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Big Battles Loom For SPU At Central, Western SPU Now 13-1; Win Streak At 8, Ranking At No. 3

Week of reckoning. There figures to be points a plenty, not to mention intensity which could match that of March when the Seattle Pacific University men's basketball returns to the court. Now ranked higher than ever at No. 3 in the nation, the Falcons (5-0, 13-1) face the two other top teams in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference standings. First comes a trip to Central Washington (4-1, 9-5) Thursday night (Jan. 19). On Saturday night (Jan. 21) it's the national marquee matchup of the week when SPU visits No. 2 Western Washington (5-0, 13-1). A four-game home stand begins Jan. 26 versus Saint Martin's.

Best yet. Seattle Pacific has broken new ground with this week's elevation to No. 3 in the NCAA Division II coaches poll. The Falcons earned one of eight first-place votes for the second week. Montevallo (Al.) is No. 1. By winning 13 of their first 14 games they have matched the best start in the program's existence, equalling that of 1979-80 and 2001-02. Both of those teams eventually went 15-1. All that is just fluff, however. The most meaningful measurement will come when the NCAA announces its first regional rankings Wednesday (Jan. 18). At the end of the regular season, the West's top team will host the regional tournament. Coach **Jeff Hironaka's** squad is undefeated against Div. II opposition and 10-0 versus West Region teams (including five on foreign or neutral courts).

Tough ol' birds. While some teams feathered their schedules with home games and easy wins early on, Hironaka chose the path less traveled. SPU spent most of the season's first two months on the road. It toughened the team, building character which will be called upon in hostile environments such as Ellensburg and Bellingham. Unlike the freewheeling Falcons who have been seen at home in Brougham Pavilion, the road version of the team resembles some tough ol' Birds. In seven Div. II away and neutral court contests, they are allowing only 72.4 points per game, and allowing opponents to shoot just 42.0 percent, with only one foe shooting better than 46 percent.

City slickers. At home last week, Seattle Pacific twice overcame some early foul trouble to post victories over Alaska Anchorage (87-80) and Alaska Fairbanks (93-66). Shutting down defensively, sharing the ball on offense, the Falcons put together two impressive second halves, running their visitors out of town by a combined score of 102-74 in those periods. Moving the rock, 29 of 35 baskets were set-up by assists. Over the eight-game win streak, players have executed exceptionally well on offense, averaging 91.9 points, shooting 56.5 percent from the field (46.8 on three-pointers) and committing only 12.5 turnovers per game.

Trigger man. He's but one of a dozen or so parts, but as point guard **Tony Binetti** (Sr., 6-1, Enumclaw, Wa.) often serves as the spark which ignites the Falcons' fire. And sometimes he is the flame as well. Binetti earned his second GNAC player of the week award by doing a bit of everything against the Alaskans. He passed (15 total assists, a career-high 11 vs. UAA), rebounded (13) and hawked the ball (six steals). He also shot the ball very well, hitting 5 of 7 threes and 14 of 21 shots overall while scoring 42 points. During the win streak Binetti is averaging 20.0 points and shooting 68.8 percent, both inside and outside the arc. He leads the league in three-point accuracy (.545) and would also lead the NCAA, if he had enough threes to qualify. Binetti is now averaging 18.0 points overall. He also demonstrated some steely nerves, drilling a key trey with 24 ticks to go against the Seawolves.

2005-06 MEN'S BASKETBALL

SPU Quick Facts

2005-06 Record—13-1 (GNAC 5-0)

Coach—Jeff Hironaka

Coach's Career Record— 63-34 (4th year)

This Week's Games

Thr., Jan. 19, 7 p.m.

SPU at Central Washington

Nicholson Pavilion, Ellensburg, Wa.

Sat., Jan. 21, 7 p.m.

SPU at Western Washington

Carver Gym, Bellingham, Wa.

Last Week's Results

at SPU 87, Alaska Anchorage 80

at SPU 93, Alaska Fairbanks 66

Streaks & Such

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

Stat de jour

During the win streak, SPU has averaged 91.9 points and shot 56.5 percent from the field, 46.8 percent on three-pointers

GNAC Standings

	W	L	W	L
Seattle Pacific	5	0	13	1
Western Washington	5	0	13	1
Central Washington	4	1	9	5
Humboldt State	3	2	9	4
Alaska Fairbanks	3	3	10	5
Northwest Nazarene	2	3	7	7
Alaska Anchorage	2	4	11	7
Seattle University	2	4	8	6
Western Oregon	1	4	6	8
Saint Martin's	0	6	5	10

NCAA National Rankings

1. Montevallo (Al.)
2. Western Washington
3. Seattle Pacific
4. St. Joseph's (In.)
5. Northern State (SD)

Heroes galore. So balanced was SPU last week that once the opponents took away one offensive option and another materialized. Six different players scored in double figures, among them was forward **Chad Williams** (Sr., 6-8, Burlington, Wa./Burlington-Whatcom CC). In the two contests, Williams totaled 33 points, including a season-high 19 vs. Anchorage. For the week he made 5 of 8 threes. Starting wing **Drew Matzen** (Jr., 6-4, Bothell, Wa./Lynnwood) was deadly, drilling 8 of 11 shots (4-6 treys). Lest anyone think SPU is solely a finesse team, center **Robbie Will** (So., 6-10, Seattle, Wa./O'Dea-Bellevue CC) put the oomph in the offense, with 13 (6-6 FGs, two dunks) second-half points against the Seawolves. Sixth man **Mike Bushmaker** (Sr., 6-7, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) had 15 points and four assists vs. UAF. Will, Williams and Bushmaker are all averaging above 10 points overall.

Tenacious D. On a given night, reserve guard **Jared Moultrie** (Jr., 6-2, West Point, Ut./Clearfield-Salt Lake CC) is worth 10-15 points, although his stat line reads far less. That's the beauty of his game. Moultrie has put the brakes on more than a couple scorers over the last few games. Last week, his defense of UAA's Kemmy Burgess in the second half allowed the Falcons to come from behind, and it was a Moultrie steal and layup which put SPU in front to stay in the final three minutes.

Put-backs. The eight straight wins matches the longest streak during Hironaka's tenure. The record is 15 in a row, set in '01-02...SPU has shot 55 percent or better in each of the last five outings, and hit 58.8 percent from the three-point line (20-34) in last week's two contests...After a quiet night (9 points) vs. UAA, **Dustin Bremerman** (Sr., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) hung 17 on UAF, sinking 7 of 11 from the field...Over the first five GNAC games, SPU is averaging 98.0 points, shooting 59 percent and 51 percent on threes...Seattle Pacific is No. 1 in conference field goal percentage defense (.432) and blocked shots (4.3). It is No. 2 in overall shooting (.518, fourth in the NCAA) and No. 3 in three-point accuracy (.397). Individually, Will leads in blocked shots (2.21). Bushmaker is No. 4 in field-goal percentage (.652). Binetti is No. 5 (.601), No. 5 in assists (5.1) and eighth in steals (1.78)...Both games can be heard live on webcasts at wildcatsports.com and wuvikings.com, respectively.

Opponent & series notes. Central Washington has won four out of five, with its loss coming at Western Washington. The Wildcats average 87.8 points. The Falcons trail the series 60-38 yet have wins in 10 of the last 13 meetings, including four of the last five in Ellensburg...Western Washington has won 10 in a row since Nov. 19 and 21 straight regular season home games going into Thursday's game with Northwest Nazarene. The Vikings are No. 2 nationally in scoring (98.3) and shooting (.536), and feature a prolific 1-2 punch of Ryan Diggs (25.1, fourth in the NCAA) and Grant Dykstra (22.4 points, 13th). SPU leads the series 62-41 and is looking for its first win in Bellingham in three seasons.

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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 HillsW,	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*W,	87-80
Jan. 14	ALASKA FAIRBANKS* W,	93-66
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

Tony Binetti	18.0
Dustin Bremerman	17.7
Robbie Will	10.6
Mike Bushmaker	10.5
Chad Williams	10.1

Rebounds

Robbie Will	6.1
Chad Williams	5.0
Dustin Bremerman	4.9

Assists

Tony Binetti	5.1
Chad Williams	2.5

Steals

Tony Binetti	1.79
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Blocked Shots

Robbie Will	2.21
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Field Goal Percentage

Mike Bushmaker	.652
Tony Binetti	.601

Three-Point Percentage

Tony Binetti	(30-55) .545
Dustin Bremerman	(33-79) .418

Free Throw Percentage

Dustin Bremerman	(37-45) .822
Tony Binetti	(56-69) .800

Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	84.6	35.3	.518	.740	.397
Opp.	75.5	36.1	.432	.654	.363

The Automated ScoreBook
 Seattle Pacific Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 16, 2006)
 All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(13-1)	(6-0)	(4-1)	(3-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(5-0)	(3-0)	(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								
11	Binetti, Tony.....	14-14	418 29.9	83-138	.601	30-55	.545	56-69	.812	9	42	51	3.6	33	0	72	33	8	25	252	18.0
32	Bremerman, Dustin...	14-14	431 30.8	89-163	.546	33-79	.418	37-45	.822	14	54	68	4.9	25	0	30	30	4	10	248	17.7
40	Will, Robbie.....	14-14	298 21.3	64-112	.571	0-0	.000	21-38	.553	24	62	86	6.1	39	0	17	17	31	7	149	10.6
13	Bushmaker, Mike.....	14-0	272 19.4	58-89	.652	3-6	.500	28-39	.718	8	39	47	3.4	35	0	19	16	7	7	147	10.5
22	Williams, Chad.....	14-14	337 24.1	50-126	.397	16-50	.320	26-33	.788	15	55	70	5.0	23	0	35	25	5	6	142	10.1
30	Matzen, Drew.....	14-14	297 21.2	35-64	.547	12-27	.444	10-20	.500	7	37	44	3.1	13	0	24	9	4	4	92	6.6
04	Moultrie, Jared.....	14-0	330 23.6	17-36	.472	7-16	.438	20-27	.741	10	38	48	3.4	24	0	36	17	0	13	61	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.....	14-0	157 11.2	10-33	.303	7-26	.269	8-9	.889	6	13	19	1.4	12	0	16	8	0	6	35	2.5
23	Gabelein, Tim.....	10-0	67 6.7	3-7	.429	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3	8	11	1.1	19	1	3	6	0	2	7	0.7
20	Yuen, Austin.....	6-0	15 2.5	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	0.3
TEAM.....										13	13	26	1.9	0		1					

Total.....	14	2800		426-823	.518	116-292	.397	216-292	.740	115	379	494	35.3	242	2	272	182	60	87	1184	84.6
Opponents.....	14	2801		386-894	.432	107-295	.363	178-272	.654	180	326	506	36.1	258	-	224	192	29	82	1057	75.5

TEAM STATISTICS	SPU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND

SCORING.....	1184	1057	11/18/05	CAL ST. MONTEREY BAY	W	95-79	573
Points per game.....	84.6	75.5	11/19/05	CAL ST. SAN BERNARDINO	W	85-81	820
Scoring margin.....	+9.1	-	11-25-05	vs CS Dominguez Hills	W	70-68	82
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	426-823	386-894	11-26-05	at Cal State L.A.	W	73-70	243
Field goal pct.....	.518	.432	12/03/05	HAWAII PACIFIC	W	69-54	827
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	116-292	107-295	12-13-05	at Nevada	L	57-83	6422
3-point FG pct.....	.397	.363	12-17-05	vs Missouri Southern	W	93-65	130
3-pt FG made per game..	8.3	7.6	12/18/05	vs Pittsburg State	W	83-77	230
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	216-292	178-272	12/21/05	at Cal Poly Pomona	W	69-66	149
Free throw pct.....	.740	.654	*12/31/05	NORTHWEST NAZARENE	W	124-107	319
REBOUNDS.....	494	506	*1/5/06	at Western Oregon	W	89-74	225
Rebounds per game.....	35.3	36.1	*1/7/06	at Humboldt State	W	97-87	1400
Rebounding margin.....	-0.9	-	*01/12/06	ALASKA ANCHORAGE	W	87-80	409
ASSISTS.....	272	224	*01/14/06	ALASKA FAIRBANKS	W	93-66	765
Assists per game.....	19.4	16.0					
TURNOVERS.....	182	192					
Turnovers per game.....	13.0	13.7					
Turnover margin.....	+0.7	-					
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.5	1.2					
STEALS.....	87	82					
Steals per game.....	6.2	5.9					
BLOCKS.....	60	29					
Blocks per game.....	4.3	2.1					
WINNING STREAK.....	8	-					
Home win streak.....	6	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	3713	8881					
Home games-Avg/Game....	6-619	5-1688					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	3-147					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total

Seattle Pacific.....	557	627	- 1184
Opponents.....	520	537	- 1057

Individual Season/Career Highs

	<i>Season</i>	<i>Career</i>
4-Jared Moultrie		
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
3-Jeff Knudson		
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
15-Brian Lynch		
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
11-Tony Binetti		
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	11 vs. Alaska Anchorage, 1/12/06	11 vs. Humboldt State, 1/10/04; Alaska Anchorage, 1/12/06
3-pointers	2 vs. Cal State San Bernardino, 11/19/05	4 vs. Central Missouri State, 12/19/04
Steals	3 vs. three teams, last Alaska Fairbanks, 1/14/06	5 vs. Humboldt State, 2/24/05
13-Mike Bushmaker		
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; Alaska Fairbanks, 1/14/06	5 vs. UC San Diego, 12/16/03
20-Austin Yuen		
Points	2 vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 1/14/06	5 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04
Rebounds		1 vs. three teams; last Seattle Univ., 3/5/05
Assists	1 vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 1/14/06	1 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 3/3/05
Steals		3 vs. Pacific Lutheran, 12/10/04
22-Chad Williams		
Points	19 vs. Alaska Anchorage, 1/12/06	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
23-Tim Gabelein		
Points	3 vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 1/14/06	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
30-Drew Matzen		
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	3 vs. Alaska Anchorage, 1/12/06	3 vs. Central Washington, 1/6/05
32-Dustin Bremerman		
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
40-Robbie Will		
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