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SPU Men To Pass The Gravy, Then The Ball Falcons Play 3 In Hawaii; Lee Off To Hot Start

Thanksgiving hoops. At about the time the rest of us fall asleep from the tryptophan effect of our turkey dinner, the Seattle Pacific University men's basketball team will be in Hawaii, tipping-off the first of three games in a span 68 hours. The Falcons (1-1) face Michigan's Hillsdale (1-1) in the first round of the Hilo Shootout Thanksgiving night (Nov. 25), then meet host Hawaii Hilo (0-0) Friday (Nov. 26). SPU plays Pennsylvania's Shippensburg (2-0) Saturday afternoon (Nov. 27) before coming home. The Great Northwest Athletics Conference opener is at Brougham Pavilion Dec. 2 versus Seattle University.

Big Island-bound. While Seattle Pacific was an annual visitor to Hawaii and the Big Island during its days in the Pacific West Conference from 1994-01, this trip bypasses Honolulu and Waikiki and looks to be all business because there's little time for anything else. In fact, the Falcons have not played three times in three days since the 1999 NCAA tournament, and they have never before competed on Thanksgiving. Showers are forecast for Hilo throughout their stay, yet temperatures will be 30 degrees higher than home, reaching into the low 80s.

Lee for three. SPU got off to a respectable start to the season, thanks to the outside shooting of **Jordan Lee** (Sr., 6-1, Tacoma, Wa./Life Christian), whose three-point shooting seemed as sure as a layup at times. Looking relaxed and comfortable in the opener at 22nd-ranked Washington, Lee generated most of the early offense, hitting 6-of-7 treys (tying a career best) and finished with 22 points in an 89-71 loss to the Huskies before 9,851 fans. One night later, he shot 3-6 outside the arc, including the go-ahead three with 51 seconds left in the 84-80 win over Chico State in the home opener. Lee's 37 points in 34 minutes led the team on the first weekend of the season.

Chivers delivers. Apart from a foul-plagued opening half against the Huskies, center **Jason Chivers** (Sr., 6-8, Los Angeles, Ca./Highland-L.A. Trade Tech) has been all business inside, making smooth moves to the hoop and swooping in to clear the defensive boards of opponent misses at the other end. Chivers paced SPU with 19 points and 17 rebounds—one shy of his career high—against Chico State. He had a double-double in the second half alone, totaling 13 points and 14 rebounds after intermission. Similarly at Washington, he came alive in the second period, when he scored 15 of his 17 points.

Binetti better late. The victory over Chico did not come easily. In fact, the Wildcats appeared to have their hosts on the ropes twice in the final four minutes. At that point, point guard **Tony Binetti** (Jr., 6-1, Enumclaw, Wa.) made some pivotal plays. He hit a trey to tie the game at 74. Then, after Chico went back in front and SPU missed its next shot with two minutes remaining, Binetti stole the ball at midcourt, drove for the layup, was fouled and completed the three-point play. He finished with 14 points and seven assists.

No hanging, Chad. Apparently, double-doubles are no longer exclusive to Chivers. Quietly, almost under the radar, forward **Chad Williams** (Jr., 6-8, Burlington, Wa./Burlington Edison-Whatcom CC) got his first such SPU stat line against Chico, finishing with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Offensively, Williams stroked three three-pointers and together with Chivers he helped SPU rule the boards, 45-37.

Things will get better. Maybe the hang-loose mantra of Hawaii will rub-off on some Seattle Pacific players who have yet to get untracked. **Dustin**

2004-05 MEN'S BASKETBALL

SPU Quick Facts

2004-05 Record—1-1 (GNAC 0-0)

Coach—Jeff Hironaka, 3rd year

Coach's Career Record— 31-25 (3rd year)

Last Week's Results

at Washington 89, SPU 71

at SPU 84, Chico State 80

This Week's Games

Thr.-Sat., Nov. 25-27

Hilo Shootout

Civic Auditorium, Hilo, Hi.

Thr., Nov. 25, 9:15 p.m. PST

SPU v Hillsdale (Mi.)

Fri., Nov. 26, 9:30 p.m. PST

SPU at Hawaii Hilo

Sat., Nov. 27, 3 p.m. PST

SPU v Shippensburg (Pa.)

Streaks & Such

Beginning Thanksgiving night, the Falcons will be playing three games in a span of 68 hours

Stat de jour

Jordan Lee started the season by hitting 9-for-13 on three-pointers

GNAC Standings

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

Bremerman (So., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower), the GNAC freshman of the year, was a combined 1-9 on three-pointers and totaled just 15 points in the first two games. Bremerman did deliver a career-high seven assists vs. Chico. Last year's sixth man, **Ralph Steele** (Sr., 6-2, No. Birmingham, Al./Huffman-Citrus JC), played just 12 minutes. As a junior Steele set a school record and led the NCAA in free throw shooting at 91.1 percent and scored 10.6 per game.

Put-backs. The early leader for the squad's most improved is **Tim Gabelein** (So., 6-7, Langley, Wa./South Whidbey). At Washington, Gabelein played a solid 10 minutes, grabbing three rebounds and scoring on an offensive rebound. He also had two points an two boards vs. Chico...**Jeff Knudson** (Jr., 6-7, Mukilteo, Wa./Kamiak) had some tough-luck rim rolls on some of his long three-point attempts, yet still scored 10 points at the UW...The 23 first-half points against the Huskies was the fewest in 58 games and the final 18-point margin was the most in the last 156 outings...SPU was 11-24 on treys vs. Chico. The 19 total threes leads the GNAC and the accuracy clip of .413 is No. 2. Individually, Lee (18.5) and Chivers (18.0) are Nos. 6 and 7 in scoring. Chivers is No. 2 in rebounding (12.0) and Lee is second in three-point shooting (.692).

Opponent & series notes. Seattle Pacific is 3-4 at Hilo's Civic Auditorium, with all seven games against Hawaii Hilo...This will be the first meeting with both Hillsdale and Shippensburg. Hillsdale dropped a 73-64 decision at Division I Cleveland State in its last outing. The Chargers are coming off a 13-14 season... Hawaii Hilo and SPU will be meeting for the 14th time, with the Falcons leading series 8-5. The Vulcans lost an exhibition at Hawaii, 75-49, last week and open the regular season Wednesday against Carlton (Mn.). UHH was 16-9 last year and features 6-7 forward Joe Travis...Shippensburg won its own tournament last weekend. The Red Raiders compensated for 48 turnovers by finishing a plus-17 on the boards.

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.

SPU Coaches. In his first season **Jeff Hironaka** won more games (16) than all but one other first-year SPU coach, and his record entering this season is 30-24. 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. **Brock Veltri** is Hironaka's chief assistant. Veltri spent two years in a similar position with Scottsdale Community College in Arizona.

2004-05 Men's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Hgt	Yr	Exp	Hometown (High School/Last Coll.)
1	Jordan Lee ✓	G	6-1	Sr	3V	Tacoma, Wa. (Life Christian)
2	Matt Birkle	G	6-2	So	TR	Anacortes, Wa. (An'tes/Whatcom CC)
3	Jeff Knudson	F	6-7	Jr	2V	Mukilteo, Wa (Kamiak)
4	Ralph Steele	G	6-2	Sr	1V	No. Birmingham, Al. (Huffman/Citrus JC)
10	Chris Faidley	G	6-1	Fr	HS	Seattle, Wa. (King's)
11	Tony Binetti ✓	G	6-1	Jr	2V	Enumclaw, Wa. (Enumclaw)
13	Mike Bushmaker	F	6-7	Jr	2V	Yakima, Wa (Eisenhower)
20	Austin Yuen	G	5-8	So	1V	Mercer Island, Wa. (Mercer Island)
22	Chad Williams ✓	F	6-8	Jr	1V	Burlington, Wa. (Bu.-Edison/Whatcom CC)
23	Tim Gabelein	F	6-6	So	1V	Langley, Wa. (South Whidbey)
30	Drew Matzen	F	6-4	So	1V	Bothell, Wa. (Lynnwood)
34	Jason Chivers ✓	C	6-8	Sr	2V	Los Angeles, Ca. (Highland/LA Trade)
32	Dustin Bremerman ✓	F	6-4	So	1V	Yakima, Wa. (Eisenhower)
50	Paul Brockman	F	6-5	Fr	HS	Snohomish, Wa. (Snohomish)
	Darel Lucas	G	6-0	Jr	TR	Wichita, Ks. (Southeast/Binghamton)
	Robbie Will	C	6-10	So	TR	Seattle, Wa. (O'Dea/Bellevue CC)

Head Coach: Jeff Hironaka

Assistant Coaches: Brock Veltri, Scott Reid, George Parker

✓ Projected starters

2004-05 Season Schedule

Date	Opponent	Res./Time
Nov. 6	AUSTRALIA INST. (Ex.)	W, 91-85
Nov. 13	at Nevada (Exhib.)	L, 56-73
Nov. 19	at Washington	L, 71-89
Nov. 20	CHICO STATE	W, 84-80
N. 25-27	Hilo Shootout (Hilo, Hi.)	
Nov. 25	SPU v Hillsdale (Mi.)	9:15
Nov. 26	SPU at Hawaii Hilo	9:30
Nov. 27	SPU v Shippensburg (Pa.)	5:00
Dec. 2	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY*	7:30
Dec. 4	NORTHWEST NAZARENE*	7:00
Dec. 10	PACIFIC LUTHERAN	7:00
Dec. 18-19	High Desert Classic (Las Vegas, Nv.)	
Dec. 18	SPU v Cal State Bakersfield	2:15
Dec. 19	SPU v Central Missouri	12:00
Dec. 29-30	OAK HARBOR FREIGHTLINES CL.	
Dec. 29	Seattle University v Puget Sound	3:00
Dec. 29	SPU v WISCONSIN PARKSIDE	7:00
Dec. 30	Seattle U. v Wisconsin Parkside	3:00
	SPU v PUGET SOUND	7:00
Jan. 6	at Central Washington*	7:00
Jan. 8	at Saint Martin's*	7:00
Jan. 15	WESTERN WASHINGTON*	7:00
Jan. 20	ALASKA ANCHORAGE*	7:00
Jan. 22	ALASKA FAIRBANKS*	3:00
Jan. 27	at Western Oregon*	7:00
Jan. 29	at Humboldt State*	7:00
Feb. 2	SAINT MARTIN'S*	7:00
Feb. 5	CENTRAL WASHINGTON*	3:30
Feb. 12	at Western Washington*	7:00
Feb. 17	at Alaska Fairbanks*	8:00
Feb. 19	at Alaska Anchorage*	9:05
Feb. 24	HUMBOLDT STATE*	7:30
Feb. 26	WESTERN OREGON*	7:00
Mar. 3	at Northwest Nazarene*	6:00
Mar. 5	at Seattle University*	7:00
Mar. 11-14	NCAA West Regional	
Mar. 23-26	NCAA Elite Eight (Grand Forks, ND)	

*Great Northwest Athletic Conference games
All times are Pacific

2004-05 Season Leaders

Scoring

Jordan Lee	18.5
Jason Chivers	18.0
Tony Binetti	9.0
Dustin Bremerman	7.5

Rebounds

Jason Chivers	12.0
Chad Williams	6.0

Assists

Tony Binetti	4.0
Jordan Lee	3.0
Jeff Knudson	3.0

Steals

Tony Binetti	1.5
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Blocked Shots

Jason Chivers	2.0
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Field Goal Percentage

Jordan Lee	.571
Jason Chivers	.517

Three Point Percentage

Jordan Lee	(9-13) .692
Tony Binetti	(2-3) .667

Free Throw Percentage

Ralph Steele	(4-5) .800
Dustin Bremerman	(4-5) .800

Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	77.5	36.5	.470	.700	.413
Opp.	84.5	39.5	.429	.702	.385

Seattle Pacific University Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 22, 2004)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(1-1)	(1-0)	(0-1)	(0-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(1-1)	(1-0)	(0-1)	(0-0)

##	Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		FT-FTA	Pct	---REBOUNDS---				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
				FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct			Off	Def	Tot	Avg								
01	Lee, Jordan.....	2-2	68 34.0	12-21	.571	9-13	.692	4-7	.571	0	2	2	1.0	2	0	5	6	0	1	37	18.5
34	Chivers, Jason.....	2-2	60 30.0	15-29	.517	0-1	.000	6-8	.750	5	19	24	12.0	8	0	2	3	4	0	36	18.0
11	Binetti, Tony.....	2-2	50 25.0	6-12	.500	2-3	.667	4-6	.667	3	3	6	3.0	9	1	8	8	0	3	18	9.0
32	Bremerman, Dustin...	2-2	57 28.5	5-14	.357	1-9	.111	4-5	.800	1	7	8	4.0	4	0	8	2	0	1	15	7.5
03	Knudson, Jeff.....	2-0	39 19.5	4-10	.400	3-9	.333	2-2	1.000	1	0	1	0.5	7	0	6	2	0	1	13	6.5
22	Williams, Chad.....	2-2	53 26.5	4-9	.444	3-7	.429	1-2	.500	2	10	12	6.0	8	1	5	4	1	0	12	6.0
13	Bushmaker, Mike.....	2-0	26 13.0	3-7	.429	1-2	.500	3-3	1.000	2	4	6	3.0	3	0	1	6	1	1	10	5.0
04	Steele, Ralph.....	2-0	12 6.0	2-5	.400	0-1	.000	4-5	.800	0	1	1	0.5	1	0	0	2	0	0	8	4.0
23	Gabelein, Tim.....	2-0	16 8.0	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	2	3	5	2.5	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	2.0
30	Matzen, Drew.....	1-0	6 6.0	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.0
02	Birkle, Matt.....	2-0	12 6.0	0-4	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	1	0	2	5	0	1	0	0.0
20	Yuen, Austin.....	1-0	1 1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
	TEAM.....									4	2	6	3.0	0		0					
	Total.....	2	400	54-115	.470	19-46	.413	28-40	.700	21	52	73	36.5	45	2	37	38	6	8	155	77.5
	Opponents.....	2	400	57-133	.429	15-39	.385	40-57	.702	32	47	79	39.5	37	-	28	18	7	21	169	84.5

TEAM STATISTICS	SPU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	155	169	11/19/04	at Washington	L	71-89	9851
Points per game.....	77.5	84.5	11/20/04	CHICO STATE	W	84-80	861
Scoring margin.....	-7.0	-					
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	54-115	57-133					
Field goal pct.....	.470	.429					
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	19-46	15-39					
3-point FG pct.....	.413	.385					
3-pt FG made per game..	9.5	7.5					
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	28-40	40-57					
Free throw pct.....	.700	.702					
REBOUNDS.....	73	79					
Rebounds per game.....	36.5	39.5					
Rebounding margin.....	-3.0	-					
ASSISTS.....	37	28					
Assists per game.....	18.5	14.0					
TURNOVERS.....	38	18					
Turnovers per game.....	19.0	9.0					
Turnover margin.....	-10.0	-					
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.0	1.6					
STEALS.....	8	21					
Steals per game.....	4.0	10.5					
BLOCKS.....	6	7					
Blocks per game.....	3.0	3.5					
WINNING STREAK.....	1	-					
Home win streak.....	1	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	861	9851					
Home games-Avg/Game...	1-861	1-9851					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	0-0					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
Seattle Pacific University....	68	87	155
Opponents.....	79	90	169