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Following Big Win, Falcon Men Hope To Roll SPU Visits Seattle U., NNU; Chivers Shares Award

On the move. Although it has proven it can compete with anyone, Seattle Pacific University seeks to sustain some success for the first time this season when it goes on the road this week for a pair of Great Northwest Athletic Conference men's basketball games. The Falcons (2-2, 6-7) make the drive over to First Hill Thursday night (Jan. 15) to face Seattle University (1-2, 6-7). Then they hop a flight to Boise and visit Northwest Nazarene (2-1, 7-4) Saturday (Jan. 17). Next week, SPU returns to campus for Homecoming Week and games with Central Washington and Saint Martin's.

Let's roll. Nothing gets the juices flowing like a heart-pounding, huge upset of a national power. Coach **Jeff Hironaka** hopes the intensity and performance level exhibited in the 99-93 defeat of No. 2-ranked Humboldt State can be maintained for the balance of the season. While it was the biggest win of the season, it serve only to salvage hope of a playoff run. And that run needs to start now. Since the NCAA Division II tournament bracket was expanded to 64 teams in 1995, the Falcons have usually needed at least 19 wins (they made it with 16 in '98 and missed with 18 the previous year). A year ago, they just missed with 16 victories. To get 19 wins, SPU needs to win 13 of its last 14.

Fragile health. The Falcons' fragility was in full view last week. If not for the loss of forward **Dustin Bremerman** (Fr., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) for the final 27 minutes of the Western Oregon contest, Seattle Pacific might have prevailed and, with the Humboldt win, earned a share of first place in the GNAC. If healthy, SPU could be 10-3. Bremerman, the team's No. 3 scorer, has missed two games, including the HSU game, and center **Jason Chivers** (Jr., 6-8, Los Angeles, Ca./Highland-L.A. Trade Tech) was hobbled by an ankle injury in the first two weeks and missed an overtime loss to Alderson-Broaddus Dec. 29. Both Chivers and Bremerman suffered ankle injuries. Bremerman's status for this week is uncertain.

A tall order. It's been awhile since anybody in an SPU uniform averaged a double double for a season—20 years, in fact. And that fella (Dwayne Scholten) went on to become an NBA draft pick. That makes Chivers' first half of the season quite remarkable. He leads the conference in rebounding (10.6) and, with a big push over the last six weeks, is up to 15.6 points per game. He shared GNAC player of the week after totaling 40 points, 20 rebounds and four blocked shots. Fifteen of his 22 points against Humboldt came in the second half. First-half foul trouble (he played only four minutes) contributed to him missing his eighth straight double double. He'd had 18 points and 14 boards versus WOU. In his last five games, Chivers has averaged 21.4 points and shot 57 percent from the field.

Man of Steele. While Chivers has broad shoulders, SPU needs its supporting cast to step forward and, lately, guard **Ralph Steele** (Jr., 6-2, No. Birmingham, Al./Huffman-Citrus JC) has done just that. Steele scored 12 of his 19 points in the final four minutes of the Humboldt tilt, and also grabbed a season-best seven rebounds. He had hit a season-high 22 points two games before that. Steele had his best shooting week of the season, going 9-18 from the floor and 12 of his 17 assists have come in the last four games. He is the GNAC leader in foul shooting at 92 percent (36-39).

Thankless, until now. Their names rarely make the lead paragraph of the game stories, but sometimes it's the role players who are the unsung heroes of

2003-04 MEN'S BASKETBALL

SPU Quick Facts

2003-04 Record—6-7 (GNAC 2-2)

Coach—Jeff Hironaka, 2nd year

Coach's Career Record—22-18 (2nd year)

This Week

Thr., Jan. 15, 7 p.m.

SPU at Seattle University

Connolly Center, Seattle, Wa.

Sat., Jan. 17, 6 p.m. PST

SPU at Northwest Nazarene

Montgomery Fieldhouse, Nampa, Id.

Last Week's Results

Western Oregon 80, at SPU 74

at SPU 99, Humboldt State 93

Streaks & Such

Seattle Pacific has not won more than two games in a row in its last 21 outings

Stat de jour

Jason Chivers has averaged 21.4 points and shot 57 percent in his last five games

GNAC Standings

	W	L	W	L
Humboldt State	3	1	12	3
Western Oregon	3	1	9	4
Alaska Anchorage	2	1	12	2
Northwest Nazarene	2	1	7	4
Western Washington	2	2	8	5
Seattle Pacific	2	2	6	7
Saint Martin's	2	2	6	7
Alaska Fairbanks	1	2	8	4
Seattle University	1	2	5	7
Central Washington	0	4	3	10

NCAA Division II Poll

1. Southern Indiana
2. Humboldt State
3. South Dakota State
4. Northwest Missouri

also

24. Washburn

the day. Take the Humboldt game, for example. With Bremerman out of the lineup and the Falcons facing the highest-scoring team in the conference, points were in desperate need. The solution: the frontline troika of starting forward **Chad Williams** (So., 6-8, Burlington, Wa./Burlington-Edison-Whatcom CC), **Jeff Knudson** (So., 6-7, Mukilteo, Wa./Kamiak) and **Mike Bushmaker** (So., 6-7, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) accounted for 28 points on 8-14 shooting. And with Chivers saddled with two early personals, center **Chris Cohen** (Sr., 6-8, Saint Helens, Or.) played 15 first-half minutes against All-America candidate Fred Hooks. The strong play of Cohen—who's layup once put his team ahead by 12—enabled SPU to lead 49-46 at the break. He finished with five points and four rebounds.

Put-backs. The victory over Humboldt was Seattle Pacific's third over a No. 2-ranked team but the first since the 1990-91 season when it defeated Tampa on the road...SPU has yet to win more than two in a row in its last 21 games...Since February of 2002, it has not won more than three straight...The three home losses this season now give the Falcons four in their last seven home dates, dating back to last season. Top season scorer **Jordan Lee** (Jr., 6-2, Tacoma, Wa./Life Christian) scored 17 vs. Humboldt, hitting 4-7 treys. He is third in GNAC three-point shooting (48 percent), sixth at the foul line (.838) and 10th in scoring (16.6)...Point guard **Tony Binetti** (So., 6-1, Enumclaw, Wa.) dished a career-high 11 assists in the last game and is fifth in the conference overall (5.3)...Chivers is also No. 2 in the league in blocks (1.80)...Seattle Pacific leads the conference in free throw accuracy (.766) and is No. 3 rebounding margin (+3.1)...SPU is 6-2 when shooting better than 45 percent from the field, 6-3 when scoring at least 78 points and also 6-2 when out-rebounding foes. In six of the seven losses, opponents have shot 48 percent or higher...Humboldt may remain in the nation's top five despite the loss. Three of the other top five teams lost over the weekend. Alaska Anchorage, winner of seven straight since a Dec. 4 loss to SPU, is poised for a top 25 spot.

Opponent & series notes. Seattle University has lost three of four overall has dropped 14 of the last 15 to SPU in the series. The Redhawks lead the series 43-34 but since dropping from Division I the series has gone 28-11 in favor of the Falcons...Northwest Nazarene snapped a seven-game losing streak against SPU last season in Nampa and trails the series 33-20. The Crusaders are No. 2 among GNAC teams in shooting (.497) but have lost four of five and head coach Ed Weidenbach was missing from the bench last week following a mild stroke. Derek Olich is No. 2 in NCAA assists (7.8) and leads the GNAC in steal per game.

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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 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	SAINT LEO	W, 78-51
Nov. 22	SOUTHWEST 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, Nev.)	
Dec. 19	Cal State San Bernardino	L, 93-101
Dec. 20	Washburn	L, 69-81
Dec. 29-30	OAK HARBOR FREIGHTLINES CL.	
Dec. 29	ALDERSON-BROADDUS	ot L, 82-84
Dec. 30	SAINT MARTIN'S	W, 94-66
Jan. 8	WESTERN OREGON*	L, 74-80
Jan. 10	HUMBOLDT STATE*	W, 99-93
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	16.6
Jason Chivers	15.2
Dustin Bremerman	12.3
Ralph Steele	9.9

Rebounds

Jason Chivers	10.6
Dustin Bremerman	4.6

Assists

Tony Binetti	5.4
Jordan Lee	2.3

Steals

Tony Binetti	1.54
Jason Chivers	0.92

Blocked Shots

Jason Chivers	1.80
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Field Goal Percentage

Jordan Lee	.520
Dustin Bremerman	.511

Three Point Percentage

Jordan Lee	(35-73) .479
Chad Williams	(14-31) .452

Free Throw Percentage

Ralph Steele	(36-39) .923
Jordan Lee	(31-37) .838

Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	82.0	36.3	.461	.766	.392
Opp.	78.5	33.2	.479	.733	.375

Seattle Pacific University
2003-04 Men's Basketball Statistics
Record: 6-7/ 2-2 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- Chivers/Lee	10- Jason Chivers
12/29	Alderson-Broadus	82- 84 L OT	H Seattle, Wa.	485	4- 6	22- Lee/Steele	5- Lee/Williams
12/30	Saint Martin's	W 94- 66	H Seattle, Wa.	350	5- 6	23- Jason Chivers	14- Jason Chivers
1/ *8	Western Oregon	W 74- 80 L	H Seattle, Wa.	925	5- 7	18- Jason Chivers	14- Jason Chivers
1/10 *	Humboldt State	W 99- 93	H Seattle, Wa.	1350	6- 7	22- Jason Chivers	7- Ralph Steele

* - GNAC Game

— All FG — — 3 Pt FG — — FT — — Rebounds —

	GP-GS	M- A	Pct	M- A	Pct	M- A	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	A	T	B	L	S	T	P	F	D	Min-	Avg	Pts	Avg
Seattle Pacific	13-13	374- 811	46.1	115-293	39.2	203-265	76.6	166	306	472	36.3	22	5	190	35	75	250- 5						1066	82.0
Opponents	13-13	372- 776	47.9	96-256	37.5	181-247	73.3	132	300	432	33.2	22	1	189	29	91	248- 4						1021	78.5

— First Half — — Second Half — — Game —

All FG	185-	398	46.5%	189-	413	45.8%	374-	811	46.1%
3 Pt FG	63-	157	40.1%	52-	136	38.2%	115-	293	39.2%
FT	72-	108	66.7%	131-	157	83.4%	203-	265	76.6%

Deadball Rebounds: Seattle Pacific 34, Opponents 31
Opponent Team Rebounds: 26 — (Offense: 13 Defense: 13)
Technical Fouls: Seattle Pacific 0; ; Opponents 2

Individual Season/Career Highs

	<i>Season</i>	<i>Career</i>
1-Jordan Lee		
Points	29 vs. Alaska Anchorage, 12/4/03	29 vs. Alaska Anchorage, 12/4/03
Rebounds	5 vs. Alderson-Broaddus, 12/29/03	5 vs. Alderson-Broaddus, 12/29/03
Assists	5 vs. 3 teams; last Saint Martin's, 12/30/03	5 vs. 3 teams; last Saint Martin's, 12/30/03
3-pointers	5 vs. 3 teams; last Cal State San Bernardino, 12/19/03	5 vs. 3 teams; last Cal State San Bernardino, 12/19/03
2-Ralph Steele		
Points	22 vs. Alderson-Broaddus, 12/29/03	22 vs. Alderson-Broaddus, 12/29/03
Rebounds	7 vs. Humboldt State, 1/10/04	7 vs. Humboldt State, 1/10/04
Assists	4 vs. 2 teams; last Humboldt State, 1/10/04	4 vs. 2 teams; last Humboldt State, 1/10/04
3-pointers	5 vs. Alderson-Broaddus, 12/29/03	5 vs. Alderson-Broaddus, 12/29/03
3-Jeff Knudson		
Points	19 vs. Saint Martin's, 12/30/03	19 vs. Saint Martin's, 12/30/03
Rebounds	5 vs. Chico State, 11/28/03	6 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 2/27/03
Assists	3 vs. 2 teams; last Alderson-Broaddus, 12/29/03	3 vs. 3 teams; last Alderson-Broaddus, 12/29/03
3-pointers	5 vs. Saint Martin's, 12/30/03	5 vs. Saint Martin's, 12/30/03
4-Jordan Beede		
Points	2 vs. Saint Leo, 11/21/03	2 vs. Saint Leo, 11/21/03
Rebounds	1 vs. 2 teams; last UC San Diego, 12/16/03	1 vs. 2 teams; last UC San Diego, 12/16/03
Assists	2 vs. vs. Saint Leo, 11/21/03	2 vs. Saint Leo, 11/21/03
11-Tony Binetti		
Points	17 vs. UC San Diego, 12/16/03	17 vs. UC San Diego, 12/16/03
Rebounds	7 vs. Saint Leo, 11/21/03	7 vs. Saint Leo, 11/21/03
Assists	11 vs. Humboldt State, 1/10/04	11 vs. Humboldt State, 1/10/04
3-pointers	2 vs. 4 teams; last Western Oregon, 1/8/04	3 vs. Warner Pacific, 11/25/03
13-Mike Bushmaker		
Points	12 vs. Southwest Baptist, 11/22/03	12 vs. Southwest Baptist, 11/22/03
Rebounds	8 vs. Alaska Anchorage, 12/4/03	8 vs. Alaska Anchorage, 12/4/03
Assists	5 vs. UC San Diego, 12/16/03	5 vs. UC San Diego, 12/16/03
20-Austin Yuen		
Points		
Rebounds	1 vs. Saint Martin's, 12/30/03	1 vs. Saint Martin's, 12/30/03
Assists		
22-Chad Williams		
Points	11 vs. Saint Leo, 11/21/03	11 vs. Saint Leo, 11/21/03
Rebounds	5 vs. 2 teams; last Saint Martin's, 12/30/03	5 vs. 2 teams; last Saint Martin's, 12/30/03
Assists	4 vs. Saint Martin's, 12/30/03	4 vs. Saint Martin's, 12/30/03
23-Tim Gabelein		
Points		
Rebounds	1 vs. 2 teams; last Alderson-Broaddus, 12/29/03	1 vs. 2 teams; last Alderson-Broaddus, 12/29/03
Assists		
30-Drew Matzen		
Points	5 vs. Colorado School of Mines, 11/29/03	5 vs. Colorado School of Mines, 11/29/03
Rebounds	2 vs. 2 teams; last Saint Martin's, 12/30/03	2 vs. 2 teams; last Saint Martin's, 12/30/03
Assists	2 vs. UC San Diego, 12/16/03	2 vs. UC San Diego, 12/16/03
32-Dustin Bremerman		
Points	20 vs. 2 teams; last Cal State San Bernardino, 12/19/03	20 vs. 2 teams; last Cal State San Bernardino, 12/19/03
Rebounds	8 vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 12/6/03	8 vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 12/6/03
Assists	5 vs. Saint Martin's, 12/30/03	5 vs. Saint Martin's, 12/30/03
3-pointers	4 vs. UC San Diego, 12/16/03	4 vs. UC San Diego, 12/16/03
34-Jason Chivers		
Points	26 vs. Cal State San Bernardino, 12/19/03	26 vs. Cal State San Bernardino, 12/19/03
Rebounds	18 vs. UC San Diego, 12/16/03	18 vs. UC San Diego, 12/16/03
Assists	5 vs. Saint Leo, 11/21/03	6 vs. Seattle University, 1/31/03
Blocked shots	5 vs. Alaska Anchorage, 12/4/03	5 vs. 2 teams; last Alaska Anchorage, 12/4/03
50-Chris Cohen		
Points	11 vs. Saint Leo, 11/21/03	12 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 2/1/03
Rebounds	7 vs. Chico State, 11/28/03	7 vs. 3 teams; last Chico State, 11/28/03
Assists	1 vs. 2 teams; last Southwest Baptist, 11/22/03	2 vs. 2 teams; last Northwest College, Nov. 27, 2001