



**2006 Division II
Men's Basketball
West Regional
March 10, 11 & 13**

**The Road
to
The Elite Eight**

**Brougham Pavilion
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle, Washington**

MEN'S REGIONAL BACK IN SEATTLE FOR 1ST TIME SINCE '00

SEATTLE (Mar. 5) – For the first time in six years and only the third overall, the NCAA Division II Men's Basketball West Regional is coming to the campus of Seattle Pacific University.

Seattle Pacific University is the top seed and will host the eight-team regional tournament beginning Friday afternoon (Mar. 10) in Brougham Pavilion. All seven games will be played on the Falcons' home court, including the Saturday night (Mar. 11) semifinals and the Monday night (Mar. 13) championship game.

The Falcons (22-5), who were 11-1 at home during the regular season, will face Central Washington (15-12) in the nightcap of the first-round, tentively set for 7:30 p.m.

Games begin at 12:30 Friday. Action starts with No. 3 Chaminade (18-8) vs. Alaska Anchorage (19-11), followed by No. 2 seed Western Washington (21-6) and Humboldt State (17-9) at 2:30. The evening session begins with No. 4 seed Sonoma State (18-8) against Cal State Bakersfield (20-7) at 5:30 p.m.

The Falcons faced Central Washington in the '00 regional championship game in Brougham Pavilion, and also a first-round game in '01. This season SPU split with the Wildcats, with each team winning on the road.

Five of the eight West competitors are from the GNAC. Seattle Pacific swept Humboldt State and went 1-1 with Western Washington and Alaska Anchorage.

In all, 64 teams received Div. II berths nationwide. Winners of the eight regional tournaments will advance to the Elite Eight, Mar. 22, 23 and 25 in Springfield, Massachusetts. The West representative will face the South winner Mar. 22. The NCAA title game will be televised live on CBS Mar. 25.

West Regional tickets will go on sale beginning Monday at 9 a.m. at the SPU Athletics Office (206/281-2085) in the pavilion. Prices are \$12 for reserved seating and \$8 for general admission (\$5 for students and youth). Ticket office hours are 9-4:30 through Thursday, 9-11 a.m. Friday and 9-4:30 Mar. 13. Box office windows open at 11:30 a.m. Friday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. Mar. 13.

Seattle Pacific is hosting a men's regional for the third time, having parlayed the home-court advantage to its only Elite Eight advancements in 1965 and again 2000. The women's regional tournament has been hosted by SPU the past three years.

Seattle Pacific, the Great Northwest Athletic Conference champion, was ranked No. 17 in the latest national coaches poll. Western Washington, the GNAC runner-up, was No. 9.

Quick Facts

Teams (by seed)	<i>Record</i>
1. Seattle Pacific	22-5
2. Western Washington	21-6
3. Chaminade	18-8
4. Sonoma State	18-8
5. Cal State Bakersfield	20-7
6. Alaska Anchorage	19-11
7. Humboldt State	17-9
8. Central Washington	15-12

Tentative Game Schedule

Friday, March 10

12:30 Chaminade v
Alaska Anchorage

2:30 Western Washington v
Humboldt State

5:30 Sonoma State v
Cal State Bakersfield

7:30 Seattle Pacific v
Central Washington

Saturday, March 11

5:00 Semifinal

7:00 Semifinal

Monday, March 13

7:00 Regional Championship
(Winner to Elite Eight, Mar. 22,
23 & 25 in Springfield, Ma.)

Tickets (per session)

Reserved	\$12
General Admission	\$8
Youth/Student G.A.	\$5