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The Challenge: 1 SPU Home Game Before Xmas Binetti, Will Star In Road Wins; No. 11 Falcons 4-0

Now ya see 'em... December is a great month to be the travel agent for Seattle Pacific University men's basketball. The undefeated and 11th-ranked Falcons are on the road during most of the two weeks before Christmas, so its slim pickings for the fans. In the final Brougham Pavilion date prior to final exams and the aforementioned road trip, SPU (4-0) takes on Hawaii Pacific (0-1) in the second game of the Oak Harbor Freight Lines Challenge Saturday night (Dec. 3). In the first game, the women's team faces Lewis-Clark State. The men will take a 10-day break before visiting Nevada Dec. 13.

Winning the tight ones. While Seattle Pacific is off to its best start in six seasons, the most impressive statistic is the ability to come through in the clutch. Three of the victories are by four or fewer points, and each of the nail-biters featured a different script. The Falcons have staved off two comebacks, staged one of their own, and made the decisive plays on both ends of the floor. SPU has won its first six games in 1998-99.

Getting attention. Apparently, the strong start got some people's attention. Seattle Pacific is No. 11 in the first NABC regular season rankings for NCAA Division II. It's the first ranking for the Falcons since Feb. 22. They were as high as No. 8 last season but were overlooked in the '05-06 preseason poll. Alabama's Montevallo edged Bentley (Ma.) by one point for No. 1. Western Washington slipped four spots to No. 8.

Blown away. Of course, coach **Jeff Hironaka** is hoping that it won't come down to the last shot Saturday. Non-conference games tend not to be all that close in the pavilion. SPU has won its last seven such games by an average margin of 18.4 points, and it has won 13 of its last 14 at home over two seasons. Great Northwest Athletic Conference play will begin at Brougham Dec. 31 against Northwest Nazarene.

We love L.A. The squad couldn't have asked for a better Thanksgiving, apart from being home with family and all that home cooking. All and all, the weather in Los Angeles was great, the wins spectacular and the hotel turkey not bad. The Falcons survived a comeback bid by Cal State Dominguez Hills to prevail 70-68 in the first round of the Cal State L.A. tournament, then rallied from 16 down to beat the hosts, 73-70.

If you don't first succeed. Shooting is considered to be one of the Falcons' strong suits, so when they can win without it, so much the better. In Los Angeles, the ball wasn't falling, particularly from the outside. SPU hit 45 percent from the field (compared to 50 percent in the first two games), and just 10 of 49 three-pointers. But they made up for the deficiency in other ways. The defense held their CCAA foes to combined 40-percent shooting. The tenacity showed up in blocks and steals, with advantages of 7-3 and 11-6, respectively.

Will power. Making a big difference for Seattle Pacific was center **Robbie Will** (So., 6-10, Seattle, Wa./O'Dea-Bellevue CC). In the two games, Will scored 34 points, hitting 15-20 shots, and also grabbed 16 rebounds and blocked five shots. He scored the winning basket with 7 seconds left versus Dominguez Hills and had eight points in the final seven minutes against CSLA. Will is the early GNAC leader in blocks (2.50) and is sixth in field-goal accuracy (.656).

Sure guard. If there had been all-tournament team chosen in L.A., chances are good that both Will and **Tony Binetti** (Sr., 6-1, Enumclaw, Wa.) would've

2005-06 MEN'S BASKETBALL

SPU Quick Facts

2005-06 Record—4-0 (GNAC 0-0)

Coach—Jeff Hironaka

Coach's Career Record— 54-33 (4th year)

This Week's Games

Oak Harbor Freight Lines Challenge

Sat., Dec. 3, 7 p.m.

SPU v Hawaii Pacific

Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.

Last Week's Results

SPU 70, Cal State Dominguez Hills 68

SPU 73, at Cal State L.A. 70

Streaks & Such

The Falcons are off to their best start since 1998-99

Stat de jour

Seattle Pacific's last three wins have all been by four or fewer points

GNAC Standings

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

NCAA National Rankings

1. Montevallo (Al.)
2. Bentley (Ma.)
3. Tarleton State (Tx.)
4. Southern Indiana
5. Virginia Union

also

8. Western Washington
11. Seattle Pacific

been included. Along with Will, it was Binetti who brought SPU back from 16 points down against the Golden Eagles. He scored all 22 of his points in the second half, including 11 during a 14-5 run to start the period. He hit 7-10 shots, including a pair of treys during the spree. His two free throws gave the Falcons the lead for good, 72-70. For the weekend, Binetti scored 33 points (12-26 FGs) and had nine assists.

Not this time. Apparently word got around about **Dustin Bremerman** (Jr., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower). After his back-to-back 30-point games on opening weekend, Bremerman was undoubtedly the focus of the defensive scouting reports. Still, he managed to score 14 and 10 points, respectively. Taking up the slack were not only Will and Binetti, but also the likes of **Drew Matzen** (Jr., 6-4, Bothell, Wa./Lynnwood) and **Mike Bushmaker** (Sr., 6-8, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower). Matzen hit 5-9 shots and totaled 15 points and five assists. Bushmaker, who spelled Will inside, contributed an efficient 12 points (6-8 FGs) and eight boards.

Put-backs. After making all 13 of his free throws in the first two games, Bremerman did not take a single trip to the foul line last week. In fact, the Falcons were just 2-3 vs. Dominguez Hills...SPU remains the GNAC leader in treys per game (8.75) despite going cold in California...Bremerman is No. 1 in GNAC foul shooting and No. 4 in scoring (21.5). Binetti is No. 2 in assists (6.25)...Two GNAC teams beat Division I opponents last week. Alaska Anchorage dispatched Southern Illinois, 72-64, during the Great Alaska Shootout and Seattle U. won on the road at Portland, 88-85...GNAC teams are 12-5 against West Region foes, including 11-3 vs. the CCAA.

Opponent & series notes. This will be the first meeting with Hawaii Pacific since SPU left the Pacific West Conference after 2001. The Falcons lead the series 4-2, having won the last three installments. The Sea Warriors lost their opener to Emporia State, 71-70, and will be wrapping-up a three-game swing through the Puget Sound region.

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.

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SPU Coaches. In his first season **Jeff Hironaka** won more games (16) than all but one other first-year SPU coach, and he took a team to the NCAA tournament in only his third year—faster than any predecessor. His record entering this season is 50-33. 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 conference championships and qualified for eight NCAA tournaments.

2005-06 Men's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Hgt	Yr	Exp	Hometown (High School/Last Coll.)
1	Adam Wardell	G	6-2	Fr	HS	Sedro Woolley, Wa. (Sedro Woolley)
3	Jeff Knudson	F	6-7	Sr	3V	Mukilteo, Wa. (Kamiak)
4	Jared Moultrie	G	6-2	Jr	TR	West Point, Ut. (Clearfield/Salt Lake)
11	Tony Binetti ✓	G	6-1	Sr	3V	Enumclaw, Wa. (Enumclaw)
13	Mike Bushmaker	F	6-7	Sr	3V	Yakima, Wa. (Eisenhower)
15	Brian Lynch	G	6-1	Jr	TR	Missoula, Mt. (Great Falls/Montana)
20	Austin Yuen	G	5-8	Jr	2V	Mercer Island, Wa. (Mercer Island)
22	Chad Williams ✓	F	6-8	Sr	2V	Burlington, Wa. (B-Edison/Whatcom)
23	Tim Gabelein	F/C	6-6	Sr	2V	Langley, Wa. (South Whidbey)
30	Drew Matzen ✓	F	6-4	Jr	2V	Bothell, Wa. (Lynnwood)
32	Dustin Bremerman ✓	F/G	6-4	Jr	2V	Yakima, Wa. (Eisenhower)
34	Erik Bright	F/C	6-8	Fr	HS	Poulsbo, Wa. (King's West)
40	Robbie Will ✓	C	6-10	So	RS	Seattle, Wa. (O'Dea/Bellevue CC)
50	Rob Diederichs	F	6-8	Fr	HS	Shoreline, Wa. (Shorewood)

Head Coach: Jeff Hironaka

Assistant Coaches: Brock Veltri, Scott Reid, George Parker

✓ Projected starters

2005-06 Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent	Res./Time
Nov. 1	AL BLUE ANGELS (Ex.)W, 102-79	
Nov. 10	at BYU (Exhib.)	L, 72-86
Nov. 12	at New Mexico (Exhib.)	L, 53-71
N. 18-19	Sodexo tip-Off Classic	
Nov. 18	CS MONTEREY BAY	W, 95-79
Nov. 19	CS SAN BERNARDINO	W, 85-81
Nov. 25-26	CSLA Classic (Los Angeles, Ca.)	
Nov. 25	SPU v CS Dominguez HillsW, 70-68	
Nov. 26	SPU at Cal State L.A.	W, 73-70
Dec. 3	Oak Harbor Freight Lines Challenge HAWAII PACIFIC	7:00
Dec. 13	at Nevada	7:00
Dec. 17-18	High Desert Classic (Las Vegas, Nv.)	
Dec. 17	SPU v Missouri Southern	2:15
Dec. 18	SPU v Pittsburg State	12:00
Dec. 21	at Cal Poly Pomona	7:30
Dec. 31	NORTHWEST NAZARENE*	1:00
Jan. 5	at Western Oregon*	7:30
Jan. 7	at Humboldt State*	7:00
Jan. 12	ALASKA ANCHORAGE*	7:00
Jan. 14	ALASKA FAIRBANKS*	7:00
Jan. 19	at Central Washington*	7:00
Jan. 21	at Western Washington*	7:00
Jan. 26	SAINT MARTIN'S *	7:30
Jan. 28	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY *	3:30
Feb. 2	HUMBOLDT STATE*	7:00
Feb. 4	WESTERN OREGON *	3:00
Feb. 9	at Alaska Fairbanks*	8:30
Feb. 11	at Alaska Anchorage*	8:00
Feb. 16	WESTERN WASHINGTON *	7:30
Feb. 18	CENTRAL WASHINGTON *	7:00
Feb. 23	at Seattle University*	7:00
Feb. 25	at Saint Martin's*	7:00
Mar. 4	at Northwest Nazarene*	6:00
Mar. 10-13	NCAA West Regional	
Mar. 22-25	NCAA Elite Eight (Springfield, Ma.)	

2005-06 Season Leaders

Scoring

Dustin Bremerman	21.5
Tony Binetti	15.3
Robbie Will	12.8
Chad Williams	9.8

Rebounds

Robbie Will	7.0
Chad Williams	6.8
Tony Binetti	5.0

Assists

Tony Binetti	6.3
Brian Lynch	2.3

Steals

Tony Binetti	1.25
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Blocked Shots

Robbie Will	2.50
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Field Goal Percentage

Robbie Will	.656
Dustin Bremerman	.536

Three-Point Percentage

Dustin Bremerman	(13-30) .433
Tony Binetti	(6-17) .353

Free Throw Percentage

Dustin Bremerman	(13-13) 1.000
Chad Williams	(16-20) .800

Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	80.8	37.8	.472	.750	.354
Opp.	74.5	34.5	.433	.684	.375

The Automated ScoreBook
 Seattle Pacific Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 28, 2005)
 All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(4-0)	(2-0)	(1-0)	(1-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(4-0)	(2-0)	(1-0)	(1-0)

##	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								
32	Bremerman,Dustin...	4-4	136 34.0	30-56	.536	13-30	.433	13-13	1.000	7	13	20	5.0	10	0	8	12	1	3	86	21.5
11	Binetti,Tony.....	4-4	114 28.5	19-41	.463	6-17	.353	17-24	.708	2	17	19	4.8	7	0	25	11	1	5	61	15.3
40	Will,Robbie.....	4-4	88 22.0	21-32	.656	0-0	.000	9-14	.643	9	19	28	7.0	11	0	7	7	10	0	51	12.8
22	Williams,Chad.....	4-4	105 26.3	10-34	.294	3-16	.188	16-20	.800	9	18	27	6.8	8	0	8	7	1	3	39	9.8
15	Lynch,Brian.....	4-0	70 17.5	10-27	.370	5-15	.333	4-4	1.000	1	8	9	2.3	7	1	9	8	0	5	29	7.3
30	Matzen,Drew.....	4-4	77 19.3	7-14	.500	3-6	.500	5-7	.714	3	6	9	2.3	4	0	8	0	1	1	22	5.5
13	Bushmaker,Mike....	4-0	56 14.0	8-14	.571	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	3	9	12	3.0	8	0	3	2	0	2	16	4.0
03	Knudson,Jeff.....	4-0	50 12.5	4-9	.444	3-8	.375	1-2	.500	1	3	4	1.0	3	0	3	2	0	4	12	3.0
04	Moultrie,Jared....	4-0	91 22.8	2-7	.286	2-6	.333	1-2	.500	2	9	11	2.8	7	0	8	3	0	1	7	1.8
23	Gabelein,Tim.....	2-0	11 5.5	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	2	3	1.5	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	0.0
20	Yuen,Austin.....	1-0	2 2.0	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	5	9	2.3	0		0					
Total.....		4	800	111-235	.472	35-99	.354	66-88	.750	42	109	151	37.8	70	1	80	54	14	24	323	80.8
Opponents.....		4	800	107-247	.433	30-80	.375	54-79	.684	44	94	138	34.5	80	-	63	50	5	17	298	74.5

TEAM STATISTICS	SPU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	323	298	11/18/05	CAL ST. MONTEREY BAY	W	95-79	573
Points per game.....	80.8	74.5	11/19/05	CAL ST. SAN BERNARDINO	W	85-81	820
Scoring margin.....	+6.3	-	11-25-05	vs CS Dominguez Hills	W	70-68	82
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	111-235	107-247	11-26-05	at Cal State L.A.	W	73-70	243
Field goal pct.....	.472	.433					
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	35-99	30-80					
3-point FG pct.....	.354	.375					
3-pt FG made per game..	8.8	7.5					
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	66-88	54-79					
Free throw pct.....	.750	.684					
REBOUNDS.....	151	138					
Rebounds per game.....	37.8	34.5					
Rebounding margin.....	+3.3	-					
ASSISTS.....	80	63					
Assists per game.....	20.0	15.8					
TURNOVERS.....	54	50					
Turnovers per game.....	13.5	12.5					
Turnover margin.....	-1.0	-					
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.5	1.3					
STEALS.....	24	17					
Steals per game.....	6.0	4.3					
BLOCKS.....	14	5					
Blocks per game.....	3.5	1.3					
WINNING STREAK.....	4	-					
Home win streak.....	2	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	1393	325					
Home games-Avg/Game....	2-696	1-243					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	1-82					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
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Seattle Pacific.....	159	164	- 323
Opponents.....	151	147	- 298