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Can't Lose: SPU Men Tangle With D-Is 3 Starters Back From Final Four; Falcons 5th in Nation Poll

Sudden impact. There will be no waiting around and certainly no pushovers on the Seattle Pacific University men's basketball preseason schedule. In a test by fire, the Falcons will face a steady diet of Division I opposition, playing on three consecutive nights, Nov. 10-12, at the Shamrock Invitational in Moraga, Ca.. SPU meets host Saint Mary's in the nightcap on Friday (Nov. 10). Murray State and San Diego State—both coming off NCAA tournament appearances—await on Saturday and Sunday, respectively. Regular season play opens at home Nov. 17-18 with the Sodexho Tip-Off Classic.

They count, sort of. Undoubtedly, this is the most demanding preseason schedule. All three games this weekend are merely exhibitions for Seattle Pacific yet a quirk in the NCAA guidelines allows them to count for the Div. I teams. That will obviously intensify the games' atmosphere. In the past, the Falcons have proven competitive for big time programs, and have played Nevada (twice), New Mexico, BYU and Washington in both counting and non-counting contests the last two years. Of the five games (all on the road), four were decided by fewer than 20 points.

No sneaking. A year ago, Seattle Pacific started the season unranked and picked to take fourth in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. By the end of March, it was champion of the conference, the West Region and within five points of playing for a national championship at 26-6. This time around, Coach **Jeff Hironaka** has his team ranked No. 5 in a Division II preseason poll and one of the top contenders in the GNAC. The Falcons were picked second to Central Washington by the coaches, and received two first-place votes.

Cornerstones in place. A solid cast of returnees allows for plenty of continuity this season. Hironaka has three starters back in the fold, including first team all-region selection **Dustin Bremerman** (Sr., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) and the regional tournament's MVP, center **Robbie Will** (Jr., 6-10, Seattle, Wa./O'Dea). Along with starting wing **Drew Matzen** (Sr., 6-4, Bothell, Wa./Lynnwood) and **Jared Moultrie** (Sr., 6-2, West Point, Ut./Clearfield/Salt Lake CC), last year's No. 3 guard and backup at the point, they provide an experienced and talented nucleus for another run at an NCAA title.

New ingredients. Five seniors graduated, among them two starters. The most noticeable vacancy is at point guard, where Tony Binetti started for three seasons and finished as an All-American. Hironaka may elect to replace Binetti with a committee headed by Moultrie and **Brian Lynch** (Sr., 6-1, Missoula, Mt./Great Falls). It could also get competitive, because both **Brandon Larrieu** (Fr., 5-10, Puyallup, Wa./Franklin Pierce) and **Marques Echols** (Jr., 6-2, Seattle, Wa./Garfield-Peninsula) possess significant potential once they pick up the offense. Redshirt freshman **Adam Wardell** (Fr., 6-2, Sedro Woolley, Wa.) is already acquainted with the system, which features portions of the Princeton offense. In the front-court, transfers **JoJay Jackson** (Jr., 6-5, Fairfield, Ca. /Vallejo-Solano JC), **Filip Popovic** (Jr., 6-7, Montenegro, Serbia/Skyline CC) and **Casey Reed** (So., 6-5, Canby, Or./Canby-Navy) join redshirt **Rob Diederichs** (Fr., 6-8, Shoreline, Wa./Shorewood). Hironaka has stated that this is the deepest squad in his five seasons. That depth, plus more athleticism, will allow for more pressuring defensive tactics.

2006-07 MEN'S BASKETBALL

SPU Quick Facts

2006-07 Record— 26-6 (14-4 GNAC)
Coach—Jeff Hironaka, 5th year
Coach's SPU Record— 76-39

This Week's Games

Fri.-Sun., Nov. 10-12
Shamrock Invitational
McKeon Pavilion, Moraga, Ca.

Fri., Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m.
SPU at Saint Mary's

Sat., Nov. 11, 5 p.m.
SPU v Murray State

Sun., Nov. 11, 5 p.m.
SPU v San Diego State

Streaks & Such

The Falcons have at least 48 percent from the field each of the last seven seasons

Stat de jour

Dustin Bremerman enters his final season ranked No. 9 in career scoring

NCAA Preseason Rankings

1. Winona State (Mn.)
 2. Montevallo (Al.)
 3. Tarleton State (Tx.)
- also*
5. Seattle Pacific
 15. Sonoma State

GNAC Preseason Poll

1. Central Washington
2. Seattle Pacific
3. Alaska Anchorage
4. Seattle University
5. Western Washington
6. Saint Martin's
7. Alaska Fairbanks
8. Northwest Nazarene
9. Western Oregon

Opportunities arise. Bremerman (18.2) and Binetti (18.4) formed the high-scoring tandem in program history last season and, ideally, Hironaka will find another complimentary offensive option rather than make Bremerman the focal point. Bremerman begins his final season ranked No. 9 career scoring, with the potential to finish No. 2. Will developed into a force down the stretch, with 54 points, 28 rebounds and nine blocks in the three-game regional tournament. Of the newcomers, Jackson is considered the most prolific, averaging 19.3 points as a sophomore. Last season five players averaged 9.9 points or higher and the team came within five assists of record and shot 52.0 percent to rank second in the nation. The Falcons were also among the national leaders in free throw accuracy (8th/.767), three-point shooting (11th/.403) and scoring offense (16th/85.8).

It's a living. Binetti is playing professionally in Italy for Ignis Castelletto Ticino of the second division. He had finished last season with first division runners-up ClimaMio Bologna...Former center Eric Sandrin (2000-02) has signed with CAB Madeira Funchal, a first Division team in Portugal. Younger brother Daniel Sandrin (2000-03) plays in South Korea...Ralph Steele (2003-05) is a member of the new local International Basketball League franchise, the Everett Explosion.

Put-backs. Ten of the program's 17 20-win seasons have come with Hironaka on the coaching staff...The first six regular season games are important in-region contests versus teams from the CCAA and Pacific West. GNAC play begins Jan. 4... Central Washington is the GNAC favorite, followed closely by SPU and Alaska Anchorage...The Falcons serve as host to three tournaments, including a post-Thanksgiving classic in Las Vegas, Nov. 24-25. They will return to Vegas for another tourney, the High Desert Classic, Dec. 15-16 ...Bremerman finished 18th in NCAA three-point accuracy and 24th from the foul line...Last season SPU was 14-0 when owning a rebounding advantage, 14-0 when having fewer turnovers and 20-0 when leading at halftime...The Falcons made 10 or more three-pointers 12 times, going 11-1...SPU has shot 48 percent or higher from the field each of the last seven seasons...A native of Serbia, Popovic is the program's first foreign-born player since Dutchman Eric van der Veen in 1994-95...Seattle Pacific's preseason ranking by The Division II Bulletin was the highest ever, surpassing 16th in in 2000-01...Reed and Echols were summertime transfers. Reed played 27 games, starting three, for Navy last season. Echols averaged 17.5 points and 4.8 assists at Peninsula Community College in 2003-04...**Austin Yuen** (Sr., 5-8, Mercer Island, Wa.) will miss the first half of the season while recovering from knee surgery. Yuen saw action in 12 games a year ago.

Opponent & series notes. Saint Mary's finished 17-12 last season and returns four starters. The Gaels have split six previous meetings, the last in 1985-86...Murray State won the Ohio Valley Conference before falling to North Carolina in the first round of the NCAA tournament. The Falcons are facing the Racers for the first time...San Diego State is coming off a Mountain West title and lost to Indiana in the NCAA tourney. The Aztecs lost to SPU in the only other meeting, in 1964-65...Seattle Pacific last defeated a Div. I program, exhibition or otherwise, in 1986-87 (Eastern Washington).

2006-07 Men's Basketball Roster

No	Name	Pos	Hgt	Yr	Exp	Hometown (High School/Last College)
1	Marques Echols	G	6-2	Jr	TR	Seattle, Wa. (Garfield/Peninsula CC)
3	Adam Wardell	G	6-2	Fr	RS	Sedro Woolley, Wa. (Sedro Woolley)
4	Jared Moultrie ✓	G	6-2	Sr	1V	West Point, Ut. (Clearfield/Salt Lk CC)
20	Austin Yuen	G	5-8	Sr	3V	Mercer Island, Wa. (Mercer Island)
21	Casey Reed	F	6-5	So	TR	Canby, Or. (Canby/Navy)
22	Brandon Larrieu	G	5-10	Fr	HS	Puyallup, Wa. (Franklin Pierce)
23	Filip Popovic	C	6-7	Jr	TR	Montenegro, Serbia (Skyline CC)
30	Drew Matzen ✓	F	6-4	Sr	3V	Bothell, Wa. (Lynnwood)
32	Dustin Bremerman ✓	F/G	6-4	Sr	3V	Yakima, Wa. (Eisenhower)
33	Rob Diederichs	F	6-8	Fr	RS	Shoreline, Wa. (Shorewood)
34	JoJay Jackson ✓	F	6-5	Jr	TR	Fairfield, Ca. (Vallejo/Solano JC)
40	Robbie Will ✓	C	6-10	Jr	1V	Seattle, Wa. (O'Dea/Bellevue CC)
44	Brian Lynch	G	6-1	RS	1V	Missoula, Mt. (Great Falls/Montana)
	Matthew Johnson	G	6-2	Fr	HS	Fontana, Ca. (Eastmont)
	Kahlil Mathews	G	6-2	Fr	HS	Seattle, Wa. (Mercer Is./Air Force)

Head Coach: Jeff Hironaka

Assistant Coaches: Brock Veltri, George Parker, Scott Reid

Graduate Assistant: Adam Swinyard

✓ Projected starters

2006-07 Season Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Res.
Nov. 10-12	Shamrock Invitational (Moraga, Ca.)	
Nov. 10	at Saint Mary's	7:30
Nov. 11	Murray State	5:00
Nov. 12	San Diego State	5:00
Nov. 17-18	SODEXHO TIP-OFF CLASSIC	
Nov. 17	CAL STATE L.A.	7:00
Nov. 18	CAL POLY POMONA	7:00
Nov. 24-25	Falcon Thanksgiving Classic (Las Vegas, Nv.)	
Nov. 24	UC San Diego	4:00
Nov. 25	Cal St. Dominguez Hills	4:00
Dec. 2	BYU HAWAII	7:00
Dec. 12	at Cal State San Bernardino	7:00
Dec. 15-16	High Desert Classic (Las Vegas, Nv.)	
Dec. 15	SPU v Central Missouri	5:00
Dec. 16	SPU v Rollins	3:00
Dec. 20	at Dixie State	6:00
Dec. 29-30	OAK HARBOR FREIGHT LINES CLASSIC	
Dec. 29	CHEYNEY	7:00
Dec. 30	DIXIE STATE	7:00
Jan. 4	at Alaska Anchorage*	8:00
Jan. 6	at Alaska Fairbanks*	8:00
Jan. 11	WESTERN OREGON*	7:00
Jan. 13	WESTERN WASHINGTON*	7:00
Jan. 18	at Northwest Nazarene*	6:00
Jan. 20	at Seattle University*	7:30
Jan. 25	SAINT MARTIN'S*	7:00
Jan. 27	at Central Washington*	7:00
Feb. 1	NORTHWEST NAZARENE*	7:30
Feb. 3	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY*	3:30
Feb. 8	CENTRAL WASHINGTON*	7:00
Feb. 10	at Western Oregon*	7:00
Feb. 17	at Saint Martin's*	7:00
Feb. 22	ALASKA FAIRBANKS*	7:30
Feb. 24	ALASKA ANCHORAGE*	7:00
Mar. 1	at Western Washington*	7:00

*Great Northwest Athletic Conference games
All times are Pacific

2005-06 Season Leaders

Scoring

Tony Binetti	18.2
Dustin Bremerman ✓	18.0
Robbie Will ✓	12.0
Mike Bushmaker	11.6
Chad Williams	9.9

Rebounds

Robbie Will ✓	6.4
Dustin Bremerman ✓	5.2

Assists

Tony Binetti	5.1
Dustin Bremerman ✓	2.7
Jared Moultrie ✓	2.7

Steals

Tony Binetti	1.8
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Blocked Shots

Robbie Will ✓	2.0
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Field Goal Percentage

Mike Bushmaker	.641
Robbie Will ✓	.614

Three-Point Percentage

Tony Binetti	(64-135) .474
Dustin Bremerman ✓	(88-203) .433

Free Throw Percentage

Dustin Bremerman ✓	(109-127) .858
Tony Binetti	(135-159) .849

✓ returns

The Automated ScoreBook
 Seattle Pacific Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 29, 2006)
 All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(26-6)	(14-1)	(8-4)	(4-1)
CONFERENCE.....	(14-4)	(8-1)	(6-3)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(12-2)	(6-0)	(2-1)	(4-1)

## Player	GP-GS	Min--Avg	---TOTAL---		---3-PTS---		---REBOUNDS---				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg		
			FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def									Tot	Avg
11 Binetti, Tony.....	32-32	1003 31.3	192-344	.558	64-135	.474	135-159	.849	15	83	98	3.1	88	1	162	68	9	59	583	18.2
32 Bremerman, Dustin...	32-32	1003 31.3	189-370	.511	88-203	.433	109-127	.858	51	114	165	5.2	58	0	86	64	10	27	575	18.0
40 Will, Robbie.....	32-30	704 22.0	154-251	.614	0-1	.000	75-121	.620	61	143	204	6.4	88	2	41	45	63	9	383	12.0
13 Bushmaker, Mike.....	32-2	704 22.0	148-231	.641	11-25	.440	65-96	.677	31	78	109	3.4	77	1	47	49	16	16	372	11.6
22 Williams, Chad.....	32-32	792 24.8	113-266	.425	43-113	.381	48-58	.828	34	112	146	4.6	65	3	77	61	8	8	317	9.9
30 Matzen, Drew.....	32-31	722 22.6	85-166	.512	32-78	.410	21-36	.583	19	89	108	3.4	42	0	50	19	7	16	223	7.0
04 Moultrie, Jared.....	32-0	756 23.6	38-84	.452	14-35	.400	57-69	.826	33	70	103	3.2	60	1	86	43	2	36	147	4.6
15 Lynch, Brian.....	26-0	315 12.1	24-78	.308	11-49	.224	17-20	.850	11	29	40	1.5	35	1	34	29	3	14	76	2.9
03 Knudson, Jeff.....	29-1	271 9.3	16-51	.314	11-40	.275	12-13	.923	10	23	33	1.1	21	0	24	14	1	6	55	1.9
23 Gabelein, Tim.....	19-0	108 5.7	4-10	.400	0-0	.000	1-5	.200	4	13	17	0.9	26	1	3	7	1	6	9	0.5
20 Yuen, Austin.....	12-0	22 1.8	2-5	.400	0-1	.000	3-4	.750	0	0	0	0.0	2	0	1	2	0	0	7	0.6
TEAM.....									26	36	62	1.9	0		2					
Total.....	32	6400	965-1856	.520	274-680	.403	543-708	.767	295	790	1085	33.9	562	10	611	403	120	197	2747	85.8
Opponents.....	32	6400	918-2015	.456	246-654	.376	455-654	.696	413	695	1108	34.6	604	-	499	408	63	198	2537	79.3

TEAM STATISTICS	SPU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND	
SCORING.....	2747	2537	11/18/05	CAL ST. MONTEREY BAY	W	95-79	573	
Points per game.....	85.8	79.3	11/19/05	CAL ST. SAN BERNARDINO	W	85-81	820	
Scoring margin.....	+6.6	-	^11/25/05	vs CS Dominguez Hills	W	70-68	82	
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	965-1856	918-2015	^11/26/05	at Cal State L.A.	W	73-70	243	
Field goal pct.....	.520	.456	12/03/05	HAWAII PACIFIC	W	69-54	827	
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	274-680	246-654	12/13/05	at Nevada	L	57-83	6422	
3-point FG pct.....	.403	.376	+12/17/05	vs Missouri Southern	W	93-65	130	
3-pt FG made per game..	8.6	7.7	+12/18/05	vs Pittsburg State	W	83-77	230	
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	543-708	455-654	12/21/05	at Cal Poly Pomona	W	69-66	149	
Free throw pct.....	.767	.696	*12/31/05	NORTHWEST NAZARENE	W	124-107	319	
REBOUNDS.....	1085	1108	*01/05/06	at Western Oregon	W	89-74	225	
Rebounds per game.....	33.9	34.6	*01/07/06	at Humboldt State	W	97-87	1400	
Rebounding margin.....	-0.7	-	*01/12/06	ALASKA ANCHORAGE	W	87-80	409	
ASSISTS.....	611	499	*01/14/06	ALASKA FAIRBANKS	W	93-66	765	
Assists per game.....	19.1	15.6	*01/19/06	at Central Washington	W	99-91	1894	
TURNOVERS.....	403	408	*01/21/06	at Western Washington	L	84-95	2632	
Turnovers per game.....	12.6	12.8	*01/26/06	SAINT MARTIN'S	W	88-79	518	
Turnover margin.....	+0.2	-	*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.....	197	198	*02/04/06	WESTERN OREGON	W	94-79	324	
Steals per game.....	6.2	6.2	*02/09/06	at Alaska Fairbanks	W	88-82	853	
BLOCKS.....	120	63	*02/11/06	at Alaska Anchorage	L	75-89	1199	
Blocks per game.....	3.8	2.0	*02/16/06	WESTERN WASHINGTON	W	90-86	1839	
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-	*02/18/06	CENTRAL WASHINGTON	L	87-98	978	
Home win streak.....	3	-	*02/23/06	at Seattle University	L	76-90	787	
ATTENDANCE.....	14795	17700	*02/25/06	at Saint Martin's	W	103-79	393	
Home games-Avg/Game....	15-986	12-1438	*03/04/06	at Northwest Nazarene	W	110-86	1061	
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	5-88	P03/10/06	CENTRAL WASHINGTON	W	86-76	1942	
			P03/11/06	CAL STATE BAKERSFIELD	W	81-75	1148	
SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total	P03/13/06	WESTERN WASHINGTON	W	81-77	2308
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Seattle Pacific.....	1287	1460	- 2747	3/23/06	vs Virginia Union	L	63-68	-
Opponents.....	1226	1311	- 2537					