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1st-Place Falcons Open 2nd Half At Home SPU Seeks to Stay Perfect During Homecoming

Holding court. With nine games remaining in the regular season and holding to the slimmest of leads in the league standings, the Seattle Pacific University men's basketball team must get accustomed to must-win situations on a nightly basis if the Falcons hope to remain frontrunners for the Great Northwest Athletic Conference crown and a high seed in the NCAA West Regional. On the menu during this week are contests with a pair of the most unpredictable teams in the conference. SPU (7-2, 15-4) goes after its 10th straight home win in a rare Wednesday night (Feb. 2) game with Saint Martin's (5-4, 8-10). The largest crowd of the season will be on hand Saturday afternoon (Feb. 5) for the homecoming matchup with Central Washington (4-5, 8-10). After that, the next three are on the road, beginning Feb. 12 at Western Washington.

Looking good. Despite their road split last week, the Falcons remain in great shape with regard to qualifying for the NCAA tournament and earning a GNAC championship, both for the first time in three years. Coach **Jeff Hironaka** has his team atop the conference ladder, one game ahead of both Western Washington and preseason favorite Alaska Fairbanks. Last week SPU was No. 1 in the West Region rankings. Hawaii Hilo, which was idle last week, was No. 2. The top seed can host the regional tournament in March.

Home, sweet Brougham. Seattle Pacific has proven to be unbeatable at home this season, going 9-0 and winning by an average margin of 14.3 points. Furthermore, the Falcons have won 14 straight homecoming games. Historically, they have needed to stay nearly perfect on their home floor. Of the six conference titles since 1991, SPU has never lost more than once at home in league play. The last time it finished a season undefeated at home was 1996-97.

Every which way. Without question, the strength of this year's team is its offensive firepower, but the Falcons have also demonstrated a knack for doing the job on defense. They lead the GNAC in defensive shooting percentages for both three-pointers and all field goals, and in four of the last five games opponents have failed to hit better than 41 percent from the field. At Western Oregon, with the offense stalled like no other night in the last seven years, defense kept SPU close to the Wolves, who eventually prevailed 61-59. Two nights later at Humboldt State, the Lumberjacks were held to a season-low total in a 79-57 victory. For scoreboard watchers, the tipping point this season is the 80-point plateau; when Seattle Pacific scores at least 80 points its record is 9-0 and when opponents core more than 80 points the record is 2-3.

Chivers sends shivers. On any given night, center **Jason Chivers** (Sr., 6-8, Los Angeles, Ca./Highland-L.A. Trade Tech) could be the most dominant player in the West, and although the big guy is still learning the game, those nights of dominance are getting closer and closer together. A week after erupting for a career-high 33 points, Chivers was in rare form again, pounding down 26 points on Humboldt State. Lately, if Chivers gets the ball in good position, he is nearly an automatic point producer. In the last six games he's converted 68 percent of his field goals and in the last three outings he's made 9 of 11 at the foul line. Chivers leads the team in scoring (15.2), rebounding (9.5) and blocked shots (1.11) this year.

January man. If the GNAC awarded a player of the month, **Tony Binetti** (Jr., 6-1, Enumclaw, Wa.) could present a strong argument for January honors. The point guard has begun to come of age, scoring in double figures each of the

2004-05 MEN'S BASKETBALL

SPU Quick Facts

2004-05 Record—15-4 (GNAC 7-2)

Coach—Jeff Hironaka

Coach's Career Record—45-28 (3rd year)

This Week's Games

Wed., Feb. 2, 7 p.m.

SPU v Saint Martin's

Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.

Sat., Feb. 5, 3:30 p.m.

SPU v Central Washington

Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.

Last Week's Results

at Western Oregon 61, SPU 59

SPU 79, at Humboldt State 57

Streaks & Such

The Falcons have won their first nine home games by an average of 14.3 points

Stat de jour

Seattle Pacific is 9-0 when scoring at least 80 points

GNAC Standings

	W	L	W	L
Seattle Pacific	7	2	15	4
Western Washington	6	3	14	4
Alaska Fairbanks	6	3	12	6
Western Oregon	5	4	11	7
Saint Martin's	5	4	8	10
Central Washington	4	5	8	10
Humboldt State	4	5	12	6
Northwest Nazarene	3	6	9	9
Seattle University	3	6	8	10
Alaska Anchorage	2	7	8	10

NCAA Division II Poll

1. Virginia Union
 2. Metro State (Co.)
 3. Bentley (Ma.)
 4. Minnesota State Mankato
- also*
8. Seattle Pacific
 10. Central Missouri State
 17. Hawaii Hilo

seven games, averaging 17.3 points and shooting 67 percent from the field. At Humboldt Binetti was instrumental in squashing the 'Jacks' last gasp, figuring in 16 of 24 points scored during a stretch when the lead nearly doubled from 12 to 23. Binetti leads the conference in three-point accuracy (.569), is No. 2 in overall field-goal percentage (.630) and No. 3 in assists (4.8).

Put-backs. **Dustin Bremerman** (So., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) is coming off his most quiet week in over a year, scoring only eight points and attempting seven shots. Bremerman had totaled 46 points in his previous two games...In the last four games the Falcons have shot 81.3 percent at the foul line and in conference play they are converting 75.5 percent...**Matt Birkle** (So., 6-2, Anacortes, Wa./Anacortes-Whatcom CC) sparked a run of 16 unanswered points at HSU with two baskets, a steal and an assist in five minutes...The Falcons have out-scored opponents in the second half of 10 straight games, and by an average of 9.2 over that span...Binetti is averaging 16.6 points in GNAC play...Seattle Pacific has made over 50 percent of its field goals in 13 of its wins this season and is 23-3 when doing so over the past two seasons...The Falcons are No. 1 in the conference and fourth nationally in field-goal percentage (.515). They also lead the league in defensive overall field goal percentage (.426) three-point percentage (.310). They are No. 2 in three-point shooting percentage (.409), also rating 14th nationally, and No. 3 in scoring (83.8). Individually, Bremerman leads the GNAC in free throw percentage and is fourth in the NCAA (.909). Binetti is No. 8 in foul shooting (.809) and No. 7 in steals (1.50). **Jordan Lee** (Sr., 6-1, Tacoma, Wa./Life Christian) is seventh in three-point accuracy (.469). Chivers is No. 2 in rebounding (9.5), No. 6 in scoring and No. 4 in blocks.

Opponent & series notes. Saint Martin's will be trying to stop a string of 13 straight losses to Seattle Pacific, which has won 24 of the last 25 meetings. After losing seven straight, the Saints have won four of five. In the first meeting in Lacey, Wa., **Ralph Steele** (Sr., 6-2, No. Birmingham, Al./Huffman-Citrus JC) scored six of his 14 points during an 11-0 run in the final six minutes as the Falcons erased a six-point deficit to win 78-76. Niko Nunogawa led the Saints with 25 points...Central Washington, after upsetting SPU 90-79 during a four-game win streak, has lost four of six. In that Jan. 6 contest, Kyle Boast scored 27 points and had 15 rebounds. The Wildcats' rollercoaster season features wins over nationally-ranked Minnesota State-Mankato, Western Washington and Alaska Fairbanks and losses to the bottom three teams in the GNAC. The Falcons trail the series 60-37 yet have wins in nine of the last 12 meetings.

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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.

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)

Head Coach: Jeff Hironaka

Assistant Coaches: Brock Veltri, Scott Reid, George Parker

✓ Projected starters

2004-05 Schedule/Results

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	Hillsdale (Mi.)	W, 77-68
Nov. 26	at Hawaii Hilo	L, 70-84
Nov. 27	Shippensburg (Pa.)	W, 90-69
Dec. 2	SEATTLE UNIV.*	W, 90-81
Dec. 4	N'WEST NAZARENE*	W, 56-67
Dec. 10	PACIFIC LUTHERAN	W, 95-51
Dec. 18-19	High Desert Classic (Las Vegas, Nv.)	
Dec. 18	Cal St. Bakersfield	W, 66-62
Dec. 19	Central Missouri St.	W, 90-80
Dec. 29-30	OAK HARBOR FREIGHTLINES CL.	
Dec. 29	WISCONSIN PARKSIDE	W, 98-76
Dec. 30	PUGET SOUND	W, 122-111
Jan. 6	at Central Washington*	L, 79-90
Jan. 8	at Saint Martin's*	W, 78-76
Jan. 15	WESTERN WASH.*	W, 76-68
Jan. 20	ALASKA ANCHORAGE*W,	91-76
Jan. 22	ALAS. FAIRBANKS* of W,	102-94
Jan. 27	at Western Oregon*	L, 59-61
Jan. 29	at Humboldt State*	W, 79-57
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

Jason Chivers	15.2
Tony Binetti	14.1
Jordan Lee	13.5
Dustin Bremerman	13.2

Rebounds

Jason Chivers	9.5
Chad Williams	6.1

Assists

Tony Binetti	4.8
Dustin Bremerman	3.1

Steals

Tony Binetti	1.50
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Blocked Shots

Jason Chivers	1.11
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Field Goal Percentage

Tony Binetti	.630
Jason Chivers	.549

Three Point Percentage

Tony Binetti	(29-51) .569
Jordan Lee	(44-94) .468

Free Throw Percentage

Ralph Steele	(32-34) .941
Dustin Bremerman	(60-66) .909

Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	83.8	35.9	.515	.733	.409
Opp.	75.8	35.1	.426	.736	.310

Seattle Pacific Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 30, 2005)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(15-4)	(9-0)	(2-4)	(4-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(7-2)	(5-0)	(2-2)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(8-2)	(4-0)	(0-2)	(4-0)

##	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																	
34	Chivers, Jason.....	19-19	559 29.4	123-224	.549	0-2	.000	42-75	.560	60	121	181	9.5	64	1	30	35	21	19	288	15.2									
01	Lee, Jordan.....	19-19	582 30.6	90-192	.469	44-94	.468	32-46	.696	6	29	35	1.8	20	0	48	44	0	14	256	13.5									
11	Binetti, Tony.....	18-18	554 30.8	85-135	.630	29-51	.569	55-68	.809	12	38	50	2.8	61	2	86	47	3	27	254	14.1									
32	Bremerman, Dustin...	19-19	585 30.8	81-160	.506	29-72	.403	60-66	.909	23	65	88	4.6	50	0	58	37	5	20	251	13.2									
04	Steele, Ralph.....	19-0	284 14.9	56-112	.500	7-24	.292	32-34	.941	7	27	34	1.8	21	0	21	35	0	5	151	7.9									
22	Williams, Chad.....	19-19	455 23.9	48-107	.449	17-55	.309	29-37	.784	28	87	115	6.1	55	3	36	32	4	10	142	7.5									
13	Bushmaker, Mike.....	19-0	284 14.9	33-49	.673	4-6	.667	21-37	.568	17	40	57	3.0	40	0	19	34	6	11	91	4.8									
03	Knudson, Jeff.....	19-0	222 11.7	16-45	.356	12-38	.316	8-12	.667	2	20	22	1.2	34	0	27	11	1	8	52	2.7									
02	Birkle, Matt.....	18-1	118 6.6	18-35	.514	3-8	.375	8-16	.500	4	13	17	0.9	11	0	16	21	3	9	47	2.6									
30	Matzen, Drew.....	16-0	119 7.4	13-36	.361	5-17	.294	6-6	1.000	10	20	30	1.9	10	0	4	5	0	1	37	2.3									
23	Gabelein, Tim.....	11-0	49 4.5	6-11	.545	0-0	.000	4-8	.500	6	6	12	1.1	5	0	1	5	0	2	16	1.5									
20	Yuen, Austin.....	8-0	17 2.1	2-3	.667	0-0	.000	3-4	.750	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	0	1	0	3	7	0.9									
TEAM.....											20	22	42	2.2	0		0													

Total.....	19	3828	571-1109	.515	150-367	.409	300-409	.733	195	488	683	35.9	373	6	346	307	43	129	1592	83.8
Opponents.....	19	3828	512-1202	.426	112-361	.310	304-413	.736	259	407	666	35.1	382	-	264	268	50	155	1440	75.8

TEAM STATISTICS	SPU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	1592	1440	11/19/04	at Washington	L	71-89	9851
Points per game.....	83.8	75.8	11/20/04	CHICO STATE	W	84-80	861
Scoring margin.....	+8.0	-	11/25/04	vs Hillsdale	W	77-68	237
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	571-1109	512-1202	11/26/04	at Hawaii Hilo	L	70-84	1126
Field goal pct.....	.515	.426	11/27/04	vs Shippensburg	W	90-69	250
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	150-367	112-361	*12/02/04	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY	W	90-81	712
3-point FG pct.....	.409	.310	*12/04/04	NORTHWEST NAZARENE	W	75-67	667
3-pt FG made per game..	7.9	5.9	12/10/04	PACIFIC LUTHERAN	W	95-51	321
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	300-409	304-413	12.18.04	vs CS Bakersfield	W	66-62	132
Free throw pct.....	.733	.736	#12/19/04	vs Central Missouri State	W	90-80	200
REBOUNDS.....	683	666	12/29/04	WISCONSIN-PARKSIDE	W	98-76	668
Rebounds per game.....	35.9	35.1	12/30/04	PUGET SOUND	W	122-111	837
Rebounding margin.....	+0.9	-	*01/06/05	at Central Washington	L	79-90	2110
ASSISTS.....	346	264	*01-08-05	at Saint Martin's College	W	78-76	234
Assists per game.....	18.2	13.9	*01/15/04	WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	W	76-68	1572
TURNOVERS.....	307	268	*01/20/05	ALASKA - ANCHORAGE	W	91-76	567
Turnovers per game.....	16.2	14.1	*01/22/05	ALASKA - FAIRBANKS	W OT	102-94	923
Turnover margin.....	-2.1	-	*1/27/05	at Western Oregon	L	59-61	425
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.1	1.0	*01/29/05	at Humboldt State	W	79-57	1400
STEALS.....	129	155					
Steals per game.....	6.8	8.2					
BLOCKS.....	43	50					
Blocks per game.....	2.3	2.6					
WINNING STREAK.....	1	-					
Home win streak.....	9	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	7128	15965					
Home games-Avg/Game...	9-792	6-2524					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	4-205					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Seattle Pacific.....	717	853	22	1592
Opponents.....	683	743	14	1440

Individual Season/Career Highs

	<i>Season</i>	<i>Career</i>
1-Jordan Lee		
Points	28 vs. Cal State Bakersfield, 12/18/04	29 vs. Alaska Anchorage, 12/4/03
Rebounds	4 vs. Wisconsin Parkside, 12/29/04	5 vs. Alderson-Broadus, 12/29/03
Assists	8 vs. Wisconsin Parkside, 12/29/04	8 vs. Wisconsin Parkside, 12/29/04
3-pointers	6 vs. Washington, 11/19/04; Puget Sound, 12/30/04	6 vs. Humboldt, 2/5/04; Wash., 11/19/04; UPS, 12/30/04
2-Matt Birkle		
Points	16 vs. Puget Sound, 12/30/04	16 vs. Puget Sound, 12/30/04
Rebounds	5 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04	5 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04
Assists	3 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04	3 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04
3-Jeff Knudson		
Points	10 vs. Washington, 11/19/04	19 vs. Saint Martin's, 12/30/03
Rebounds	4 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04	6 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 2/27/03
Assists	4 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04	5 vs. Seattle University, 2/14/04
3-pointers	3 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04	5 vs. Saint Martin's, 12/30/03; Central Wash., 1/22/04
4-Ralph Steele		
Points	19 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04; Puget Sound, 12/30/04	27 vs. Western Washington, 2/28/04
Rebounds	5 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04	7 vs. Humboldt State, 1/10/04
Assists	5 vs. Puget Sound, 12/30/04	4 vs. 3 teams; last Seattle University, 12/2/04
3-pointers	3 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04	5 vs. Alderson-Broadus, 12/29/03
11-Tony Binetti		
Points	26 vs. Alaska Anchorage, 1/20/05	26 vs. Alaska Anchorage, 1/20/05
Rebounds	6 vs. Hillsdale, 11/25/04	7 vs. Saint Leo, 11/21/03
Assists	10 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/4/04	11 vs. Humboldt State, 1/10/04
3-pointers	4 vs. Central Missouri State, 12/19/04	4 vs. Central Missouri State, 12/19/04
13-Mike Bushmaker		
Points	16 vs. Hawaii Hilo, 11/26/04	16 vs. Hawaii Hilo, 11/26/04
Rebounds	7 vs. Alaska Anchorage, 1/20/05	8 vs. Alaska Anchorage, 12/4/03
Assists	4 vs. Hawaii Hilo, 11/26/04	5 vs. UC San Diego, 12/16/03
20-Austin Yuen		
Points	5 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04	5 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04
Rebounds		1 vs. Saint Martin's, 12/30/03
Assists		
Steals	3 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04	3 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04
22-Chad Williams		
Points	15 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/4/04; Western Washington, 1/15/05	15 vs. NW Nazarene, 12/4/04; Western Wash., 1/15/05
Rebounds	11 vs. Hawaii Hilo, 11/26/04	11 vs. Hawaii Hilo, 11/26/04
Assists	6 vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 1/22/05	6 vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 1/22/05
23-Tim Gabelein		
Points	5 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04	5 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04
Rebounds	3 vs. Washington, 11/19/04; Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04	3 vs. Washington, 11/19/04; Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04
Assists	1 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04	1 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04
30-Drew Matzen		
Points	9 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04; Central Washington, 1/6/05	9 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04; Central Wash., 1/6/05
Rebounds	7 vs. Hawaii Hilo, 11/26/04	7 vs. Hawaii Hilo, 11/26/04
Assists	2 vs. Puget Sound, 12/30/04	2 vs. UC San Diego, 12/16/03; Puget Sound, 12/30/04
3-pointers	3 vs. Central Washington, 1/6/05	3 vs. Central Washington, 1/6/05
32-Dustin Bremerman		
Points	26 vs. Alaska Anchorage, 1/20/05	30 vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 3/4/04
Rebounds	8 vs. Central Washington, 1/6/05; Saint Martin's, 1/8/05	8 vs. 4 teams; last St. Martin's, 1/8/05
Assists	8 vs. Hillsdale, 11/25/04	8 vs. Hillsdale, 11/25/04
3-pointers	6 vs. Alaska Anchorage, 1/20/05	6 vs. Alaska Anchorage, 1/20/05
34-Jason Chivers		
Points	33 vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 1/22/05	33 vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 1/22/05
Rebounds	17 vs. Chico State, 11/20/04	18 vs. UC San Diego, 12/16/03
Assists	5 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/4//04; Cal State Bakersfield, 12/18/04	6 vs. 2 teams; last Northwest Nazarene, 2/12/04
Blocked shots	4 vs. Chico State, 11/20/04; Puget Sound, 12/30/04	5 vs. 2 teams; last Alaska Anchorage, 12/4/03