

206/281-2772 voice | 206/281-2266 fax | frmacdon@spu.edu | www.spu.edu/falconsonline

## **And They're Home: Falcons Off To Record Start SPU Ranked 4th; Bushmaker Takes GNAC Award**

**Get used to it.** Will the creature comforts of home spoil their success? That's the only riddle remaining to be answered about a 4th-ranked Seattle Pacific University men's basketball which has matched the best start ever, and is now coming home. Winners of six in a row, the Falcons (3-0, 11-1) play only their second home game since November when Alaska Anchorage (2-2, 11-5) arrives for a Great Northwest Athletic Conference game Thursday night (Jan. 12). On Saturday (Jan. 14) SPU hosts defending GNAC champion Alaska Fairbanks (2-2, 9-4), then goes on the road next week to Central Washington and 2nd-ranked Western Washington.

**Ever rising.** With their two-step climb in the national poll, the Falcons have also equaled their best-ever ranking. They were No. 4 in the NCAA Division II coaches poll exactly 12 years ago, when they won their first 11 games. Despite playing only four home games, the sole blemish is a loss to then-nationally ranked Div. I Nevada. This is the fourth time SPU has gone 11-1 to start a season; the last time was in 2001-02. More importantly, Coach **Jeff Hironaka's** squad is 8-0 versus West Region teams (including five on foreign or neutral courts), which is a key factor in determining postseason seeding.

**Heat wave.** Before Christmas, Seattle Pacific won with a Scrooge-like defense. Since then, it's been a veritable offensive heat wave. In the last three games the shooters have sizzled, hitting 62 percent from the floor, and averaged 103.3 points, including 124 in their last home appearance. They shot 59 percent in an 89-74 win at Western Oregon last week and 62 percent (76 percent in the second half) in a big victory at Humboldt State, to earn a share of first place in the GNAC.

**5th-year phenom.** He's paid his dues and then some. He's the only player to have been with the team for five years, and although he's been a member of the regular rotation for three seasons, only now is everything coming together for **Mike Bushmaker** (Sr., 6-7, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower). The sixth man, Bushmaker is The Man at the moment. Over the last seven games he has scored in double figures six times, and he's only getting stronger. Last week Bushmaker erupted for a career-high 27 points at Humboldt State and for the week he totaled 41 points, eight rebounds, three blocked shots and hit a blistering 83 percent (15-18) from the field to earn GNAC co-player of the week. He is No. 2 in conference field-goal percentage (.685) and is averaging 10.4 points overall.

**Right at home.** If anyone is accustomed to the baskets at Brougham Pavilion, it's **Dustin Bremerman** (Sr., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower). In the four home games this season, Bremerman has scored 30 or more points three times and averaged 28.8, including a career-best 38 during his last appearance. In the past four games overall, it made no difference where Bremerman was, his shots were falling. He has found the mark on 37 of 52 field goals, including 8-12 three-pointers last week when he totaled 40 points. Bremerman, with 98 points over the last four games, leads the Falcons in season scoring at 18.5 points.

**Got their groove back.** What was lost has now been found. Those chilly shooting displays of December are fading from memory as the Falcons' long-range artillery finds its range. Over the last half-dozen games they are shooting 43 percent on three-pointers. Beyond Bremerman, it's been nearly everyone rediscovering their stroke. **Tony Binetti** (Sr., 6-1, Enumclaw, Wa.) has connected on 17 of 25 beyond the arc during the same stretch. **Jeff Knudson** (Sr., 6-

## **2005-06 MEN'S BASKETBALL**

### **SPU Quick Facts**

2005-06 Record—11-1 (GNAC 3-0)

Coach—Jeff Hironaka

Coach's Career Record— 61-34 (4th year)

### **This Week's Games**

*Thr., Jan. 12, 7 p.m.*

SPU v Alaska Anchorage

*Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.*

*Sat., Jan. 14, 7 p.m.*

SPU v Alaska Fairbanks

*Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.*

### **Last Week's Results**

SPU 89, at Western Oregon 74

SPU 97, at Humboldt State 87

### **Streaks & Such**

The Falcons have won six in a row and have matched the best start in team history

### **Stat de jour**

In the last three games, SPU has shot a combined 62 percent and averaged 103.3 points

### **GNAC Standings**

	W	L	W	L
Seattle Pacific	3	0	11	1
Western Washington	3	0	11	1
Central Washington	2	1	7	5
Alaska Anchorage	2	2	11	5
Alaska Fairbanks	2	2	9	4
Seattle University	2	2	8	4
Humboldt State	2	2	8	4
Northwest Nazarene	1	2	6	6
Western Oregon	1	3	6	7
Saint Martin's	0	4	5	8

### **NCAA National Rankings**

1. Montevallo (Al.)
2. Western Washington
3. Southern Indiana
4. Seattle Pacific
5. St. Joseph's (In.)

7, Mukilteo, Wa./Kamiak), one of the school's top career three-point marksmen, canned 3-4 treys at Humboldt and finished with a season-high 12 points. Prior to the surge, SPU had endured a four-game stretch in which they hit 21 percent on threes.

**All hail Ballard.** Later this month, a hero from the Seventies will be inducted into the Falcon Legends Hall of Fame. Jim Ballard, the big man on two of Les Habegger's NCAA tournament teams, is one of four individuals to be honored Jan. 27. The third basketball player to be inducted, Ballard still holds the season rebounding record (11.9), ranks No. 2 for his career and is No. 3 in career scoring. During his final two seasons he averaged a double-double. He was a two-time all-district selection, as well as MVP of the 1972 West Regional. Ballard now resides in Littleton, Co.

**Put-backs.** Seattle Pacific's sweep on the southern swing last week was the first since '99-00...After being out-rebounded by 7.8 boards in the previous six games, SPU is a plus-16 in the last three...Both Bremerman (915) and Binetti (911) are closing on 1,000 career points. Binetti will need 100 more assists to reach the SPU all-time top five...Reserve guard **Brian Lynch** (Jr., 6-1, Missoula, Mt./Great Falls) missed the trip last week due to an ankle sprain...Seattle Pacific is No. 2 in conference field goal shooting (.511), field-goal accuracy (.494), and field-goal percentage defense (.432), No. 3 in blocked shots (4.17) and No. 4 in scoring offense (83.7) and free throw accuracy (.742). Rebounding moved up from ninth to seventh in the GNAC (-0.8) and last week SPU battled league rebounding leader HSU even on the boards. Individually, **Robbie Will** (So., 6-10, Seattle, Wa./O'Dea-Bellevue CC) leads in blocked shots (2.25). Binetti is No. 3 in three-point percentage (.521) and No. 7 in assists (4.8) and field-goal accuracy (.590). Bremerman is No. 4 in free throw accuracy (.878) and seventh in scoring...Nationally, SPU is No. 14 in field-goal percentage and 25th in free throw accuracy. Will is No. 17 in blocks and Bremerman was No. 21 in NCAA foul shooting...Montevallo (Al.) is ranked No. 1 in the nation this week, followed by Western Washington, Southern Indiana and SPU. The only other West Region team in the top 25 is Grand Canyon at 19th.

**Opponent & series notes.** Alaska Anchorage notched its first two GNAC wins at home last week but has lost five straight conference road games and eight out of nine. The Seawolves lead the league in scoring defense (68.8) and three-point shooting (.456). Kemmy Burgess averages 19.8 points. UAA leads the series with SPU 26-18, but has lost 10 of the last 16...Alaska Fairbanks, the regional runner-up the last two seasons, has played just two true road games, losing both. The Nanooks allow foes to shoot 41 percent on three-pointers but are a plus-6.8 in rebounding. The Falcons lead the series 40-12, including a mark of 30-2 at home.

**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.

**Missing links.** For the latest and best information on Seattle Pacific University athletics, click on the Falcons Online ([www.spu.edu/falconsonline](http://www.spu.edu/falconsonline)). For updated standings and statistics, see the Great Northwest Athletic Conference web site at [www.gnacsports.com](http://www.gnacsports.com).

### 2005-06 Men's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Hgt	Yr	Exp	Hometown (High School/Last Coll.)
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)
40	Robbie Will ✓	C	6-10	So	RS	Seattle, Wa. (O'Dea/Bellevue CC)

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	Sodexho 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 Hills	W, 70-68
Nov. 26	SPU at Cal State L.A.	W, 73-70
Dec. 3	Oak Harbor Freight Lines Challenge	
	HAWAII PACIFIC	W, 69-54
Dec. 13	at Nevada	L, 57-83
Dec. 17-18	High Desert Classic (Las Vegas, Nv.)	
Dec. 17	SPU v Missouri Southern	W, 93-65
Dec. 18	SPU v Pittsburg State	W, 83-77
Dec. 21	at Cal Poly Pomona	W, 69-66
Dec. 31	NW NAZARENE*	W, 124-107
Jan. 5	at Western Oregon*	W, 89-74
Jan. 7	at Humboldt State*	W, 97-87
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.)	

\*Great Northwest Athletic Conference games

### 2005-06 Season Leaders

Scoring					
Dustin Bremerman	18.5				
Tony Binetti	17.6				
Robbie Will	11.0				
Mike Bushmaker	10.4				
Rebounds					
Robbie Will	6.6				
Chad Williams	4.8				
Dustin Bremerman	4.8				
Assists					
Tony Binetti	4.8				
Chad Williams	2.3				
Steals					
Tony Binetti	1.6				
Blocked Shots					
Robbie Will	2.3				
Field Goal Percentage					
Mike Bushmaker	.685				
Tony Binetti	.590				
Three-Point Percentage					
Tony Binetti	(25-48) .521				
Dustin Bremerman	(30-72) .417				
Free Throw Percentage					
Dustin Bremerman	(36-41) .878				
Tony Binetti	(48-60) .800				
Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	83.7	35.6	.511	.742	.372
Opp.	75.9	36.4	.432	.651	.366

The Automated ScoreBook  
 Seattle Pacific Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 09, 2006)  
 All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(11-1)	(4-0)	(4-1)	(3-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(3-0)	(1-0)	(2-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(8-1)	(3-0)	(2-1)	(3-0)

##	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...	12-12	366 30.5	78-142	.549	30-72	.417	36-41	.878	11	46	57	4.8	22	0	26	27	2	8	222	18.5
11	Binetti,Tony.....	12-12	355 29.6	69-117	.590	25-48	.521	48-60	.800	8	30	38	3.2	27	0	57	28	7	19	211	17.6
40	Will,Robbie.....	12-12	264 22.0	56-100	.560	0-0	.000	20-36	.556	22	57	79	6.6	32	0	12	15	27	7	132	11.0
13	Bushmaker,Mike....	12-0	230 19.2	50-73	.685	2-5	.400	23-32	.719	7	35	42	3.5	28	0	14	15	5	5	125	10.4
22	Williams,Chad.....	12-12	285 23.8	37-101	.366	11-42	.262	24-31	.774	13	44	57	4.8	21	0	28	23	5	6	109	9.1
30	Matzen,Drew.....	12-12	247 20.6	27-53	.509	7-21	.333	8-16	.500	6	31	37	3.1	13	0	21	9	3	4	69	5.8
40	Moultrie,Jared....	12-0	278 23.2	15-30	.500	7-15	.467	16-23	.696	8	35	43	3.6	22	0	29	15	0	12	53	4.4
15	Lynch,Brian.....	10-0	178 17.8	16-51	.314	8-32	.250	9-10	.900	6	18	24	2.4	17	1	19	19	1	7	49	4.9
03	Knudson,Jeff.....	12-0	132 11.0	9-28	.321	6-22	.273	6-7	.857	6	11	17	1.4	11	0	15	6	0	5	30	2.5
23	Gabelein,Tim.....	8-0	54 6.8	2-5	.400	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	3	6	9	1.1	16	1	3	4	0	1	4	0.5
20	Yuen,Austin.....	5-0	11 2.2	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM.....										11	13	24	2.0	0		1					
Total.....		12	2400	359-703	.511	96-258	.372	190-256	.742	101	326	427	35.6	210	2	224	163	50	74	1004	83.7
Opponents.....		12	2401	333-770	.432	94-257	.366	151-232	.651	156	281	437	36.4	225	-	189	167	24	72	911	75.9

TEAM STATISTICS	SPU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	1004	911	11/18/05	CAL ST. MONTEREY BAY	W	95-79	573
Points per game.....	83.7	75.9	11/19/05	CAL ST. SAN BERNARDINO	W	85-81	820
Scoring margin.....	+7.8	-	11-25-05	vs CS Dominguez Hills	W	70-68	82
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	359-703	333-770	11-26-05	at Cal State L.A.	W	73-70	243
Field goal pct.....	.511	.432	12/03/05	HAWAII PACIFIC	W	69-54	827
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	96-258	94-257	12-13-05	at Nevada	L	57-83	6422
3-point FG pct.....	.372	.366	12-17-05	vs Missouri Southern	W	93-65	130
3-pt FG made per game..	8.0	7.8	12/18/05	vs Pittsburg State	W	83-77	230
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	190-256	151-232	12/21/05	at Cal Poly Pomona	W	69-66	149
Free throw pct.....	.742	.651	*12/31/05	NORTHWEST NAZARENE	W	124-107	319
REBOUNDS.....	427	437	*1/5/06	at Western Oregon	W	89-74	225
Rebounds per game.....	35.6	36.4	*1/7/06	at Humboldt State	W	97-87	1400
Rebounding margin.....	-0.8	-					
ASSISTS.....	224	189					
Assists per game.....	18.7	15.8					
TURNOVERS.....	163	167					
Turnovers per game.....	13.6	13.9					
Turnover margin.....	+0.3	-					
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.4	1.1					
STEALS.....	74	72					
Steals per game.....	6.2	6.0					
BLOCKS.....	50	24					
Blocks per game.....	4.2	2.0					
WINNING STREAK.....	6	-					
Home win streak.....	4	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	2539	8881					
Home games-Avg/Game....	4-635	5-1688					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	3-147					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
-----	-----	-----	-----
Seattle Pacific.....	479	525	- 1004
Opponents.....	448	463	- 911

## Individual Season/Career Highs

	<i>Season</i>	<i>Career</i>
<b>4-Jared Moultrie</b>		
Points	12 vs. Western Oregon, 1/5/06	12 vs. Western Oregon, 1/5/06
Rebounds	7 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/31/05	7 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/31/05
Assists	7 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/31/05	7 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/31/05
Steals	5 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/31/05	5 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/31/05
<b>3-Jeff Knudson</b>		
Points	12 vs. Humboldt State, 1/7/06	19 vs. Saint Martin's, 12/30/03
Rebounds	4 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/31/05	6 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 2/27/03
Assists	6 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/31/05	6 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/31/05
3-pointers	3 vs. Humboldt State, 1/7/06	5 vs. Saint Martin's, 12/30/03; Central Wash., 1/22/04
<b>15-Brian Lynch</b>		
Points	16 vs. Cal State Monterey Bay, 11/18/05	16 vs. Cal State Monterey Bay, 11/18/05
Rebounds	4 vs. Missouri Southern, 12/17/05	4 vs. Missouri Southern, 12/17/05
Assists	5 vs. Hawaii Pacific, 12/3/05; Missouri Southern, 12/17/05	5 vs. Hawaii Pacific, 12/3/05; Missouri Southern, 12/17/05
3-pointers	4 vs. Cal State Monterey Bay, 11/18/05	4 vs. Cal State Monterey Bay, 11/18/05
<b>11-Tony Binetti</b>		
Points	22 vs. Cal State L.A., 11/26/05; Missouri Southern, 12/17/05	26 vs. Alaska Anchorage, 1/20/05
Rebounds	7 vs. Cal State San Bernardino, 11/19/05	10 vs. Humboldt State, 2/24/05
Assists	9 vs. Cal State San Bernardino, 11/19/05	11 vs. Humboldt State, 1/10/04
3-pointers	2 vs. Cal State San Bernardino, 11/19/05	4 vs. Central Missouri State, 12/19/04
Steals	3 vs. Hawaii Pacific, 12/3/05	5 vs. Humboldt State, 2/24/05
<b>13-Mike Bushmaker</b>		
Points	27 vs. Humboldt State, 1/7/06	27 vs. Humboldt State, 1/7/06
Rebounds	8 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/31/05	8 vs. Alaska Anchorage, 12/4/03; NW Nazarene, 12/31/05
Assists	4 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/31/05	5 vs. UC San Diego, 12/16/03
<b>20-Austin Yuen</b>		
Points		5 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04
Rebounds		1 vs. three teams; last Seattle Univ., 3/5/05
Assists		1 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 3/3/05
Steals		3 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04
<b>22-Chad Williams</b>		
Points	17 vs. Missouri Southern, 12/17/05	21 vs. Western Oregon, 2/26/05
Rebounds	9 vs. Cal State Monterey Bay, 11/18/05	11 vs. Hawaii Hilo, 11/26/04
Assists	5 vs. CSSB, 11/19/05; Mo. Southern, 12/17/05; NW Nazarene, 12/31/05	6 vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 1/22/05
<b>23-Tim Gabelein</b>		
Points	2 vs. Missouri Southern, 12/17/05; Cal Poly Pomona, 12/21/05	5 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04
Rebounds	3 vs. Cal State Monterey Bay, 11/18/05	3 vs. three teams; last Cal State Monterey Bay, 11/18/05
Assists	1 vs. three teams	1 vs. four teams
<b>30-Drew Matzen</b>		
Points	16 vs. Missouri Southern, 12/17/05	16 vs. Missouri Southern, 12/17/05
Rebounds	9 vs. Missouri Southern, 12/17/05	9 vs. Missouri Southern, 12/17/05
Assists	5 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/31/05	5 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/31/05
3-pointers	2 vs. Cal State San Bernardino, 11/19/05; Missouri Southern, 12/17/05	3 vs. Central Washington, 1/6/05
<b>32-Dustin Bremerman</b>		
Points	38 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/31/05	38 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/31/05
Rebounds	8 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 12/31/05	8 vs. 5 teams; last Northwest Nazarene, 12/31/05
Assists	5 vs. Nevada, 12/13/05	8 vs. Hillsdale, 11/25/04
3-pointers	6 vs. Cal State San Bernardino, 11/19/05	6 vs. Alaska Anchorage, 1/20/05; CS San Bern., 11/19/05
<b>40-Robbie Will</b>		
Points	19 vs. Cal State L.A., 11/26/05; Nevada, 12/13/05	19 vs. Cal State L.A., 11/26/05; Nevada, 12/13/05
Rebounds	10 vs. Cal State L.A., 11/26/05	10 vs. Cal State L.A., 11/26/05
Assists	4 vs. Cal State L.A., 11/26/05	4 vs. Cal State L.A., 11/26/05
Blocked shots	6 vs. Hawaii Pacific, 12/3/05	6 vs. Hawaii Pacific, 12/3/05