older professionals, averaged 19.2 points and 13.4 rebounds.

What happened down under. The Falcons finished that five-game junket 3-2, with both losses coming against first division pros. Besides Chivers there were a couple players who experienced breakthroughs during the tour. **Jordan Lee** (Jr., 6-2, University Place, Wa./Christian Faith) began to realize his potential as a backcourt scorer, leading the team with a 23.2 scoring average. Redshirt forward **Dustin Bremerman** (Fr., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower), who had not played a competitive game in two years, staked an early claim to a starting spot, hitting double figures in four games and shooting well from beyond the international three-point arc. **Jeff Knudson** (So., 6-7, Mukilteo, Wa./Kamiak), the top three-point marksman in the GNAC as a frosh, continued to stretch defenses with his range. Point guard **Tony Binetti** (So., 6-1, Enumclaw, Wa.) got the keys to the offense, which averaged 101.6 points. Hironaka says this year's emphasis will be on scoring in transition but that the new halfcourt set is more predicated on passing and patience.

You'll need a program. There could be as many as three new faces among

2003-04 MEN'S BASKETBALL

SPU Quick Facts

2002-03 Final Record—16-11 (GNAC 12-6)

Coach—Jeff Hironaka, 2nd year

Coach's Career Record—16-11 (1 year)

Coming Up

Thr., Nov. 6, 7 p.m.

Northwest All-Stars at SPU (exhibition)

Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.

Sat., Nov. 15, 2 p.m.

The Son's Blue Angels at SPU (exhibition)

Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.

Nov. 21-22

Wilcox Farms Tip-Off Classic

Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.

Fri., Nov. 21

N'west Nazarene v S'west Baptist, 3 p.m.

Seattle Pacific v UC San Diego, 7 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 22

N'west Nazarene v UC San Diego, 3 p.m.

Seattle Pacific v Southwest Baptist, 7 p.m.

2003 Australia Tour Results

at Sydney Kings 119, SPU 79

SPU 108, at Newcastle Hunters 53

SPU 114, at Grafton Vikings 62

SPU 122, at Southwest Pirates 67

at Brisbane Bullets 130, SPU 85

Streaks & Such

The Falcons have posted winning records for 15 consecutive seasons and have finished third or higher in the conference for the last 13 years

Stat de jour

Eleven of the 16 roster players are freshmen, redshirt freshmen or sophomores

GNAC Preseason Poll

1. Humboldt State (10)
2. Alaska Fairbanks
3. Western Oregon
4. Central Washington
5. Alaska Anchorage
6. Western Washington
7. Seattle Pacific
8. Seattle University
9. Northwest Nazarene
10. Saint Martin's

the top eight rotation. At least two of those will be transfers **Ralph Steele** (Jr., 6-2, No. Birmingham, Al./Huffman-Citrus JC) and **Chad Williams** (So., 6-8, Burlington, Wa./Bu.-Edison-Whatcom CC). Steele, who averaged 20 points as a sophomore, is expected to fill some of the void left by Yusef Aziz, the top scorer the past two seasons. Williams has both excellent rebounding and high-post passing skills. Of the freshmen, **Drew Matzen** (Fr., 6-4, Bothell, Wa./Lynnwood) could make the most immediate impact.

Put-backs. Mike Bushmaker (So., 6-7, So., Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) missed the Australia tour after undergoing knee surgery but is now practicing with the team...Conference play begins Dec. 4 at Alaska Anchorage. The Falcons are involved in four tournaments, including hosting of the Wilcox Farms Tip-Off Classic and Oak Harbor Freight Lines Holiday Classic. This season begins against Saint Leo (Fl.) and Southwest Baptist (Mo.). The latter tourney draws Alderson-Broaddus (WV), an NCAA tournament team in 2003. SPU will also play in Chico State's tournament Nov. 28-29 and return to the High Desert Classic in Las Vegas...In addition to Bremerman, the other redshirts who become active this season are guard **Jordan Beede** (Fr., 6-1, Bellingham, Wa./Squalicum) and forward **Tim Gabelein** (Fr., 6-6, Langley, Wa./South Whidbey)...Knudson hit 50 percent of his three-pointers last season (37-74) as a sixth man...Chivers' 72 offensive boards was the most in six years...Seattle Pacific has finished third or higher in the conference for 13 consecutive years...Last season Seattle Pacific led the GNAC and finished No. 6 in NCAA 3-point shooting (.409) and ninth in overall field goal accuracy (.498). The latter was the highest percentage since 1993.

SPU Coaches. In his first season **Jeff Hironaka** won more games (16) than all but one other first-year SPU coach. A former aide at Idaho State and The Master's, Hironaka became Ken Bone's top assistant 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 times, including a Final Four advancement in 2000. Hironaka is the second Japanese-American head coach of a four-year collegiate program...As both coach and player, **Ben Scheffler** has been associated with seven NCAA tournament teams. The staff's top assistant, Scheffler started three seasons at guard and later served on Bone's staff from 1998-01. He was a volunteer assistant at Washington in 2001-02. **Scott Reid** joins the staff following two years as KingCo coach of the year at Bellevue's Newport High School. **George Parker** who first served as a volunteer assistant in 1986, returns for his 15th year. **Dan Barfoot** serves as graduate assistant and **Maurice Cato**, starting point guard the past two years, is student assistant.

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.

2003-04 Men's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Hgt	Yr	Exp	Hometown (High School/Last Coll.)
1	Jordan Lee	G	6-2	Jr	2V	Tacoma, Wa. (Life Christian)
2	Ralph Steele	G	6-2	Jr	TR	No. Birmingham, Al. (Huffman/Citrus JC)
3	Jeff Knudson	F	6-7	So	1V	Mukilteo, Wa (Kamiak)
4	Jordan Beede	G	6-1	Fr	RS	Bellingham, Wa. (Squalicum)
10	Paul Sivesind	F	6-6	Sr	TR	Bellevue, Wa. (Sammamish/CS Hayward)
11	Tony Binetti	G	6-1	So	1V	Enumclaw, Wa. (Enumclaw)
13	Mike Bushmaker	F	6-7	So	1V	Yakima, Wa (Eisenhower)
15	Ryan DeLong	G	6-0	Fr	HS	Milton, Wa. (Fife)
20	Austin Yuen	G	5-8	Fr	HS	Mercer Island, Wa. (Mercer Island)
22	Chad Williams	F	6-8	So	TR	Burlington, Wa. (Bu.-Edison/Whatcom CC)
23	Tim Gabelein	F	6-6	Fr	RS	Langley, Wa. (South Whidbey)
30	Drew Matzen	F	6-4	Fr	HS	Bothell, Wa. (Lynnwood)
34	Jason Chivers	C	6-8	Jr	1V	Palmdale, Ca. (Highland/LA Trade)
32	Dustin Bremerman	F	6-4	Fr	RS	Yakima, Wa. (Eisenhower)
40	Rob Peterson	F	6-7	Fr	HS	Seattle, Wa. (Seattle Christian)
50	Chris Cohen	C	6-8	Sr	3V	Saint Helens, Or. (Saint Helens)

Head Coach: Jeff Hironaka

Assistant Coaches: Ben Scheffler, Scott Reid, George Parker

Graduate Assistant: Dan Barfoot

Student Assistant: Maurice Cato

2003-04 Season Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 6	NW ALL-STARs (exhib.)	7:00
Nov. 15	BLUE ANGELS (exhib.)	2:00
Nov. 21-22	WILCOX FARMS TIP-OFF CLASSIC	
Nov. 21	NW Nazarene v SW Baptist	3:00
	SPU v SAINT LEO	7:00
Nov. 22	NW Nazarene v Saint Leo	3:00
	SPU PACIFIC v SW BAPTIST	7:00
Nov. 28-29	Mac Martin Classic (at Chico, Ca.)	
Nov. 28	SPU at Chico State	7:00
Nov. 29	SPU v Colorado School/Mines	5:00
Dec. 4	at Alaska Anchorage*	9:05
Dec. 6	at Alaska Fairbanks*	5:00
Dec. 17	at UC San Diego	7:00
Dec. 19-20	High Desert Classic (Las Vegas, Nv.)	
Dec. 19	SPU v Cal State San Bernardino	12:00
Dec. 20	SPU v Washburn	12:00
Dec. 29-30	OAK HARBOR FREIGHTLINES CL.	
Dec. 29	Seattle University v Saint Martin's	5:00
	SPU v ALDERSON BROADDUS	7:00
Dec. 30	Seattle U. v Alderson Broaddus	5:00
	SPU v SAINT MARTIN'S	7:00
Jan. 8	WESTERN OREGON*	7:30
Jan. 10	HUMBOLDT STATE*	7:00
Jan. 15	at Seattle University*	7:00
Jan. 17	at Northwest Nazarene*	6:00
Jan. 22	CENTRAL WASHINGTON*	7:30
Jan. 24	SAINT MARTIN'S*	3:30
Jan. 31	at Western Washington*	7:00
Feb. 5	at Humboldt State*	7:00
Feb. 7	at Western Oregon*	7:00
Feb. 12	NORTHWEST NAZARENE*	7:30
Feb. 14	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY*	7:00
Feb. 19	at Saint Martin's*	7:00
Feb. 21	at Central Washington*	7:00
Feb. 28	WESTERN WASHINGTON*	7:00
Mar. 4	ALASKA FAIRBANKS*	7:00
Mar. 6	ALASKA ANCHORAGE*	7:00

*Great Northwest Athletic Conference games
All times are Pacific

2002-03 Season Leaders

Scoring

Yusef Aziz	17.6
Maurice Cato	10.9
Jason Chivers√	10.0

Rebounds

Jason Chivers√	6.6
Yusef Aziz	6.2

Assists

Yusef Aziz	3.5
Maurice Cato	3.2

Steals

Maurice Cato	1.53
Yusef Aziz	1.48

Blocked Shots

Jason Chivers√	0.85
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Field Goal Percentage

Jason Chivers√	.590
Yusef Aziz	.500

Three Point Percentage

Jeff Knudson√	(37-74) .500
Adam Harris	(36-74) .486

Free Throw Percentage

Adam Harris	.816
Maurice Cato	.810

Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	82.2	35.4	.498	.708	.409
Opp.	75.9	33.4	.460	.682	.357

√ returnee

Seattle Pacific University
2002-03 Men's Basketball Statistics
Record: 16-11/ 12-6 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	A Ellensburg, Wa.	1328	4- 1	22- Jason Chivers	12- Jason Chivers
12/ 7 *	Saint Martin's	W 79- 56	A 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
1/31 *	Seattle University	W 80- 66	H Seattle, Wa.	890	10- 7	20- Cato/Aziz	9- Jason Chivers
2/ 1*	N'west Nazarene	W 95- 58	H Seattle, Wa.	2225	11- 7	12- Aziz/Cohen	7- Jason Chivers
2/ 8*	Western Wash.	W 80- 72	A Bellingham, Wa.	2020	12- 7	28- Yusef Aziz	8- Daniel Sandrin
2/13 *	Alaska Fairbanks	78- 86 L	A Fairbanks, Ak.	1093	12- 8	15- Jason Chivers	7- Yusef Aziz
2/15 *	Alaska Anchorage	84- 90 L OT	A Anchorage, Ak.	1150	12- 9	22- Yusef Aziz	10- Chivers/Aziz
2/20 *	Humboldt State	W 113-108 OT	H Seattle, Wa.	1375	13- 9	22- Jesse Keely	11- Jesse Keely
2/22 *	Western Oregon	W 86- 84	H Seattle, Wa.	1125	14- 9	16- Keely/Knudson	7- Jesse Keely
2/27 *	Northwest Nazarene	76- 83 L	A Nampa, Id.	1025	14-10	17- Cato, Aziz, Chivers	7- Daniel Sandrin
3/ 1*	Seattle University	W 84- 70	A Seattle, Wa.	685	15-10	19- Gene Woodard	12- Jason Chivers
3/ 6*	Saint Martin's	W 96- 61	H Seattle, Wa.	885	16-10	14- Jeff Knudson	8- Jason Chivers
3/ 8*	Central Washington	102-105 L	H Seattle, Wa.	1885	16-11	21- Yusef Aziz	11- Yusef Aziz

* - 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	TOBLK	STL	PF-D	Min-	Avg	Pts	Avg		
Seattle Pacific	27-27	183-	366	50.0	11-	46	23.9	99-	149	66.4	49	118	167	6.2	94	65	10	40	72-	3	887-	32.9	476	17.6
Yusef Aziz	27- 1	40-	91	44.0	16-	47	34.0	13-	22	59.1	8	29	37	1.4	46	29	4	19	52-	1	391-	14.5	109	4.0
Tony Binetti	12- 0	4-	11	36.4	0-	0	0.0	4-	7	57.1	9	9	18	1.5	2	7	1	2	6-	0	59-	4.9	12	1.0
Mike Bushmaker	26-26	96-	215	44.7	41-	110	37.3	51-	63	81.0	10	38	48	1.8	83	71	4	40	69-	2	712-	27.4	284	10.9
Maurice Cato	27-27	111-	188	59.0	0-	0	0.0	47-	72	65.3	72	107	179	6.6	28	25	23	20	71-	2	586-	21.7	269	10.0
Jason Chivers	20- 0	36-	70	51.4	1-	2	50.0	11-	22	50.0	22	35	57	2.8	4	18	1	5	28-	0	184-	9.2	84	4.2
Chris Cohen	27-26	52-	110	47.3	36-	74	48.6	40-	49	81.6	12	38	50	1.9	59	38	0	27	56-	3	638-	23.6	180	6.7
Adam Harris	27- 4	73-	134	54.5	8-	15	53.3	60-	79	75.9	37	59	96	3.6	42	41	7	21	74-	3	445-	16.5	214	7.9
Jesse Keely	25- 0	46-	93	49.5	37-	74	50.0	13-	17	76.5	18	32	50	2.0	18	12	1	9	38-	0	312-	12.5	142	5.7
Jeff Knudson	25- 0	34-	79	43.0	13-	29	44.8	10-	12	83.3	13	11	24	1.0	26	12	0	8	16-	0	334-	13.4	91	3.6
Jordan Lee	26-20	70-	144	48.6	8-	19	42.1	53-	71	74.6	31	74	105	4.0	52	58	16	21	59-	1	557-	21.4	201	7.7
Daniel Sandrin	27- 0	60-	117	51.3	2-	7	28.6	35-	53	66.0	33	49	82	3.0	33	31	4	27	32-	0	420-	15.6	157	5.8
Gene Woodard	Team										24	20	44		0									0
Seattle Pacific	27-27	805-	1618	49.8	173-	423	40.9	436-	616	70.8	338	619	957	35.4	487	407	71	239	573-	15			2219	82.2
Opponents	27-27	728-	1584	46.0	171-	479	35.7	421-	617	68.2	340	562	902	33.4	391	426	79	201	540-	17			2048	75.9

	— First Half —			— Second Half —			— Game —		
All FG	405-	782	51.8%	400-	836	47.8%	805-	1618	49.8%
3 Pt FG	90-	197	45.7%	83-	226	36.7%	173-	423	40.9%
FT	163-	240	67.9%	273-	376	72.6%	436-	616	70.8%

Deadball Rebounds: Seattle Pacific 93, Opponents 93
Opponent Team Rebounds: 65 — (Offense: 34 Defense: 31)
Technical Fouls: Seattle Pacific 0; ; Opponents 3Bench 1