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End Of The Road: SPU Visits San Diego, Vegas Men Split GNAC Openers; Lee Keeps On Scoring

Christmas break. The textbooks, blue books, pens and No. 2 pencils have all been put away. Final exams are finished and now it's time for nothing but hoops for a few weeks. On the road. Under the sun. Seattle Pacific University resumes its men's basketball schedule next week with its fifth, sixth and seventh consecutive games on the road. Following a 10-day break, the Falcons (3-3) face UC San Diego (1-3) Tuesday night (Dec. 16). Then comes the High Desert Classic in Las Vegas and afternoon bouts with Cal State San Bernardino (3-1) Friday (Dec. 19) and Washburn (6-0) Saturday (Dec. 20). After Christmas, SPU hosts the Oak Harbor Freight Lines Classic Dec. 29-30 at Brougham Pavilion.

Worlds apart. Sure, playing on the road becomes tiresome after awhile. The hotels and airports all begin to look the same. But the difference between the Falcons' last stop and their next one cannot be understated: roughly 2700 miles and 81 degrees. In Fairbanks last weekend, the temperature was 16 below zero when the team arrived (undeterred, Coach **Jeff Hironaka** still took his daily 5-mile run). In San Diego, Hironaka can leave his woollies behind; the forecast is for sun and 65 (above). The Elvis (and Bing) impersonators may be singing *White Christmas* in Vegas, but The Strip should be warm and dry.

Heir Jordan. Hironaka lost his top scorer, Yusef Aziz, after last season. And although he might have been tempted to seek some transfer to fill that role, he also believed the answer could come from within. Surprisingly, the choice as Aziz's heir-apparent was **Jordan Lee** (Jr., 6-2, Tacoma, Wa./Life Christian), who had averaged 3.0 points per game in his first two seasons. Lee got the green light to look for his shot during a summer tour of Australia, averaging 23.2 points in five games. Following a slow start due to an ankle injury, he is going gangbusters once again. Lee poured in 29 points in the 89-83 overtime win at Alaska Anchorage and totaled 50 points for the week while hitting 10-16 three-pointers. He is averaging 23.0 points over the past four games and 17.0 for the season. Lee leads the Great Northwest Athletic Conference in free throw percentage (16-16) and is fifth in three-point accuracy (52 percent, 16-31). He has already scored more points (101) than in 25 games (91) as a sophomore.

Chivers in charge. Like Lee, center **Jason Chivers** (Jr., 6-8, Los Angeles, Ca./Highland-L.A. Trade Tech) got off to a sluggish start after twisting an ankle. But the big guy is on the mend and beginning to fulfill his key role. In Alaska he posted back-to-back double doubles as the Falcons came away with a respectable road split. Chivers sparked SPU in the second half at Anchorage and finished with 13 points, 11 rebounds and five blocked shots before fouling out in overtime. He had 15 points, 14 boards and two blocks at Fairbanks, where Seattle Pacific succumbed, 81-76. Chivers has averaged 14.3 points over the last three games. He leads the GNAC in shot-blocking (1.83) and is No. 2 in rebounding (9.2).

Just a freshman, sort of. If freshman forward **Dustin Bremerman** (Fr., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) is performing at a level which belies his class standing, well, no wonder. Bremerman has waited two years to get back on the court after attending community college one year and serving a redshirt season at SPU. So in many ways it's not surprising that he has won a starting job and is now becoming a prominent third prong in the offense. Bremerman scored five of his 16 points in overtime as SPU beat Anchorage, a team which was

2003-04 MEN'S BASKETBALL

SPU Quick Facts

2003-04 Record—3-3 (GNAC 1-1)

Coach—Jeff Hironaka, 2nd year

Coach's Career Record— 19-14 (2nd year)

Upcoming Games

Tue., Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

SPU at UC San Diego

RIMAC Arena, La Jolla, Ca.

Fri., Dec. 19-Sat., Dec. 20

High Desert Classic

McDermott Center, Las Vegas, Nv.

Fri., Dec. 19, 12 noon

SPU v Cal State San Bernardino

Sat., Dec. 20, 12 noon

SPU v Washburn

Last Week's Results

SPU 89, at Alaska Anchorage 83 OT

at Alaska Fairbanks 81, SPU 76

Streaks & Such

The Falcons began conference play with a victory for the third year in a row and the eighth time in nine seasons

Stat de jour

Jordan Lee has averaged 23.0 points and shot 54 percent (14-26) from beyond the three-point arc in the last four games

GNAC Standings

	W	L	W	L
Humboldt State	2	0	5	1
Western Oregon	2	0	5	2
Northwest Nazarene	1	0	5	0
Western Washington	1	1	5	1
Alaska Anchorage	1	1	6	2
Alaska Fairbanks	1	1	4	3
Seattle Pacific	1	1	3	3
Seattle University	0	1	3	3
Saint Martin's	0	2	3	4
Central Washington	0	2	2	5

coming off two Div. I wins. He connected on a trey and a long two-pointer in the final frame. At Fairbanks he came back with 14 points, eight rebounds and three assists. He is now averaging 11.7 points and 6.0 boards and shooting 52 percent from the field.

Put-backs. **Tony Binetti** (So., 6-1, Enumclaw, Wa.) salted away the UAA win with a key rebound and three key free throws in the final 11 seconds. He is fourth in GNAC assists (5.7) and leads the league in assists to turnovers ratio (4.25:1)...The Falcons finished with five in double figures at Anchorage, including **Mike Bushmaker** (So., 6-7, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower), who had 11 points and a career-high eight rebounds as Seattle Pacific finished with a 43-27 advantage on the boards...Each of the last three games played at Anchorage has gone to overtime, with SPU winning two of those...Last week Seattle Pacific shot 20-44 (45 percent) from outside the arc and 25-31 (81 percent) at the foul line. It leads the GNAC in free throw accuracy (.792) and is third in three-point accuracy (.389) after a cold (12-39) start in the first three games...The Falcons began conference play with a victory for the third year in a row and the eighth time in nine seasons...SPU and travel partner Western Washington were the only road teams to win in nine games on the opening weekend of GNAC play...Les Habegger, the head coach from 1957-74, will be inducted into the Falcon Legends Hall of Fame Jan. 23, during Homecoming weekend. Habegger's teams won 267 games and made six trips to the NCAA tournament. He went on to become assistant coach for the SuperSonics' NBA Championship team in 1979 and was later very successful as a pro coach in Germany.

Opponent & series notes. Seattle Pacific has not played UC San Diego previously. The Tritons have played the last two games without their two leading scorers, Adam Snyder (broken finger) and Jesse Boyd (academic reasons). Boyd, who scored 54 points in the first two games, is expected back for the SPU game...Cal State San Bernardino, the defending CCAA champion, crushed No. 5-ranked Cal Poly Pomona 67-49 last week. The series with the Falcons is tied 2-2 with the last meeting the '00-01 opener...Washburn (Ks.) and SPU have met twice before, both times in Vegas ('98 and '99). The Ichabods are averaging 96.3 points per game...Rounding out the 14-team High Desert Classic field—which includes seven NCAA tournament teams from last season—are No. 7-ranked Rollins (Fl.), No. 8 Tarleton State (Tx.), Central Missouri, Cameron (Ok.), Nebraska Omaha, Northwest Missouri, Central Washington, Western Washington, Saint Mary's (Tx.), Missouri Western and Central Oklahoma. This is SPU's fifth trip to the Vegas tourney. It has won its last six games there.

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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)
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	5-11	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	Los Angeles, 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

√ Probable starters

2003-04 Season Schedule

Date	Opponent	Res./Time
Nov. 6	NW SPORTS (exhib.)	W, 108-106
Nov. 15	BLUE ANGELS (exhib.)	W, 95-88
Nov. 21-22	WILCOX FARMS TIP-OFF CLASSIC	
Nov. 21	SPU v SAINT LEO	W, 78-51
Nov. 22	SPU v SW BAPTIST	L, 60-65
Nov. 28-29	Mac Martin Classic (at Chico, Ca.)	
Nov. 28	at Chico State	L, 91-93
Nov. 29	Colorado School/Mines	W, 81-76
Dec. 4	at Alaska Anchorage*	ot W, 89-83
Dec. 6	at Alaska Fairbanks*	L, 76-81
Dec. 16	at UC San Diego	7:00
Dec. 19-20	High Desert Classic (Las Vegas, Nv.)	
Dec. 19	SPU v Cal St. San Bernardino	12:00
Dec. 20	SPU v Washburn	12:00
Dec. 29-30	OAK HARBOR FREIGHTLINES CL.	
Dec. 29	Seattle U. 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

2003-04 Season Leaders

Scoring

Jordan Lee	17.0
Dustin Bremerman	11.7
Jason Chivers	9.8
Tony Binetti	8.8

Rebounds

Jason Chivers	9.2
Dustin Bremerman	6.0

Assists

Tony Binetti	6.0
Jason Chivers	2.5

Steals

Tony Binetti	1.67
Jordan Lee	1.00

Blocked Shots

Jason Chivers	1.83
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Field Goal Percentage

Jordan Lee	.522
Dustin Bremerman	.520

Three Point Percentage

Jordan Lee	(16-31) .516
Dustin Bremerman	(11-26) .423

Free Throw Percentage

Jordan Lee	(16-16) 1.000
Mike Bushmaker	(12-15) .800

Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	79.2	38.0	.451	.792	.389
Opp.	74.8	34.2	.4513	.687	.374

Seattle Pacific University
2003-04 Men's Basketball Statistics
Record: 3-3/ 1-1 GNAC

Date	Opponent	Score	Site	Attend	Rec.	Leading Scorer	Leading Rebounder
11/21	Saint Leo	W 78- 51	H Seattle, Wa.	725	1- 0	16- Ralph Steele	13- Jason Chivers
11/22	Southwest Baptist	60- 65 L	H Seattle, Wa.	725	1- 1	12- Mike Bushmaker	6-B'maker/Chivers
11/28	Chico State	91- 93 L	A Chico, Ca.	729	1- 2	23- Jordan Lee	7- Cohen/Chivers
11/29	Colo. School/Mines	W 81- 76	N Chico, Ca.	178	2- 2	19- Jordan Lee	6- Binetti/Bre'man
12/ 4 *	Alaska Anchorage	W 89- 83 (OT)	A Anchorage, Ak.	1066	3- 2	29- Jordan Lee	11- Jason Chivers
12/ 6 *	Alaska Fairbanks	76- 81 L	A Fairbanks, Ak.	822	3- 3	21- Jordan Lee	14- Jason Chivers

* - 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	2- 1	0-	0	0.0	0-	0	0.0	2-	2	100.0	0	1	1	0.5	2	2	0	1	2-0	8-	4.0	2	1.0	
Jordan Beede	2- 1	0-	0	0.0	0-	0	0.0	2-	2	100.0	0	1	1	0.5	2	2	0	1	2-0	8-	4.0	2	1.0	
Tony Binetti	6- 6	17-	55	30.9	7- 23	30.4	12- 16	75.0	6	21	27	4.5	34	8	3	10	15-0	189-	31.5	53	8.8			
Dustin Bremerman	6- 4	26-	50	52.0	11- 26	42.3	7- 11	63.6	13	23	36	6.0	10	10	4	3	15-0	154-	25.7	70	11.7			
Mike Bushmaker	6- 5	15-	23	65.2	0- 0	0.0	12- 15	80.0	10	16	26	4.3	7	14	1	3	11-0	122-	20.3	42	7.0			
Jason Chivers	6- 6	25-	62	40.3	0- 4	0.0	9- 14	64.3	17	38	55	9.2	12	14	11	4	21-2	153-	25.5	59	9.8			
Chris Cohen	6- 0	12-	25	48.0	0- 0	0.0	10- 11	90.9	8	12	20	3.3	2	7	0	1	19-0	86-	14.3	34	5.7			
Tim Gabelein	1- 0	0-	0	0.0	0- 0	0.0	0- 0	0.0	0	1	1	1.0	0	1	0	0	2-0	4-	4.0	0	0.0			
Jeff Knudson	6- 2	11-	26	42.3	7- 19	36.8	3- 3	100.0	2	11	13	2.2	7	5	0	3	6-0	92-	15.3	32	5.3			
Jordan Lee	6- 4	35-	67	52.2	16- 31	51.6	16- 16	100.0	1	9	10	1.7	9	17	0	6	8-0	176-	29.3	102	17.0			
Drew Matzen	4- 0	2-	2	100.0	1-	1	100.0	0- 0	0.0	1	1	2	0.5	1	1	0	0	0-0	16-	4.0	5	1.2		
Ralph Steele	6- 2	19-	46	41.3	3- 11	27.3	7- 8	87.5	2	4	6	1.0	4	10	0	1	7-0	115-	19.2	48	8.0			
Chad Williams	6- 0	10-	25	40.0	6- 16	37.5	2- 5	40.0	8	7	15	2.5	7	4	2	2	9-0	108-	18.0	28	4.7			
Austin Yuen	1- 0	0-	0	0.0	0- 0	0.0	0- 0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0-0	2-	2.0	0	0.0			
Team									11	5	16				1								0	
Seattle Pacific	6- 6	172-	381	45.1	51-131	38.9	80-101	79.2	79	149	228	38.0	95	94	21	34	115-2						475	79.2
Opponents	6- 6	162-	359	45.1	46-123	37.4	79-115	68.7	67	138	205	34.2	93	92	14	40	110-3						449	74.8

	— First Half —			— Second Half —			— Game —		
All FG	85-	186	45.7%	87-	195	44.6%	172-	381	45.1%
3 Pt FG	29-	72	40.3%	22-	59	37.3%	51-	131	38.9%
FT	29-	40	72.5%	51-	61	83.6%	80-	101	79.2%

Deadball Rebounds: Seattle Pacific 13, Opponents 17
Opponent Team Rebounds: 18 — (Offense: 9 Defense: 9)