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SPU Men Arrive Home For Holiday Classic Chivers Doubles Up; Next 4 Games At Home

Ring out '03. If all goes well at next week's Oak Harbor Freight Lines Holiday Classic, the Seattle Pacific University men's basketball team will also have something to celebrate on New Year's Eve. The Falcons (4-5), back home following a stretch of seven consecutive road games, resume play Monday night (Dec. 29) when they face West Virginia's Alderson-Broaddus (4-2) in the tournament's first round. On Tuesday evening (Dec. 30), the tourney concludes with SPU meeting longtime foe Saint Martin's (3-6). Seattle University (4-3) plays in the 5 o'clock game each night. Great Northwest Athletic Conference action begins again Jan. 8 at home against Western Oregon.

Streaks stop here. It was the longest stretch of road games in 14 years and by the seventh and final stop the Falcons were no doubt longing to come home. Seattle Pacific stumbled twice in Las Vegas against two tough teams (combined record of 14-1) and broke for Christmas with a sub-.500 record. It's a rare occurrence, having happened only once in the last 12 seasons. Almost as rare are three-game losing streaks (once in the past four seasons), something Coach **Jeff Hironaka** hopes to avoid when the Falcons face Alderson-Broaddus, an NCAA Division II tournament team a year ago. It will be the first home game since Nov. 22 and will commence a four-game homestand, the year's longest.

Doubles no trouble. Hironaka has listed a few factors which would make or break his young team's postseason chances this next March. Central to the Falcons' hopes is the play of center **Jason Chivers** (Jr., 6-8, Los Angeles, Ca./Highland-L.A. Trade Tech), who would need to average doubles figures in points and rebounds, according to Hironaka. And, despite a twisted ankle early on, Chivers is delivering the goods. He has posted five straight double doubles, averaging 17.6 points and 13.2 rebounds over that span. Chivers leads the GNAC in rebounding at 10.7 and is No. 2 in blocked shots (1.89). He's also on the rise, coming off career-highs last week in rebounds (18) and scoring (26).

Just a Dustin freshman. Pssst. Here's a tip: the early line on GNAC freshman of the year has forward **Dustin Bremerman** (Fr., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) as the favorite. But please, no wagering. The NCAA frowns on that sort of thing. Bremerman, who has waited two years to get back on the court, first won a starting job and is now looking like one of the most prolific scoring first-year players at Seattle Pacific in 15 years. He's scored 10 or more points in six of nine games and has connected on three or more three-pointers four times. Last week he hit for 20 points twice. He sank four treys in the 80-67 win at UC San Diego. Bremerman is the team's No. 2 rebounder (5.2) and No. 3 scorer (12.7). The last SPU frosh to average in double figures was Jackie Johnson (20.0) in 1988-89.

No letup for Lee. Speaking of rarities, it's been awhile since a Falcon improved his scoring average by four fold. Now, meet **Jordan Lee** (Jr., 6-2, Tacoma, Wa./Life Christian). After averaging 3.6 points per game as a sophomore, Lee leads SPU at 16.7 and has nearly scored as many points in his first nine games (150) as he did in his first two seasons (161). Lee pumped in 25 points—his fourth 20-point outing in six games—in the 101-93 loss to Cal State San Bernardino in Las Vegas last week. His strong suits are creating his own shot and hitting consistently from the outside. Lee has three games of five three-pointers and is shooting 51 percent (25-49) outside the arc. At the foul line, he made his first 16 free throws this season. He ranks fourth in the conference in shooting from three-point range, the free throw line (.893) and is 10th in scoring.

2003-04 MEN'S BASKETBALL

SPU Quick Facts

2003-04 Record—4-5 (GNAC 1-1)

Coach—Jeff Hironaka, 2nd year

Coach's Career Record—20-16 (2nd year)

Upcoming Games

Mon., Dec. 29-Tue., Dec. 30

Oak Harbor Freight Lines Holiday Classic
Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.

Mon., Dec. 29

Saint Martin's v Seattle University, 5 p.m.

SPU v Alderson-Broaddus, 7 p.m.

Tue., Dec. 30

Alderson-Broaddus v Seattle Univ., 5 p.m.

SPU v Saint Martin's, 7 p.m.

Last Week's Results

SPU 80, at UC San Diego 67

Cal State San Bernardino 101, SPU 93

Washburn 81, SPU 69

Streaks & Such

The Falcons have only one three-game losing streak in the last four seasons

Stat de jour

Jason Chivers has totaled double figures in both points and rebounds each of the last five games

GNAC Standings

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

Put-backs. This is the ninth annual Oak Harbor Freight Lines Holiday Classic. The Falcons' run of 13 straight wins in the tournament ended abruptly last year with a 83-67 loss to Rocky Mountain College in the title game... Point guard **Tony Binetti** (So., 6-1, Enumclaw, Wa.) scored a career-best 17 points at UC San Diego. He is sixth in GNAC assists (5.0) and leads the league in assists to turnovers ratio (3.26:1)...**Jeff Knudson** (So., 6-7, Mukilteo, Wa./Kamiak), mired in a sophomore shooting slump, is shooting 11-31 on three-pointers after leading the GNAC at 50 percent in his first year. Knudson scored 10 points in the 81-69 loss to Washburn...Chivers has converted 54 percent (40-74) from the field in the last six games. His first career three-pointer came against CSSB. One-third of his rebounds (32) have come off the offensive glass...Reserve guard **Ralph Steele** (Jr., 6-2, No. Birmingham, Al./Huffman-Citrus JC) is also in a shooting funk, going 7-31 in the last four games. Steele did score 14 vs. San Bernardino and he's 20-22 at the foul line (91 percent)...Seattle Pacific leads the conference in free throw accuracy (.777)...Cal State San Bernardino's 69 second-half points was the most by an opponent in one period since at least 1996...SPU is 4-1 when shooting better than 45 percent from the field and also 4-1 when out-rebounding foes. In four of the five losses, opponents have shot 48 percent or higher.

Opponent & series notes. Alderson-Broaddus, located in Philippi, West Virginia, has been idle since losing 81-65 at West Virginia State Dec. 19. Josh Allen (17.6 points) is among four starters back from a 25-7 team. This is the first meeting with SPU...This is the 106th renewal of the Saint Martin's series, the lengthiest of all for SPU. Seattle Pacific has won nine meetings in a row, 20 of the last 21 and leads the series 74-31. Brandon Hartley leads the GNAC in scoring with a 23.8 average. The Saints are under the direction of Keith Cooper, an SPU alum and Hironaka's chief assistant a year ago.

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. 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.

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 Schedule/Results

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	W, 80-67
Dec. 19-20	High Desert Classic (Las Vegas, Nv.)	
Dec. 19	Cal State San Bernardino	L, 93-101
Dec. 20	Washburn	L, 69-81
Dec. 29-30	OAK HARBOR FREIGHTLINES CL.	
Dec. 29	Seattle U. v Saint Martin's	5:00
Dec. 29	SPU v ALDERSON-BROADDUS	7:00
Dec. 30	Seattle U. v Alderson-Broaddus	5:00
Dec. 30	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	16.7				
Jason Chivers	13.2				
Dustin Bremerman	12.7				
Tony Binetti	8.3				
Rebounds					
Jason Chivers	10.7				
Dustin Bremerman	5.2				
Assists					
Tony Binetti	5.0				
Jason Chivers	1.9				
Steals					
Tony Binetti	1.44				
Jason Chivers	1.00				
Blocked Shots					
Jason Chivers	1.89				
Field Goal Percentage					
Dustin Bremerman	.519				
Jordan Lee	.510				
Three Point Percentage					
Jordan Lee	(25-49) .510				
Dustin Bremerman	(18-43) .419				
Free Throw Percentage					
Mike Bushmaker	(20-22) .909				
Jordan Lee	(25-28) .893				
Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	79.7	36.7	.447	.777	.367
Opp.	77.6	34.0	.469	.729	.340

Seattle Pacific University
2003-04 Men's Basketball Statistics
Record: 4-5/ 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
12/16	UC San Diego	W 80- 67	A La Jolla, Ca.	145	4- 3	20- Dustin Bremerman	18- Jason Chivers
12/19	CS San Bernardino	93-101 L	N Las Vegas, Nv.	87	4- 4	26- Jason Chivers	13- Jason Chivers
12/20	Washburn	69- 81 L	N Las Vegas, Nv.	250	4- 5	18- 2 Players Tied	10- Jason Chivers

* - GNAC Game

	GP-GS	— All FG —			— 3 Pt FG —			— FT —			— Rebounds —				A	TOBLK	STL	PF-D	Min-	Avg	Pts	Avg
		M-	A	Pct	M-	A	Pct	M-	A	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
Seattle Pacific	9- 9	251-	562	44.7	76-	203	37.4	139-	179	77.7	116	214	330	36.7	143	127	27	47	183-	4	717	79.7
Opponents	9- 9	248-	529	46.9	62-	170	36.5	140-	192	72.9	93	213	306	34.0	148	127	24	57	177-	4	698	77.6

	— First Half —			— Second Half —			— Game —		
All FG	124-	275	45.1%	127-	287	44.3%	251-	562	44.7%
3 Pt FG	43-	111	38.7%	33-	92	35.9%	76-	203	37.4%
FT	48-	67	71.6%	91-	112	81.2%	139-	179	77.7%

Deadball Rebounds: Seattle Pacific 23, Opponents 25
Opponent Team Rebounds: 22 — (Offense: 10 Defense: 12)
Technical Fouls: None