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No. 6 SPU Men Play Next 4 On Road

Bremerman Busts for 43; Falcons Face 2 More Ranked Foes

Gettin' busy. Final exams now behind them, Seattle Pacific University ballplayers may now re-focus on hardwood happenings over the next three weeks before classes resume. Yet tests of another sort await, with the 6th-ranked Falcons facing three tough foes in the coming week. They visit perennial CCAA power Cal State San Bernardino (2-2) Tuesday night (Dec. 12), then move on to Las Vegas and the High Desert Classic Dec. 15-16. SPU is pitted against No. 5 and unbeaten Central Missouri (7-0) and No. 17 Rollins (4-2). The road trip and pre-Christmas activity concludes Dec. 20 at Utah's Dixie State.

Vegas, again. Based upon the past couple weeks, Seattle Pacific plays Vegas more than the Blue Man Group. This is the second time around and the third and fourth games in the City of Lights this season, and it comes just before the SPU women's team plays there Dec. 19-20. The Falcons are 11-5 at the McDermott Center on the UNLV campus, dating back to their first High Desert Classic in 1997-98. On Thanksgiving weekend, SPU split a pair of games, beating Cal State Dominguez Hills and sustaining its only loss, to UC San Diego.

Dustin the wind. On sheer numbers, it was a night for the record books. Still, it was *when* and *how* **Dustin Bremerman** (Sr., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) scored which made his performance against BYU Hawaii an evening to behold. Bremerman's 43 points was a career high and ranks No. 3 all-time at the school, and his nine three-pointers ties the SPU record. Yet it was mostly a matter of timing. Fourteen of his points and four of his treys came in the final 62 seconds of regulation or in overtime, as the Falcons came from five points down to prevail, 98-93. Bremerman was named the Great Northwest Athletic Conference player of the week following the big victory over the 17th-ranked Seaside.

Echols equals cool. As clutch as Bremerman was in his shots, perhaps no sequence was more nerve-racking than the final points of regulation. Fouled on a three-point attempt with two-tenths of a second remaining, **Marques Echols** (Jr., 6-2, Seattle, Wa./Garfield-Peninsula) stepped to the foul line for three shots, and needed to make all of them to avoid a loss. Although BYUH called timeout before the second and third shots in a ploy to unnerve Echols, he calmly sank each. He had hit a pair of threes and scored nine first-half points, and finished with a season-high 16, plus six rebounds and five assists and only one turnover in 22 minutes off the bench. Altogether, he made 10 of his 11 free throws.

Sixth man cometh. Each of the Falcons' regional championship teams in the last decade has featured a strong bench, including at least one double-digit scorer. **Rob Diederichs** (Fr., 6-8, Shoreline, Wa./Shorewood) fits that description quite nicely. A redshirt as a true freshman, Diederichs has gotten the immediate attention of opponents in his debut month. Somewhat reminiscent of Detlef Schrempf during his collegiate days at Washington, Diederichs can drive, dish or deliver the timely outside shot. He's averaging 11.2 points, shooting 51 percent and is second on the team on both assists (3.0) and steals (1.2).

Lights out. Three years ago, **Jeff Hironaka** began installing elements of the Princeton offense in the SPU playbook, and that tactic continues to pay dividends. The team has shot 50 percent from the field the past two seasons and is currently sinking shots at a 53-percent clip. Off-the-ball cuts, back screens and constant movements and adjustments make it a dif-

2006-07 MEN'S BASKETBALL

Quick Facts

2006-07 Record- 4-1 (0-0 GNAC)

Coach-Jeff Hironaka, 5th year

Coach's SPU Record- 80-40

This Week's Games

Tue., Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.

SPU at Cal State San Bernardino

Coussoulis Arena, San Bernardino, Ca.

Fri.-Sat., Dec. 15-16

High Desert Classic

McDermott Center, Las Vegas, Nv.

Fri., Dec. 15, 5 p.m.

SPU v Central Missouri

Sat., Dec. 16, 3 p.m.

SPU v Rollins

Last Week's Scores

at SPU 98, BYU Hawaii 93 (OT)

Stat de jour

Dustin Bremerman's nine three-pointers Dec. 2 tied the SPU record and his 43 points ranks No. 3 all-time

NCAA Rankings

1. Winona State (Mn.)
2. Southern Indiana
- also*
5. Central Missouri
6. Seattle Pacific
17. Rollins (Fl.)
18. Seattle University
19. BYU Hawaii

GNAC Standings

	W	L	W	L
Seattle University	0	0	4	1
Seattle Pacific	0	0	5	1
Alaska Anchorage	0	0	7	2
Western Washington	0	0	5	2
Alaska Fairbanks	0	0	7	5
Central Washington	0	0	3	4
Western Oregon	0	0	1	2
Northwest Nazarene	0	0	2	6
Saint Martin's	0	0	1	8

difficult scheme to execute and even more difficult to defend. Converting 52 percent against BYU Hawaii, it was the 23rd straight win in which SPU has hit 50 percent or higher.

Put-backs. Bremerman's scoring total is one shy of the No. 2 mark of 44 points by David Clark in 1990-91. Loren Anderson holds the record of 54, set in '57-58. The nine treys was a feat first accomplished by Drake Hudgins in '99-00. Bremerman is now No. 6 in career scoring (1366), and needs 29 to pass Brannon Stone (1998-02)...It was the first overtime game since the 2004-05 season, and SPU has now won three extra-session games in a row...Burden by fouls, the inside tandem of center **Rob Will** (Jr., 6-10, Seattle, Wa./O'Dea) and forward **JoJay Jackson** (Jr., 6-5, Fairfield, Ca. /Vallejo-Solano JC) combined for only 10 points and seven rebounds versus BYUH. Jackson fouled out for a third time and Will had four personals...Turnovers have been the biggest problem over the last couple weeks, with a total of 54 in the last three games...Will remains No. 4 in career blocked shot list with 76...SPU is No. 2 in GNAC shooting (.525), shooting defense (.420), blocked shots (4.20) but next-to-last in turnover margin (-1.60). Bremerman moved up to No. 4 in scoring (19.6). Will leads the league in field-goal percentage (.703) and blocks (2.60). **Drew Matzen** (Sr., 6-4, Bothell, Wa./Lynnwood) is No. 4 (.525) in three-point accuracy. **Brian Lynch** (Sr., 6-1, Missoula, Mt./Great Falls) is No. 6 in assists (4.4)...**Jared Moultrie** (Sr., 6-2, West Point, Ut./Clearfield/Salt Lake CC) is scheduled to undergo knee surgery later this week. He sustained a torn ACL in the opening game...Tuesday's game at San Bernardino will be webcast at <http://athletics.csub.edu> and Friday's game with Central Missouri can be heard live at <http://www.cmsu.edu/athletics>.

Opponent & series notes. Cal State San Bernardino has won two straight at home after starting 0-2, and the Coyotes are coming off a 10-day break of their own. They are tied at 3-3 in the series with Seattle Pacific, with the Falcons winning at home, 85-81, last season...Central Missouri State won its first seven games by an average margin of nearly 30 points and holding opponents to 39-percent shooting and 55.9 points. SPU won the only previous meeting with the Mules in '04-05 in Vegas...This marks the first meeting with Rollins, which is 0-2 away from its home of Winter Park, Fla. The Tars are yielding 71.2 points and one loss was to D-I Central Florida in overtime.

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SPU Coaches. In his first season Jeff Hironaka won more games (16) than all but one other first-year SPU coach, and he took a team to the NCAA tournament in only his third year—faster than any predecessor. Hironaka broke new ground again in 2006, as his team reached the Final Four, winning both GNAC and regional titles, and he was voted the West Region Coach of the Year. His record entering this season is 76-39. A former aide at Idaho State and The Master's, Hironaka became Ken Bone's top assistant in 1991 and from there the Falcons won 236 of 253 games, claimed five conference championships and qualified for eight NCAA tournaments, including a Final Four in 2000. Hironaka is the second Japanese-American head coach of a four-year collegiate program.

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, 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	Cal St. Dominguez Hills	W, 84-65
Dec. 2	BYU HAWAII	W, 98-93
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

Dustin Bremerman	19.6
Rob Will	12.8
Drew Matzen	12.2
Rob Diederichs	11.2
JoJay Jackson	10.2

Rebounds

JoJay Jackson	6.8
Rob Will	6.2

Assists

Brian Lynch	4.4
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Steals

Brian Lynch	2.4
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Blocked Shots

Rob Will	2.6
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Field Goal Percentage

Rob Will	.703
JoJay Jackson	.563

Three-Point Percentage

Drew Matzen	(12-23) .522
Dustin Bremerman	(16-33) .485

Free Throw Percentage

Dustin Bremerman	(16-18) .889
Marques Echols	(13-15) .867

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 Dec 04, 2006)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(4-1)	(3-0)	(0-0)	(1-1)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(4-1)	(3-0)	(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								
32 Bremerman,Dustin...	5-5	155 31.0	33-59	.559	16-33	.485	16-18	.889	2	11	13	2.6	13	1	14	10	0	3	98	19.6
40 Will,Rob.....	5-5	136 27.2	26-37	.703	0-0	.000	12-17	.706	7	24	31	6.2	12	0	11	13	13	3	64	12.8
30 Matzen,Drew.....	5-5	163 32.6	24-44	.545	12-23	.522	1-2	.500	3	13	16	3.2	15	1	13	6	1	5	61	12.2
33 Diederichs,Rob.....	5-0	98 19.6	21-41	.512	5-19	.263	9-17	.529	4	16	20	4.0	7	0	15	7	1	6	56	11.2
34 Jackson,JoJay.....	5-5	130 26.0	18-32	.563	7-17	.412	8-10	.800	4	30	34	6.8	19	3	13	15	3	3	51	10.2
01 Echols,Marques.....	5-0	105 21.0	8-20	.400	4-10	.400	13-15	.867	4	16	20	4.0	7	0	14	8	1	2	33	6.6
44 Lynch,Brian.....	5-4	134 26.8	8-19	.421	2-8	.250	2-5	.400	1	8	9	1.8	13	1	22	10	0	12	20	4.0
22 Larrieu,Brandon....	5-0	32 6.4	4-13	.308	0-3	.000	6-7	.857	1	2	3	0.6	6	0	0	3	0	1	14	2.8
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.....	4-0	21 5.3	1-5	.200	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.8	3	0	0	3	2	1	2	0.5
03 Wardell,Adam.....	5-0	20 4.0	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.4	1	0	2	3	0	1	0	0.0
23 Popovic,Filip.....	4-0	13 3.3	0-2	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	2	4	1.0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM.....									9	2	11	2.2	0		0					
Total.....	5	1025	145-276	.525	46-113	.407	67-91	.736	39	130	169	33.8	99	6	107	81	21	39	403	80.6
Opponents.....	5	1025	128-305	.420	29-79	.367	73-118	.619	73	107	180	36.0	93	-	69	73	19	49	358	71.6

TEAM STATISTICS	SPU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	403	358	11/17/06	CAL STATE L.A.	W	85-67	717
Points per game.....	80.6	71.6	11/18/06	CAL POLY POMONA	W	84-71	818
Scoring margin.....	+9.0	-	11/24/06	vs U. of California - San Diego	L	52-62	157
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	145-276	128-305	11/25/06	vs Cal. State - Dominguez Hills	W	84-65	119
Field goal pct.....	.525	.420	12/02/06	BYU HAWAII	W OT	98-93	656
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	46-113	29-79					
3-point FG pct.....	.407	.367					
3-pt FG made per game..	9.2	5.8					
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	67-91	73-118					
Free throw pct.....	.736	.619					
REBOUNDS.....	169	180					
Rebounds per game.....	33.8	36.0					
Rebounding margin.....	-2.2	-					
ASSISTS.....	107	69					
Assists per game.....	21.4	13.8					
TURNOVERS.....	81	73					
Turnovers per game.....	16.2	14.6					
Turnover margin.....	-1.6	-					
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.3	0.9					
STEALS.....	39	49					
Steals per game.....	7.8	9.8					
BLOCKS.....	21	19					
Blocks per game.....	4.2	3.8					
WINNING STREAK.....	2	-					
Home win streak.....	3	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	2191	276					
Home games-Avg/Game....	3-730	0-0					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	2-138					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Seattle Pacific.....	185	204	14	403
Opponents.....	177	172	9	358