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No. 9 Falcon Men Host No. 17 Seaside Matzen Is Money in Vegas; Moultrie Lost to Knee Injury

A relative lull. It's been a hectic holiday pace, but now Seattle Pacific University hits a relative lull in its men's basketball season, playing only once over a 16-day span. And that game is Saturday night (Dec. 2), when the 4th-ranked Falcons (3-1) host undefeated and No. 17 BYU Hawaii (5-0) in the final home game prior to Christmas. SPU takes a break from play during final exams, then resurfaces Dec. 12 at Cal State San Bernardino.

Good to be home. After splitting a pair of Thanksgiving weekend games in Las Vegas, Seattle Pacific is anxious to prove its invincibility at home. The Falcons have won 13 consecutive non-conference games at Brougham over three seasons, and had little trouble in posting a couple wins there to open the regular season. Over those 13 straight wins, the average margin has been 15.0 points. Overall, SPU has won 28 of its last 30 home games.

Hot & cold. Generally, **Jeff Hironaka's** teams shoot very well. They have won 22 games in a row when hitting at least 50 percent from the field. But in the Vegas opener, the rims appeared to have lids, and guess what happened. The offense hit a nine-year production low in the 62-52 loss to UC San Diego. Seattle Pacific shot just 37 percent (19-51) from the field, including 3 of 18 three-pointers. It was the lowest point total since the 1997-98 season and first non-conference regional loss in 12 games. It was a short-lived cold snap, however. The next day the Falcons were sinking 63 percent of their shots, including 13 of 23 threes, in an 84-65 victory over Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Quick draw Drew. Nobody possessed a hotter hand than **Drew Matzen** (Sr., 6-4, Bothell, Wa./Lynnwood). Connecting on all five of his hoists from beyond the arc, Matzen scored a career-high 21 points. He set the tone early on, hitting a pair of treys as SPU quickly pushed in front and ended up 8 of 10 from the floor. Matzen averaged only 7.0 points as a junior, but his 19 points in the NCAA semifinal may have been an awakening of his promise. He's now averaging 13.8 through the first four games.

Pieces fitting together. Hironaka harbored no doubts about his team's talent or depth, but chemistry was in question. Hopefully the production of Matzen, the maturation of point guard **Brian Lynch** (Sr., 6-1, Missoula, Mt./Great Falls) and the play of newcomers **JoJay Jackson** (Jr., 6-5, Fairfield, Ca./Vallejo-Solano JC) and **Rob Diederichs** (Fr., 6-8, Shoreline, Wa./Shorewood) are proof that players are accepting and excelling in their roles. Diederichs, a redshirt freshman, has provided a big lift off the bench, averaging 10.0 points in only 16.3 minutes. Jackson has led the squad in rebounding (17 boards last week) and is shooting 47 percent on threes. Lynch, now the starting playmaker, threw for nine assists and had only two turnovers last week.

Movin' on up. With complimentary threats evolving on offense, it may mean more open looks for **Dustin Bremerman** (Sr., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower). Although he was emblematic of the shooting woes versus UC San Diego (going 1-for-9), Bremerman set that day aside and was back on target against Dominguez Hills. He pumped in 23 points, highlighted by two three-pointers which repelled a Toros rally shortly before halftime. Another of his long-distance darts all but sealed the deal, giving SPU a 23-point lead with 7:10 to go. His 28 points for the week moved him to No. 7 in career scoring. Now with a total of 1323 points, he needs six more to reach No. 6.

2006-07 MEN'S BASKETBALL

SPU Quick Facts

2006-07 Record— 3-1 (0-0 GNAC)
 Coach—Jeff Hironaka, 5th year
 Coach's SPU Record— 79-40

This Week's Games

Sat., Dec. 2, 7 p.m.
 SPU v BYU Hawaii
Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.

Last Week's Scores

UC San Diego 62, SPU 52
 SPU 84, Cal State Dominguez Hills 65

Streaks & Such

SPU has won 13 consecutive non-conference home games

Stat de jour

Three of the next four games are against nationally-ranked teams

NCAA Rankings

1. Winona State (Mn.)
2. Southern Indiana
3. Tarleton State (Tx.)

also

5. Rollins (Fl.)
7. Central Missouri
9. Seattle Pacific
13. Humboldt State
17. BYU Hawaii

GNAC Standings

	W	L	W	L
Western Washington	0	0	4	1
Seattle University	0	0	4	1
Seattle Pacific	0	0	3	1
Alaska Anchorage	0	0	5	2
Alaska Fairbanks	0	0	4	4
Central Washington	0	0	2	3
Saint Martin's	0	0	1	3
Northwest Nazarene	0	0	1	3
Western Oregon	0	0	0	2

Now, the bad news. In many ways, he has been the team's emotional leader since his arrival prior to last season. His statistics have not done justice to his contributions, especially as a defensive stopper. So when it was known that point guard **Jared Moultrie** (Sr., 6-2, West Point, Ut./Clearfield/Salt Lake CC) was done for the season, it was a substantial blow for the team. Moultrie sustained a torn ACL in the first regular season game. It is unknown whether he will seek a medical hardship to return next season. Lynch has replaced Moultrie as the starter, with **Marques Echols** (Jr., 6-2, Seattle, Wa./ Garfield-Peninsula) now the back up at both guard positions.

Look inside. When everything's clicking on offense, just about everyone gets a good look at the basket, yet the best bet for the passer earning an assist is getting the ball inside to center **Rob Will** (Jr., 6-10, Seattle, Wa./O'Dea). When all else failed versus UCSD, Will was converting 6 of 8 shots and scoring 17 points. When the perimeter players were in good form the next day, Will obliged them by moving the rock. He finished with nine points, eight rebounds and seven assists. For the season, he's shooting 74 percent and his 14.5 points leads the squad.

Put-backs. Three of the next four games are against ranked teams. SPU faces No. 5 Rollins (Fl.) and No. 7 Central Missouri Dec. 15-16 in Las Vegas...Matzen's 5-for-5 three-point shooting is second only to the record-setting 6-for-6 by Sergio Gomes in in 1989-90. Matzen was 6-10 on threes for the week...Will is now No. 4 on the career blocked shot list with 76...Following this weekend, the next home game is Dec. 29 against Cheyney in the first round of the Oak Harbor Freightlines Holiday Classic...Proving their win was no fluke, UC San Diego also beat No. 2-ranked Montevallo last week...One area of concern last week was the 34 turnovers—10 more than the first two games...It's early but SPU is No. 2 in GNAC scoring defense (66.2), shooting defense (.400). Will leads the league in field-goal percentage and blocks (3.3) and Matzen (.611) in three-point accuracy...Bremerman, Lynch and Jackson all exited with five fouls vs. UCSD...Three of the the four opponents have been held to 40 percent shooting or lower...Hironaka used seven players for the majority of minutes, with only Echols and Diederichs seeing more than 10 minutes of duty off the bench.

Opponent & series notes. BYU Hawaii, with four starters back this season, has shot 56 percent and averaged 92.2 points going into Wednesday's first road game at Dixie State. Four players average in double figures, led by Lucas Alves (14.0) and the Seasideers are making 44 percent of their shots from outside the arc. The Falcons have won all four previous encounters, the last coming in the opening round of the 2002 NCAA tournament.

Tickets, please. Reserved tickets for all SPU home games are priced \$7 and \$6. General admission is \$5 with youth, students and senior citizens \$3 with proper identification. Groups can qualify for discounts by calling (206) 281-2085 in advance.

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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. (Vallejoo/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, Adam Swinyard

✓ Projected starters

2006-07 Season Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Res.
Nov. 10-12	Shamrock Invitational (Moraga, Ca.)	
Nov. 10	at Saint Mary's	L, 60-71
Nov. 11	Murray State	W, 76-68
Nov. 12	San Diego State	L, 73-76
Nov. 17-18	SODEXHO TIP-OFF CLASSIC	
Nov. 17	CAL STATE L.A.	W, 85-67
Nov. 18	CAL POLY POMONA	W, 84-71
Nov. 24-25	Falcon Thanksgiving Classic (Las Vegas, Nv.)	
Nov. 24	UC San Diego	L, 52-62
Nov. 25	at Cal St. Dominguez Hills	W, 84-65
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

2006-07 Season Leaders

Scoring

Rob Will	14.5
Dustin Bremerman	13.8
Drew Matzen	13.5
JoJay Jackson	11.8
Rob Diederichs	10.0

Rebounds

JoJay Jackson	7.8
Rob Will	6.8

Assists

Brian Lynch	4.3
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Steals

Brian Lynch	2.5
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Blocked Shots

Rob Will	3.3
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Field Goal Percentage

Rob Will	.742
Drew Matzen	.583

Three-Point Percentage

Drew Matzen	(11-18) .611
JoJay Jackson	(7-15) .467

Free Throw Percentage

JoJay Jackson	(8-9) .889
Dustin Bremerman	(8-9) .889

Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	76.2	33.5	.526	.701	.405
Opp.	66.2	35.5	.400	.607	.367

Seattle Pacific Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 26, 2006)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(3-1)	(2-0)	(0-0)	(1-1)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(3-1)	(2-0)	(0-0)	(1-1)

## 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								
40 Will,Rob.....	4-4	114 28.5	23-31	.742	0-0	.000	12-17	.706	4	23	27	6.8	8	0	10	10	13	2	58	14.5
32 Bremerman,Dustin...	4-4	114 28.5	20-40	.500	7-21	.333	8-9	.889	2	7	9	2.3	13	1	13	8	0	3	55	13.8
30 Matzen,Drew.....	4-4	127 31.8	21-36	.583	11-18	.611	1-2	.500	3	9	12	3.0	10	0	11	5	0	4	54	13.5
34 Jackson,JoJay.....	4-4	109 27.3	16-28	.571	7-15	.467	8-9	.889	4	27	31	7.8	14	2	10	13	3	3	47	11.8
33 Diederichs,Rob.....	4-0	65 16.3	14-25	.560	5-13	.385	7-14	.500	4	9	13	3.3	5	0	11	3	1	5	40	10.0
01 Echols,Marques.....	4-0	83 20.8	6-16	.375	2-6	.333	3-4	.750	3	11	14	3.5	5	0	9	7	1	1	17	4.3
44 Lynch,Brian.....	4-3	103 25.8	5-15	.333	2-8	.250	2-5	.400	0	6	6	1.5	10	1	17	6	0	10	14	3.5
22 Larrieu,Brandon....	4-0	30 7.5	4-13	.308	0-3	.000	6-7	.857	1	2	3	0.8	5	0	0	3	0	1	14	3.5
04 Moultrie,Jared.....	1-1	18 18.0	2-2	1.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	3.0	0	0	3	2	0	2	4	4.0
21 Reed,Casey.....	3-0	15 5.0	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	1.0	3	0	0	2	2	1	2	0.7
03 Wardell,Adam.....	4-0	12 3.0	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0.0
23 Popovic,Filip.....	3-0	10 3.3	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM.....									7	2	9	2.3	0		0					

Total.....	4	800	112-213	.526	34-84	.405	47-67	.701	32	102	134	33.5	74	4	85	61	20	32	305	76.2
Opponents.....	4	800	96-240	.400	22-60	.367	51-84	.607	61	81	142	35.5	73	-	51	55	12	36	265	66.2

TEAM STATISTICS	SPU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	305	265	11/17/06	CAL STATE L.A.	W	85-67	717
Points per game.....	76.2	66.2	11/18/06	CAL POLY POMONA	W	84-71	818
Scoring margin.....	+10.0	-	11/24/06	vs U. of California - San Diego	L	52-62	157
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	112-213	96-240	11/25/06	vs Cal. State - Dominguez Hills	W	84-65	119
Field goal pct.....	.526	.400					
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	34-84	22-60					
3-point FG pct.....	.405	.367					
3-pt FG made per game..	8.5	5.5					
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	47-67	51-84					
Free throw pct.....	.701	.607					
REBOUNDS.....	134	142					
Rebounds per game.....	33.5	35.5					
Rebounding margin.....	-2.0	-					
ASSISTS.....	85	51					
Assists per game.....	21.3	12.8					
TURNOVERS.....	61	55					
Turnovers per game.....	15.3	13.8					
Turnover margin.....	-1.5	-					
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.4	0.9					
STEALS.....	32	36					
Steals per game.....	8.0	9.0					
BLOCKS.....	20	12					
Blocks per game.....	5.0	3.0					
WINNING STREAK.....	1	-					
Home win streak.....	2	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	1535	276					
Home games-Avg/Game....	2-768	0-0					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	2-138					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	Total
Seattle Pacific.....	147	158	- 305
Opponents.....	137	128	- 265