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NCAA Region Seeding Goes Down To The Wire 20-4 Falcon Men Visit Seattle U., St. Martin's

3 for the road. There are no home games remaining, but it's nothing that can't be changed by a few wins. Undoubtedly, the race for the Great Northwest Athletic Conference championship and the right to host the NCAA Division II West Regional will be determined in these final two weeks of the men's basketball regular season. Right now, No. 16-ranked Seattle Pacific University (12-3, 20-4) may hold a slight edge over Western Washington. However, the Falcons must play their final three games on the road, beginning Thursday night (Feb. 23) at Seattle University (6-8, 13-10), another team with postseason aspirations. SPU goes south to Saint Martin's (2-12, 7-16) Saturday (Feb. 25) before ending the season Mar. 4 at Northwest Nazarene.

Wins and return home? Currently, Seattle Pacific holds a slim lead over Western Washington in the GNAC after beating the Vikings at home, 90-86, last week. That outcome might also elevate SPU into the No. 1 spot in the Feb. 22 regional poll. If the Falcons can maintain that position, the regional tournament would come to Brougham Pavilion March 10, 11 and 13. They have only hosted a West Regional twice before (1965, 2000) and each time emerged as tournament champions and the West representative to the Elite Eight.

It begins with 'D.' Although SPU finished with a near-perfect (11-1) record at home, some of its best performances have come on the road. Seattle Pacific has beaten three regionally-ranked opponents in hostile surroundings and is 9-3 overall away from the pavilion. Generally, the Falcons have played more determined defense on the road, allowing Div. II opponents to shoot only 44 percent from the field. After dropping two of their last three games to hot-shooting foes (combined 54 percent from the field, 49 percent on three-pointers), Coach **Jeff Hironaka** will certainly emphasize commitment to that end of the court in the upcoming games. His team, coming off a 98-87 loss to Central Washington on Senior Night, has not lost two consecutive games this year.

Road warrior. A key contributor to the success so far has been **Tony Binetti** (Sr., 6-1, Enumclaw, Wa.), and the point guard has been particularly prominent in road games. Most of Binetti's vital statistics has risen on the road, where he's averaging 19.5 points and shooting 55 percent from the field, 56 percent on threes and 86 percent from the foul line. In fact, when Binetti scores 20-plus away from home, SPU is 6-0 this season.

Talk softly, shoot strongly. A quiet guy off the court, **Dustin Bremerman** (Sr., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) let's his play do the talking. He leads the Falcons in season scoring (19.3) and is one of the premier three-point shooters in the nation. Yet Bremerman and his team seem to play their best when the trey is used to create space inside. In February he has erupted for three games on seven or more three-pointers, but in his first four 30-point games this season Bremerman drove to the hole. His twos outnumbered his treys 30 to 14 and he shot an average of 7.5 free throws. In the win over Western Washington, Bremerman made 7 of 8 three-pointers and scored 27 points. This month he has scored 23.7 points per game and made 55 percent of his treys.

20-20 vision. A 20-win season and a national ranking are nice. Sweeter still would be a GNAC crown and advancing beyond the first round of the NCAA tournament. Both have evaded the Falcons since 2001. Hironaka has now joined Les Habegger and Ken Bone as the only SPU coaches to produce back-to-back 20-win seasons, and his winning percentage of .654 (70-37) trails only

2005-06 MEN'S BASKETBALL

SPU Quick Facts

2005-06 Record--20-4 (GNAC 12-3)

Coach--Jeff Hironaka

Coach's Career Record-- 70-37 (4th year)

This Week's Games

Thr., Feb. 23, 7 p.m.

SPU at Seattle University

Connolly Center, Seattle, Wa.

Sat., Feb. 25, 7 p.m.

SPU at Saint Martin's

Saint Martin's Pavilion, Lacey, Wa.

Last Week's Results

at SPU 90, Western Washington 86

Central Washington 98, at SPU 87

Streaks & Such

The Falcons have not lost two consecutive games in more than a year

Stat de jour

SPU is No. 2 in NCAA field-goal percentage (.519) and also among the leaders in three-point and free throw accuracy

GNAC Standings

	W	L	W	L
Seattle Pacific	12	3	20	4
Western Washington	11	3	19	4
Humboldt State	8	6	14	8
Central Washington	8	6	13	10
Alaska Anchorage	8	7	17	10
Alaska Fairbanks	8	7	15	9
Seattle University	6	8	13	10
Northwest Nazarene	6	9	11	13
Western Oregon	3	11	8	15
Saint Martin's	2	12	7	16

NCAA National Rankings

1. Fort Hays State (Ks.)
2. Delta State (Ms.)
3. Saint Joseph's (In.)

also

12. Western Washington
16. Seattle Pacific
25. Cal State Bakersfield

West Regional Rankings

1. Western Washington
2. Seattle Pacific
3. Sonoma State
4. Cal State Bakersfield

Bone (.721). Western (11-3, 19-4) plays its final two home games this week before finishing with a pair in Alaska. Humboldt State and Central Washington are tied for third in the conference with 8-6 marks. Regionally, Cal State Bakersfield is poised to overtake Sonoma State for No. 3 after beating the Seawolves for the CCAA lead.

Sweet stroke. Hironaka has the finest shooting Falcon team in 17 years. SPU is No. 2 in NCAA field-goal percentage (.519), and is also among the national leaders in sinking shots from the foul line (.768, 6th) and three-point arc (.405, 12th). They have shot 50 percent or higher from the field 14 times, winning each of those games. They have lost the last three times they have slipped under 50 percent from the field.

Put-backs. Strangely, Seattle Pacific has lost five of its last seven Senior Nights, and the two wins were preceded by home losses...Seven times this season SPU has come from at least eight points down to win, including three on the road...Bremerman and Binetti are both within reach of the top 10 (1210) in career scoring, with 1155 and 1147 points, respectively...**Drew Matzen** (Jr., 6-4, Lynnwood, Wa./Bothell) delivered some memorable finishes touches last week, including some dunks which brought the crowds to their feet. His 12 points vs. Western matched his highest output since mid-December...Binetti has scored in double figures in all 24 games. He had seven steals last week...Bremerman has scored 30 points or more five times this season...The Falcons are only 4-4 when outscored in the second half and 4-3 when allowing opponents to shoot 50 percent or higher...Seattle Pacific is No. 1 in conference blocked shots (4.04) and overall shooting (.519). It's No. 3 in field goal percentage defense (.458), scoring (86.2, 14th nationally), free throw percentage (.768) and three-point accuracy (.405). Individually, **Robbie Will** (So., 6-10, Seattle, Wa./O'Dea-Bellevue CC) leads in blocked shots (2.04, 22nd in nation). Binetti is No. 2 in three-point accuracy (.511) and No. 4 in assists (5.2) and steals (2.0). Bremerman is third in three-point percentage (.477, 4th in NCAA) and sixth in scoring (19.3). **Mike Bushmaker** (Sr., 6-7, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) is fourth in field-goal percentage (.625)...Despite beating Western, Seattle Pacific dropped out of the top 10 for the first time in 12 weeks...The four three-pointers vs. Central was the lowest total in 18 games. The 27 personal fouls was the highest this season and the 39 free throw attempts by the Wildcats was the most by an opponent in more than five years and matched the most by a visitor in seven seasons.

Opponent & series notes. After losing four of five, Seattle University won at Saint Martin's last week. Bernard Seals, the league's No. 6 scorer (18.9) and the leader in steals (2.3), has missed the last three games with an ankle injury. SU leads the GNAC in steals (10.0) and turnover margin (+3.8). The Redhawks lead the series 44-38 but since dropping from Division I the series has gone 32-12 in favor of the Falcons. Binetti scored 15 of his 24 points in the final eight minutes of an 82-73 home win Jan. 28...Saint Martin's will be trying to stop a string of 15 straight losses to Seattle Pacific, which has won 26 of the last 27 meetings. The Saints have lost three in a row yet eight of their defeats have been by seven or fewer points. Niko Nunogawa leads the Saints, averaging 16.3 points. Overall, the series stands at 80-31 in favor of SPU. Binetti scored 22 and Will had 17 in the 88-79 victory Jan. 26, in which SMU led by 15 after 14 minutes.

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*	W, 99-91
Jan. 21	at Western Washington*	L, 84-95
Jan. 26	SAINT MARTIN'S *	W, 88-79
Jan. 28	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY *W,	82-73
Feb. 2	HUMBOLDT STATE*	W, 97-92
Feb. 4	WESTERN OREGON *	W, 94-79
Feb. 9	at Alaska Fairbanks*	W, 88-82
Feb. 11	at Alaska Anchorage*	L, 75-89
Feb. 16	WESTERN WASH. *	W, 90-86
Feb. 18	CENTRAL WASH. *	L, 87-98
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	19.3
Tony Binetti	18.6
Mike Bushmaker	11.4
Robbie Will	11.3
Chad Williams	9.6

Rebounds

Robbie Will	6.4
Chad Williams	5.1
Dustin Bremerman	4.8

Assists

Tony Binetti	5.2
Jared Moultrie	2.7

Steals

Tony Binetti	2.0
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Blocked Shots

Robbie Will	2.0
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Field Goal Percentage

Mike Bushmaker	.625
Robbie Will	.594

Three-Point Percentage

Tony Binetti	(48-94) .511
Dustin Bremerman	(73-153) .477

Free Throw Percentage

Dustin Bremerman	(81-95) .853
Tony Binetti	(97-116) .836

Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	86.2	33.8	.519	.768	.405
Opp.	80.0	35.0	.458	.683	.385

The Automated ScoreBook
 Seattle Pacific Combined Team Statistics (as of Feb 19, 2006)
 All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(20-4)	(11-1)	(6-3)	(3-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(12-3)	(8-1)	(4-2)	(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...	24-24	742 30.9	154-287	.537	73-153	.477	81-95	.853	34	81	115	4.8	45	0	59	46	7	20	462	19.3
11	Binetti,Tony.....	24-24	753 31.4	151-260	.581	48-94	.511	97-116	.836	13	65	78	3.3	65	1	124	55	9	47	447	18.6
13	Bushmaker, Mike....	24-2	523 21.8	105-168	.625	5-14	.357	59-80	.738	20	59	79	3.3	54	0	35	35	13	13	274	11.4
40	Will,Robbie.....	24-22	525 21.9	111-187	.594	0-1	.000	50-87	.575	46	107	153	6.4	66	1	32	33	49	8	272	11.3
22	Williams,Chad.....	24-24	595 24.8	83-207	.401	30-90	.333	35-43	.814	31	91	122	5.1	49	1	59	46	8	6	231	9.6
30	Matzen,Drew.....	24-23	503 21.0	59-115	.513	18-45	.400	14-24	.583	13	57	70	2.9	30	0	35	13	6	9	150	6.3
04	Moultrie,Jared.....	24-0	570 23.8	31-62	.500	12-30	.400	39-47	.830	23	51	74	3.1	43	1	64	29	2	23	113	4.7
15	Lynch,Brian.....	18-0	246 13.7	17-63	.270	8-40	.200	13-15	.867	8	22	30	1.7	29	1	28	25	2	12	55	3.1
03	Knudson,Jeff.....	22-1	245 11.1	15-46	.326	10-36	.278	12-13	.923	10	21	31	1.4	21	0	24	13	1	6	52	2.4
23	Gabelein,Tim.....	15-0	80 5.3	3-8	.375	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	3	10	13	0.9	21	1	3	6	0	2	7	0.5
20	Yuen,Austin.....	9-0	18 2.0	1-4	.250	0-1	.000	3-4	.750	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	1	1	0	0	5	0.6
TEAM.....										20	26	46	1.9	0		2					
Total.....		24	4800	730-1407	.519	204-504	.405	404-526	.768	221	590	811	33.8	425	6	464	304	97	146	2068	86.2
Opponents.....		24	4800	695-1519	.458	193-501	.385	338-495	.683	314	527	841	35.0	453	-	392	317	52	137	1921	80.0

TEAM STATISTICS	SPU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	2068	1921	11/18/05	CAL ST. MONTEREY BAY	W	95-79	573
Points per game.....	86.2	80.0	11/19/05	CAL ST. SAN BERNARDINO	W	85-81	820
Scoring margin.....	+6.1	-	^11/25/05	vs CS Dominguez Hills	W	70-68	82
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	730-1407	695-1519	^11/26/05	at Cal State L.A.	W	73-70	243
Field goal pct.....	.519	.458	12/03/05	HAWAII PACIFIC	W	69-54	827
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	204-504	193-501	12/13/05	at Nevada	L	57-83	6422
3-point FG pct.....	.405	.385	+12/17/05	vs Missouri Southern	W	93-65	130
3-pt FG made per game..	8.5	8.0	+12/18/05	vs Pittsburg State	W	83-77	230
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	404-526	338-495	12/21/05	at Cal Poly Pomona	W	69-66	149
Free throw pct.....	.768	.683	*12/31/05	NORTHWEST NAZARENE	W	124-107	319
REBOUNDS.....	811	841	*01/05/06	at Western Oregon	W	89-74	225
Rebounds per game.....	33.8	35.0	*01/07/06	at Humboldt State	W	97-87	1400
Rebounding margin.....	-1.2	-	*01/12/06	ALASKA ANCHORAGE	W	87-80	409
ASSISTS.....	464	392	*01/14/06	ALASKA FAIRBANKS	W	93-66	765
Assists per game.....	19.3	16.3	*01/19/06	at Central Washington	W	99-91	1894
TURNOVERS.....	304	317	*01/21/06	at Western Washington	L	84-95	2632
Turnovers per game.....	12.7	13.2	*01/26/06	SAINT MARTIN'S	W	88-79	518
Turnover margin.....	+0.5	-	*01/28/06	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY	W	82-73	1654
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.5	1.2	*02/02/06	HUMBOLDT STATE	W	97-92	371
STEALS.....	146	137	*02/04/06	WESTERN OREGON	W	94-79	324
Steals per game.....	6.1	5.7	*02/09/06	at Alaska Fairbanks	W	88-82	853
BLOCKS.....	97	52	*02/11/06	at Alaska Anchorage	L	75-89	1199
Blocks per game.....	4.0	2.2	*02/16/06	WESTERN WASHINGTON	W	90-86	1839
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-	*02/18/06	CENTRAL WASHINGTON	L	87-98	978
Home win streak.....	0	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	9397	15459					
Home games-Avg/Game....	12-783	9-1669					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	3-147					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
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Seattle Pacific.....	976	1092	- 2068
Opponents.....	939	982	- 1921

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	27 vs. Central Washington, 1/17/06	27 vs. Central Washington, 1/17/06
Rebounds	7 vs. Cal State San Bernardino, 11/19/05; Humboldt State, 2/2/06	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	5 vs. Cal Poly Pomona, 12/21/05	5 vs. Cal Poly Pomona, 12/21/05
Steals	5 vs. Saint Martin's, 1/26/06	5 vs. Humboldt State, 2/24/05; Saint Martin's, 1/26/06
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
Steals	5 vs. Saint Martin's, 1/26/06	5 vs. Saint Martin's, 1/26/06
20-Austin Yuen		
Points	2 vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 1/14/06; Western Oregon, 2/4/06	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; Saint Martin's, 1/26/06	11 vs. Hawaii Hilo, 11/26/04
Assists	5 vs. five teams; last Humboldt State, 2/2/06	6 vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 1/22/05
3-pointers	4 vs. Humboldt State, 2/2/06	4 vs. Humboldt State, 2/2/06
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; UA Anchorage, 1/12/06
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; Central Washington, 1/17/06	8 vs. 6 teams; last Central Washington, 1/17/06
Assists	6 vs. Western Oregon, 2/4/06	8 vs. Hillsdale, 11/25/04
3-pointers	8 vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 2/9/06	8 vs. Alaska Fairbanks, 2/9/06
40-Robbie Will		
Points	22 vs. Western Oregon, 2/4/06	22 vs. Western Oregon, 2/4/06
Rebounds	11 vs. Western Washington, 1/19/06	11 vs. Western Washington, 1/19/06
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; Western Washington, 1/19/06	6 vs. Hawaii Pacific, 12/3/05; Western Wash., 1/19/06