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Madness Comes Home: SPU Men Host Regional Binetti's GNAC Top Player, Hironaka Coach Of Year Thrice in a lifetime.

Brougham Pavilion is serving as the launching pad to send the West's best men's basketball team clear across the continent to Massachusetts this week. For just the third time in 41 years, Seattle Pacific University has earned the right to host the West Regional tournament, which begins Friday (Mar. 10). The 17th-ranked Falcons (22-5) face Central Washington (15-12) in the first-round nightcap. All seven tourney games take place on the SPU campus, including the Saturday night (Mar. 11) semifinals and the Monday evening (Mar. 13) championship game. The West winner advances to the Elite Eight and meets the South champion Mar. 22 in Springfield, Mass.

Demolition derby. Few matters have gone according to form out west this season, with Seattle Pacific joining Chaminade and Sonoma State as unlikely conference champions. The Falcons were picked fourth in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference preseason poll but soon emerged as a surprise power and overtook favored Western Washington for the region's top seed in the final week of the regular season. Western is the No. 2 seed and only other nationally-ranked team (No. 9 as of Feb. 28). The Vikings (21-6) meet Humboldt State (17-9) in the first round. Other pairings are Chaminade (18-8) and Alaska Anchorage (19-11) in the opening game and Sonoma State (18-8) versus Cal State Bakersfield (20-7) for the right to face either SPU of Central.

Deja vu all over? This is Seattle Pacific's 17th trip to the NCAA tourney and 10th in the last 13 years, and the only times the Falcons have won the West Regional have come at home (1965, 2000). Oddly enough, SPU took a similar path six years ago. It lost to Central Washington in the final home game, only to retake the region's top spot and play the Wildcats again in the playoffs. SPU prevailed the second time around and eventually advanced to the Final Four.

Core values. He lost his top two scorers and promoted personnel primarily from within. But Coach **Jeff Hironaka** believed all along that team chemistry outweighs star power, and that solid fundamentals and a cast of excellent shooters can trump teams with more raw athletic talent. Hironaka believed, his players worked and the result was the first GNAC title since 2000. Consequently, he was a near-unanimous of peers for coach of the year. The Falcons possess five players averaging more than 10 points and a squad which ranks No. 2 in the nation in field-goal percentage (.524), No. 5 in foul shooting (.772) and ninth in three-point accuracy (.408). They are No. 4 in assists.

Name recognition. Prior to the season, nobody had made an all-conference team, yet success has changed all that. **Tony Binetti** (Sr., 6-1, Enumclaw, Wa.) and **Dustin Bremerman** (Sr., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) not only form the most prolific 1-2 scoring punch in program history, they were both voted first team all-conference. Better yet, Binetti was selected as the GNAC player of the year. The point guard averaged 18.5 points, 5.2 assists and 2.0 steals during the regular season, when he shot 57 percent from the field, 48 percent outside the arc and 84 percent at the line. Bremerman is the team scoring leader (19.2) and ranks sixth nationally in three-point accuracy (.465). Both Bremerman and Binetti have a chance to break the top 10 in season scoring (523), needing five and 24 points. Binetti is 22 assists from cracking the top five in that category.

Wait, there's more. While the backcourt may become the focus of scouting reports, the frontline is both versatile and effective. Center **Robbie Will** (So., 6-10, Seattle, Wa./O'Dea-Bellevue CC), an imposing presence underneath, was

2005-06 MEN'S BASKETBALL

SPU Quick Facts

2005-06 Record--22-5 (GNAC 14-4, 1st)
Coach--Jeff Hironaka
Coach's Career Record-- 72-38 (4th year)

This Week's Schedule

NCAA Division II West Regional
Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.

First Round

Fri., Mar. 10 at 12:30, 2:30, 5:30, 7:30

Chaminade v Alaska Anchorage

Western Washington v Humboldt State

Sonoma State v Cal State Bakersfield

Seattle Pacific v Central Washington

Semifinals • Sat., Mar. 11, 5 and 7 p.m.

Championship • Mon., Mar. 13, 7 p.m.

Last Week's Results

SPU 110, at Northwest Nazarene 86

Streaks & Such

The Falcons have won 16 straight games when shooting at least 50 percent from the field, and have lost their last four when shooting under 50 percent

Stat de jour

SPU has hosted the West Regional twice before, winning each tournament

GNAC Standings

	W	L	W	L
Seattle Pacific	14	4	22	5
Western Washington	13	5	21	6
Humboldt State	11	7	17	9
Alaska Anchorage	10	8	19	11
Alaska Fairbanks	10	8	17	10
Central Washington	10	8	15	12
Seattle University	9	9	16	11
Northwest Nazarene	7	11	12	15
Western Oregon	4	14	9	18
Saint Martin's	2	16	7	20

NCAA National Rankings (2/28)

1. Delta State (Ms.)
 2. Saint Joseph's (In.)
 3. Virginia Union
- also
9. Western Washington
 17. Seattle Pacific

named the GNAC newcomer of the year after leading the league in blocked shots (2.0) and averaging 11.5 points and 6.1 boards. A slashing forward, **Mike Bushmaker** (Sr., 6-7, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) received honorable mention all-conference as the top-scoring sixth man (11.6). Forward **Chad Williams** (Sr., 6-8, Burlington, Wa./Burlington-Whatcom CC) comes into the tournament on a tear, drilling 18 of 28 shots and scoring 46 points in his last three outings.

Offensive behavior. Even the best shooters' legs can get a bit weary at this stage of the season, so one less day of practice and only one game last week may have helped SPU going into the postseason. The Falcons scored 213 points in their last two contests and have made 50 percent or higher from the field 16 times, winning each of those games. They are coming off a season-high 69.5 percent (41-59) display at Northwest Nazarene—a mark which ranks No. 2 all-time. SPU has lost its last four games when shooting under 50 percent. Offensively, Seattle Pacific is averaging 87.3 points, the most in 17 seasons and 13th in the NCAA.

Put-backs. Seattle Pacific is 12-0 when owning a rebounding advantage, 13-0 when having fewer turnovers and 17-1 when leading at halftime...The Falcons have made 10 or more three-pointers 12 times, going 11-1...Will is tied for the No. 5 season block total (54)...Bremerman is now tied for No. 9 in career scoring (1211) with Scott Rolfness. Binetti is 12 points shy of breaking into the top 10...Binetti, the first conference player of the year since Jeff McBroom in '98-99, has scored in double figures in all 27 games...Eight players have NCAA tournament experience from 2005...**Brian Lynch** (Jr., 6-1, Missoula, Mt./Great Falls) hit for 10 points in 15 minutes at NNU...Bushmaker's scoring average is the best by a nonstarter since John Hubbard's 13.7 in '00...Bremerman has scored 30 points or more five times this season, the most in the GNAC...In the last eight games, Binetti has 40 assists and just seven turnovers, and 13 steals in the last five games...Seattle Pacific leads in conference in overall shooting (.524) and is No. 2 in blocked shots (3.85) and field goal percentage defense (.459). Individually, Binetti is No. 4 in three-point accuracy (.482), steals (2.0) and assists (5.2). Bremerman is fifth in three-point percentage (.465) and free throw shooting (.858) and sixth in scoring (19.2). Bushmaker is No. 3 in field-goal percentage (.634)...The Falcons are only 4-4 when outscored in the second half and 4-3 when allowing opponents to shoot 50 percent or higher...Seven times this season SPU has come from at least eight points down to win, including three on the road...In each loss, SPU has made less than 33 percent of its threes, and in the four Div. II losses yielded an average of 93.0 points.

Opponent & series notes. SPU split the season series with Central Washington, with each team winning on the road. The Wildcats recovered from a five-game midseason skid to win six of their last eight...The Falcons also went 1-1 with Western Washington and Alaska Anchorage and swept Humboldt State...Seattle Pacific and Central also met in the 2000 and '01 regionals. Anchorage eliminated SPU from the 1994 first round and Humboldt from the '02 second round. Cal State Bakersfield beat SPU in the '96 regional championship game but the Falcons upset the then-No. 1 Roadrunners in the second round of '98...In the last three West Regionals, the host and top seed has failed to advance past the semifinal round...The longest win streak among the regional teams is three games by Chaminade, Humboldt and Sonoma.

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*	L, 76-90
Feb. 25	at Saint Martin's*	W, 103-79
Mar. 4	at Northwest Nazarene*	W, 110-86
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	19.2
Tony Binetti	18.5
Mike Bushmaker	11.6
Robbie Will	11.5
Chad Williams	10.3

Rebounds

Robbie Will	6.1
Dustin Bremerman	5.3

Assists

Tony Binetti	5.2
Chad Williams	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	.634
Robbie Will	.603

Three-Point Percentage

Tony Binetti	(54-112) .482
Dustin Bremerman	(79-170) .465

Free Throw Percentage

Dustin Bremerman	(97-113) .858
Tony Binetti	(105-125) .840

Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	87.3	34.1	.524	.772	.408
Opp.	80.6	34.6	.459	.694	.377

The Automated ScoreBook
 SPU Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 04, 2006)
 All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(22-5)	(11-1)	(8-4)	(3-0)
CONFERENCE.....	(14-4)	(8-1)	(6-3)	(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...	27-27	839 31.1	171-322	.531	79-170	.465	97-113	.858	44	99	143	5.3	48	0	69	51	8	23	518	19.2
11	Binetti,Tony.....	27-27	850 31.5	170-296	.574	54-112	.482	105-125	.840	14	69	83	3.1	73	1	140	57	9	53	499	18.5
13	Bushmaker, Mike....	27-2	591 21.9	123-194	.634	7-18	.389	59-80	.738	26	66	92	3.4	66	1	39	45	14	16	312	11.6
40	Will,Robbie.....	27-25	587 21.7	126-209	.603	0-1	.000	59-99	.596	50	116	166	6.1	71	1	34	35	54	9	311	11.5
22	Williams,Chad.....	27-27	677 25.1	100-235	.426	38-103	.369	39-48	.813	32	101	133	4.9	55	3	72	51	8	8	277	10.3
30	Matzen,Drew.....	27-26	580 21.5	69-132	.523	24-56	.429	17-29	.586	14	66	80	3.0	36	0	44	18	6	12	179	6.6
04	Moultrie,Jared.....	27-0	628 23.3	34-71	.479	12-31	.387	46-55	.836	29	59	88	3.3	53	1	69	36	2	26	126	4.7
15	Lynch,Brian.....	21-0	278 13.2	20-69	.290	10-44	.227	17-19	.895	8	25	33	1.6	32	1	32	27	2	12	67	3.2
03	Knudson,Jeff.....	25-1	254 10.2	15-49	.306	10-38	.263	12-13	.923	10	22	32	1.3	21	0	24	14	1	6	52	2.1
23	Gabelein,Tim.....	17-0	94 5.5	4-10	.400	0-0	.000	1-4	.250	3	13	16	0.9	24	1	3	6	0	6	9	0.5
20	Yuen,Austin.....	11-0	22 2.0	2-5	.400	0-1	.000	3-4	.750	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	1	2	0	0	7	0.6
TEAM.....										23	31	54	2.0	0		2					
Total.....		27	5400	834-1592	.524	234-574	.408	455-589	.772	253	667	920	34.1	481	9	527	344	104	171	2357	87.3
Opponents.....		27	5400	785-1712	.459	213-565	.377	393-566	.694	352	581	933	34.6	503	-	441	351	58	168	2176	80.6

TEAM STATISTICS	SPU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	2357	2176	11/18/05	CAL ST. MONTEREY BAY	W	95-79	573
Points per game.....	87.3	80.6	11/19/05	CAL ST. SAN BERNARDINO	W	85-81	820
Scoring margin.....	+6.7	-	^11/25/05	vs CS Dominguez Hills	W	70-68	82
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	834-1592	785-1712	^11/26/05	at Cal State L.A.	W	73-70	243
Field goal pct.....	.524	.459	12/03/05	HAWAII PACIFIC	W	69-54	827
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	234-574	213-565	12/13/05	at Nevada	L	57-83	6422
3-point FG pct.....	.408	.377	+12/17/05	vs Missouri Southern	W	93-65	130
3-pt FG made per game..	8.7	7.9	+12/18/05	vs Pittsburg State	W	83-77	230
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	455-589	393-566	12/21/05	at Cal Poly Pomona	W	69-66	149
Free throw pct.....	.772	.694	*12/31/05	NORTHWEST NAZARENE	W	124-107	319
REBOUNDS.....	920	933	*01/05/06	at Western Oregon	W	89-74	225
Rebounds per game.....	34.1	34.6	*01/07/06	at Humboldt State	W	97-87	1400
Rebounding margin.....	-0.5	-	*01/12/06	ALASKA ANCHORAGE	W	87-80	409
ASSISTS.....	527	441	*01/14/06	ALASKA FAIRBANKS	W	93-66	765
Assists per game.....	19.5	16.3	*01/19/06	at Central Washington	W	99-91	1894
TURNOVERS.....	344	351	*01/21/06	at Western Washington	L	84-95	2632
Turnovers per game.....	12.7	13.0	*01/26/06	SAINT MARTIN'S	W	88-79	518
Turnover margin.....	+0.3	-	*01/28/06	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY	W	82-73	1654
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.5	1.3	*02/02/06	HUMBOLDT STATE	W	97-92	371
STEALS.....	171	168	*02/04/06	WESTERN OREGON	W	94-79	324
Steals per game.....	6.3	6.2	*02/09/06	at Alaska Fairbanks	W	88-82	853
BLOCKS.....	104	58	*02/11/06	at Alaska Anchorage	L	75-89	1199
Blocks per game.....	3.9	2.1	*02/16/06	WESTERN WASHINGTON	W	90-86	1839
WINNING STREAK.....	2	-	*02/18/06	CENTRAL WASHINGTON	L	87-98	978
Home win streak.....	0	-	*02/23/06	at Seattle University	L	76-90	787
ATTENDANCE.....	9397	17700	*02/25/06	at Saint Martin's	W	103-79	393
Home games-Avg/Game....	12-783	12-1438	*3-4-06	at Northwest Nazarene	W	110-86	1061
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	3-147					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
SPU.....	1099	1258	- 2357
Opponents.....	1055	1121	- 2176

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. 3 teams; last Saint Martin's, 2/25/06	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; Northwest Nazarene, 3/4/06	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. six teams; last Northwest Nazarene, 3/4/06	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	6 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 3/4/06	6 vs. Northwest Nazarene, 3/4/06
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	16 vs. Saint Martin's, 2/25/06	16 vs. Saint Martin's, 2/25/06
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