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Men's Soccer: A Big Weekend Ahead Falcons Go for GNAC Title, Await NCAA Tournament Fate

Crunch time. Going into the final game of the men's soccer regular season, Seattle Pacific University has virtually everything to play for. Bragging rights, a Great Northwest Athletic Conference championship and, most of all, an NCAA Division II tournament berth could all be secured when the 8th-ranked Falcons (12-5-0) visit Seattle University (9-7-0) Saturday afternoon (Oct. 28). Kickoff is 2 o'clock. Playoff berths will be announced Monday (Oct. 30) and first round games are Nov. 2.

Seeding at stake. SPU started this final week as the No. 1 team in the Far West Region and the frontrunner to host the tournament. Yet a loss at No. 19 Incarnate Word could prove costly. Sonoma State and Cal State Dominguez Hills are in hot pursuit of the top seed, and the two teams meet in the opening round of the CCAA tournament Friday in La Jolla, Ca. Cal State L.A., Humboldt State, Grand Canyon and Seattle U. round out the top seven in the region. The top four teams in will receive tournament invitations. The Falcons are seeking to host a postseason game for the first time since 1999. They have qualified for the playoffs a Div. II record 28 times, winning NCAA titles in 1978, '83, '85, '86 and '93.

A point away. Seattle Pacific has clinched no worse than a tie for the GNAC title, its first since 2000. A draw or win against the two-time defending champion Redhawks would claim the crown outright. Last week SPU beat Western Washington 3-1 in its final home game. The Vikings host SU Wednesday night.

A change could do some good. Ever since Seattle U. opened its new home field, the Falcons have found it tough to go across town for wins. The Redhawks have won the last seven meetings at Championship Field, going back to 1997. The last five have been decided by one goal, including two in overtime. Prior to this season the facility was renovated, with covered seats added along the east sideline.

Bumps in the road. Coach **Cliff McCrath** would love for his squad to recapture the magic exhibited to start the month, when a win streak reached seven games. Then came a trip to Phoenix and a car crash which resulted in two injured players and the cancellation of one game. Since then, Seattle Pacific has lost three of five, although all by one goal and two defeats were at the hands of postseason contenders on the road. During this stretch, Falcons have started strong but have been outscored 7-4 in the second half and overtime.

Back on track. The two players who missed games following the accident are now back in the fold. Forward **James Coggan** (Jr., San Jose, Ca./Valley Christian) returned to form against Western, scoring what proved to be the game-winner on a 22-yard free kick for his sixth goal. That goal, a near-miss on another free kick and generally effective attacking play earned Coggan the GNAC player of the week award. Midfielder **Michael Morris** (Sr., Bothell, Wa./Blanchet) has yet to start a game since the accident, but did come off the bench for about 40 minutes at Incarnate Word.

Close calls. It's a low-scoring sport, so close games are inevitable, and Seattle Pacific has been involved in plenty of them this season. Seven of the games have been decided by one

2006 MEN'S SOCCER

SPU Quick Facts

2006 Record– 12-5-0 (3-0-0 GNAC)
 Coach– Cliff McCrath, 37th year
 Coach's SPU Record– 504-182-80
 Coach's Career Record– 589-224-88

This Week's Games

Sat., Oct. 28, 2 p.m.
 SPU at Seattle University
 Championship Field, Seattle, Wa.

Last Week's Results

at SPU 3, Western Washington 1
 at Incarnate Word 1, SPU 0

Streaks & Such

Seattle Pacific has not lost two consecutive games since the 2003 season

Stat de jour

The Falcons are seeking their first conference title since 2000

National Rankings

1. Dowling (NY)
 2. Carson-Newman (Tn.)
- also
8. Seattle Pacific
 16. Sonoma State
 22. Cal State Dominguez Hills

Far West Regional Rankings (NCAA)

1. Seattle Pacific
3. Cal State Dominguez Hills
2. Sonoma State
4. Cal State L.A.
5. Humboldt State
6. Grand Canyon

GNAC Standings

	Conf.			Season		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Seattle Pacific	3	0	0	12	5	0
Seattle Univ.	1	1	0	9	7	0
Western Wash.	0	3	0	2	16	1

goal. The key to getting some breathing room is scoring first. When the Falcons do, they are 9-1-0 and the average margin in those games is 2.4 goals. In their last two wins, they hit the net within the game's first 25 minutes. At Incarnate Word, SPU was the clear aggressor for the first half (9-4 in shots), yet had nothing to show for it. It was the first time the attack had been held scoreless in 15 games.

Opponent/series notes. Seattle Pacific won the first meeting with Seattle University 2-1 on Oct. 14 on the strength of two early goals. **Colin Rigby** (Sr., Mercer Island, Wa.) headed in a goal after just 38 seconds and he assisted on a score by **Andy Willis** (Sr., Gig Harbor, Wa./Gig Harbor) in the 18th minute. The Redhawks have gone on to lose four in a row, severely damaging their postseason chances. SPU leads the series 36-18-9 and has won the last two installments.

Throw-ins. The Falcons have been quick to recoil from any setbacks, avoiding back-to-back losses since 2003. Following the Simon Fraser defeat, **Justin Abel** (Jr., Snohomish, Wa./Snohomish) gave the team the needed lift with a 25-yard shot to opening the scoring versus Western. Rigby was credited with an assist, extending his string to five games with either a goal or assist...Reminiscent of last season, **Jeff Hallenbeck** (Jr., Redmond, Wa./Inglemoor) has been more productive during the second half of the season. Hallenbeck's goal against the Vikings was his fourth in seven games...SPU has outscored opponents 19-6 in the first half. ...Sweeper **Matt Kemper** (Jr., Colorado Springs, Co./Palmer) has now started 57 consecutive games. The others to start all 17 games this season are **David Reuhl** (Sr., Bothell, Wa./Bothell-Bellevue CC), Hallenbeck, **Kellen Rosten** (Jr., Colorado Springs, Co./Doherty) and Abel...Rigby and Coggan are tied for No. 3 in total points in the conference. Coggan and **Brandon Crutchfield** (Fr., Snohomish, Wa.) are tied for No. 3 in GNAC assists (5). Rosten is No. 1 in shutouts (5) and GAA (1.05).

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

Coaching staff. Cliff McCrath is the Division II leader in career coaching victories. In 2002 he surpassed San Francisco's retired Steve Negroesco to briefly become collegiate soccer's leader for all divisions. McCrath has led SPU to a record 28 NCAA playoff appearances, including berths in 18 of the last 22 years, and five national titles (1978, '83, '85, '86 and '93).

2006 Men's Soccer Roster

No	Name	Pos	Hgt	Yr	Exp	Hometown (High School/Last College)
0	Kellen Rosten	G	6-0	Jr	2V	Colorado Springs, Co. (Doherty)
1	Andy Willis	F	6-0	Sr	3V	Gig Harbor, Wa. (Gig Harbor)
2	Drew Macha	D	6-1	Jr	2V	Eugene, Or. (Marist)
3	Colin Rigby	F	6-2	Sr	1V	Mercer Island, Wa. (Mercer Is./Denver)
4	Jono Henness	D	5-10	So	1V	Casa Grande, Az. (Casa Grande Union)
5	Matt Kemper	D/M	6-1	Jr	2V	Colorado Springs, Co. (Palmer)
6	James Coggan	F/M	5-11	Jr	2V	San Jose, Ca. (Valley Christian)
7	Michael Morris	M	5-8	Sr	3V	Bothell, Wa. (Blanchet)
8	Ben Pliskin	D	6-1	So	1V	Corvallis, Or. (Crescent Valley)
9	Alec Nelson	M	5-11	Fr	HS	Lynnwood, Wa. (Meadowdale)
10	Jeff Hallenbeck	M/F	5-8	Jr	2V	Redmond, Wa. (Inglemoor)
11	Colin Kosco	D	5-11	So	1V	Edmonds, Wa. (Meadowdale)
12	Justin Abel	M	5-11	Jr	TR	Snohomish, Wa. (Snohomish/St. John's)
13	Brandon Crutchfield	M/F	5-10	Fr	HS	Snohomish, Wa. (Snohomish)
14	Daniel Carpenter	M	6-0	So	1V	Santa Cruz, Ca. (Harbor)
16	Steve Spencer	F/M	5-9	Sr	1V	Scottsdale, Az. (Chaparral/Paradise Valley CC)
17	David Reuhl	D/M	6-0	Sr	1V	Bothell, Wa. (Bothell/Bellevue CC)
18	Josh Burnside	M/D	6-2	Fr	HS	Black Diamond, Wa. (Kennedy)
19	David Addison	G	5-11	Fr	HS	Mercer Island, Wa. (Mercer Island)
20	Ben Lovelace	G	5-10	So	1V	Cupertino, Ca. (Monta Vista)
21	Jordan Dettmer	G	5-11	Fr	HS	Snohomish, Wa. (Snohomish)
24	Cory Sinsler	M	6-0	Fr	HS	Bellevue, Wa. (Eastside Catholic)
25	Michael Thompson	G	5-10	Fr	HS	Centennial, Co. (Grandview)
29	Nate Elmenhurst	M	5-11	Jr	2V	Bothell, Wa. (Woodinville)

Head Coach: C. Cliff McCrath

Assistant Coaches: Mark Collings, Mark Metzger, Sergio Soriano

2006 Season Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Res.
Aug. 26	CHICO STATE	W, 3-0
Aug. 29	CAL ST. DOMINGUEZ HILLS	L, 0-2
Sept. 2	Cal State L.A. (Rohnert Park, Ca.)	W, 2-0
Sept. 4	at Sonoma State	W, 3-0
Sept. 6	at San Francisco State	L, 1-3
Sept. 8	at Cal State Stanislaus	W, 1-0
Sept. 12	at Cal State Monterey Bay	W, 3-1
Sept. 16	at Western Washington*	W, 4-1
Sept. 22	GRAND CANYON	W, 4-3ot
Sept. 25	NOTRE DAME de NAMUR	W, 2-1ot
Sept. 29	REGIS	W, 2-0
Oct. 5	at UC Colorado Springs	W, 4-0
Oct. 7	Hawaii Pacific (Phoenix)	canc.
Oct. 10	at Grand Canyon	L, 2-3ot
Oct. 14	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY*	W, 2-1
Oct. 16	SIMON FRASER	L, 1-2
Oct. 20	WESTERN WASHINGTON*	W, 3-1
Oct. 24	at Incarnate Word	L, 0-1
Oct. 28	at Seattle University*	2:00
Nov. 2	NCAA First Round Games	
Nov. 4	NCAA Regional Finals	
Nov. 11	NCAA Quarterfinals	
Nov. 16	NCAA Semifinals (Pensacola, Fl.)	
Nov. 18	NCAA Championship (Pensacola, Fl.)	

*Great Northwest Athletic Conference games
All times are Pacific

2006 Statistical Leaders

Goals

Colin Rigby	7
James Coggan	6
Andy Willis	5
Jeff Hallenbeck	4
Michael Morris	4

Assists

James Coggan	5
Brandon Crutchfield	5
Jeff Hallenbeck	3
Josh Burnside	3
Colin Rigby	3

Points

Colin Rigby	17
James Coggan	17
Jeff Hallenbeck	13
Andy Willis	12
Michael Morris	10

Goals Against Average

Kellen Rosten	1.05
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Team	Gls	Shots	1st	2nd	OT
SPU	37	241	19	16	2
Opp.	19	201	6	12	1

The Automated ScoreBook For Soccer
 Seattle Pacific Game Results (as of Oct 24, 2006)
 All games

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	Conf	Attend	Goals scored
Aug 26, 2006	CHICO STATE	W 3-0	1- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	210	Kemper, Matt (unassisted) Morris, Michael (unassisted) Spencer, Steve (Burnside, Josh)
Aug 29, 2006	#5 CS DOMINGUEZ HILLS	0-2 L	1- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	155	-
Sep 02, 2006	vs Cal State LA	W 2-0	2- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	106	Willis, Andy (Hallenbeck, Jeff) Morris, Michael (Coggan, James; Crutchfield, Brandon)
Sep 04, 2006	at #17 Sonoma State	W 3-0	3- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	579	Rigby, Colin (Coggan, James) Abel, Justin (Morris, Michael) Coggan, James (unassisted)
Sep 06, 2006	at San Francisco State	1-3 L	3- 2- 0	0- 0- 0	225	Abel, Justin (Crutchfield, Brandon)
Sep 08, 2006	at Cal State Stanislaus	W 1-0	4- 2- 0	0- 0- 0	512	Nelson, Alec (Hallenbeck, Jeff)
Sep 12, 2006	at Cal St. Monterey Bay	W 3-1	5- 2- 0	0- 0- 0	100	Coggan, James (Spencer, Steve) Hallenbeck, Jeff (unassisted) Willis, Andy (Coggan, James)
* 9/16/06	at Western Washington	W 4-1	6- 2- 0	1- 0- 0	287	Morris, Michael (Coggan, James) Willis, Andy (Reuhl, David) Nelson, Alec (unassisted) Rigby, Colin (unassisted)
Sep 22, 2006	GRAND CANYON	W 4-3	02 7- 2- 0	1- 0- 0	315	Crutchfield, Brandon (unassisted) Willis, Andy (Nelson, Alec) Kemper, Matt (Coggan, James; Morris, Michael) Rigby, Colin (Dettmer, Jordan; Burnside, Josh)
Sep 25, 2006	NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR	W 2-1	02 8- 2- 0	1- 0- 0	190	Hallenbeck, Jeff (Rigby, Colin; Crutchfield, Brandon) Morris, Michael (penalty kick)
Sep 29, 2006	REGIS	W 2-0	9- 2- 0	1- 0- 0	265	Coggan, James (Willis, Andy) Coggan, James (Burnside, Josh; Hallenbeck, Jeff)
Oct 05, 2006	at UC-Colorado Springs	W 4-0	10- 2- 0	1- 0- 0	240	Rigby, Colin (unassisted) Hallenbeck, Jeff (Kemper, Matt) Coggan, James (Crutchfield, Brandon) Macha, Drew (unassisted)
Oct 10, 2006	at Grand Canyon	2-3 L OT	10- 3- 0	1- 0- 0	45	Rigby, Colin (Nelson, Alec) Hallenbeck, Jeff (Willis, Andy)
* Oct 14, 2006	#15 SEATTLE UNIVERSITY	W 2-1	11- 3- 0	2- 0- 0	775	Rigby, Colin (Crutchfield, Brandon) Willis, Andy (Rigby, Colin)
Oct 16, 2006	SIMON FRASER	1-2 L	11- 4- 0	2- 0- 0	123	Rigby, Colin (Carpenter, Daniel; Dettmer, Jordan)
* Oct 20, 2006	WESTERN WASHINGTON	W 3-1	12- 4- 0	3- 0- 0	319	Abel, Justin (Rigby, Colin) Coggan, James (unassisted) Hallenbeck, Jeff (unassisted)
Oct 24, 2006	at UIWM	0-1 L	12- 5- 0	3- 0- 0	123	-

TEAM RECORD	W-L-T	ATTEND	Dates	Total	Average
Overall:	12- 5- 0	Total:	17	4569	269
Conference:	3- 0- 0	Home:	8	2352	294
Home:	6- 2- 0	Away:	8	2111	264
Away:	5- 3- 0	Neutral:	1	106	106
Neutral:	1- 0- 0				
Overtime:	2- 1- 0				