



**2004 Division II
Women's Basketball
West Regional
March 12, 13 & 15**

**The Road
to
The Elite Eight**

**Brougham Pavilion
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle, Washington**

WOMEN'S WEST REGIONAL RETURNS TO SEATTLE PACIFIC

SEATTLE (Mar. 7) – For the second year in a row, the West's best are heading to Seattle.

Unbeaten and No.1-ranked Seattle Pacific University is the top seed and will host the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball West Regional beginning Friday (Mar. 12) in Brougham Pavilion. All seven games of the regional tournament will be played on the Falcons' home court, including the Saturday night (Mar. 13) semifinals and the Monday (Mar. 15) championship game.

Seattle Pacific (27-0), which has won 47 of its last 48 home games and was 12-0 this year, will face UC San Diego (15-12) in the nightcap of the first-round. Games begin at 12:30 Friday. Action starts with No. 3 seed Cal Poly Pomona (21-6) vs. Chico State (17-10), followed by No. 2 seed Cal State Bakersfield (22-5), the defending regional champion, and Grand Canyon (16-11) at 2:30, and No. 4 seed Western Washington (20-7) against Sonoma State (17-10) at 5:30 p.m.

The Falcons opened the season with an 89-57 home victory over UC San Diego Nov. 21. SPU has also played Cal Poly Pomona, Western Washington (twice) and Chico State earlier this season.

In all, 64 teams received Div. II berths nationwide. Winners of the eight regional tournaments will advance to the Elite Eight, Mar. 24, 25 and 27 in Saint Joseph, Mo. The NCAA title game will be televised live on ESPN2.

West Regional tickets will go on sale beginning Monday at 9 a.m. at the SPU Athletics Office (206/281-2085) in the pavilion. Prices are \$10 for reserved seating and \$7 for general admission (\$5 for students and youth). Ticket office hours are 9-4:30 through Thursday, 9-11 a.m. Friday and 9-4:30 Mar. 15. Box office ticket windows will open at 11:30 a.m. Friday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. Mar. 15.

Seattle Pacific is hosting a women's regional for the third time, having parlayed the home-court advantage to its only previous Elite Eight trip in 1998. Last year in the regional championship game, Cal State Bakersfield came from 12 points down in the final 18 minutes to hand the Falcons their only defeat, 85-80. SPU also hosted a first-round game in 1995. The Falcon men won the 2000 regional in the pavilion.

Seattle Pacific has been ranked No. 1 in the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll since Feb. 24. Cal State Bakersfield, which has eliminated the Falcons from the playoffs the past two years, is No. 23 in the most recent poll.

Quick Facts

Teams (by seed)	<i>Record</i>
1. Seattle Pacific	27-0
2. Cal State Bakersfield	22-5
3. Cal Poly Pomona	21-6
4. Western Washington	20-7
5. Sonoma State	17-10
6. Chico State	17-10
7. Grand Canyon	16-11
8. UC San Diego	15-12

Game Schedule

Friday, March 12

12:30 Cal Poly Pomona v
Chico State

2:30 Cal State Bakersfield v
Grand Canyon

5:30 Western Washington v
Sonoma State

7:30 Seattle Pacific v
UC San Diego

Saturday, March 13

5:00 Semifinal

7:00 Semifinal

Monday, March 15

7:00 Regional Championship
(Winner to Elite Eight, Mar. 24,
25 & 27 in Saint Joseph, Mo.)

Tickets (per session)

Reserved	\$10
General Admission	\$7
Youth/Student G.A.	\$5