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An SPU Christmas Wish: Get Back On Track Falcon Men Hit a Skid; Diederichs Catches Fire on Road

Many happy returns. It's time to give back, yet that phrase takes a different connotation with the Seattle Pacific University men's basketball team during these holidays. The Falcons (4-4) are determined to no longer be on the business end of some hardwood beatings, and their first opportunity comes Wednesday night (Dec. 20) at Utah's Dixie State (9-6). Following a brief break for Christmas, SPU returns from a four-game road trip to host the Oak Harbor Freight Lines Classic Dec. 29-30. It faces Pennsylvania's Cheyney (2-5) in the first round and Dixie State in the final game of 2006. Great Northwest Athletic Conference play begins Jan. 4 in Anchorage.

The harder they fall. A week that began with a top-four national ranking ended with a thud. The Falcons fell and fell hard in their first three games of the 12-day road trip. A team known for its shooting ability went positively chilly, shooting just 43 percent in losses to Cal State San Bernardino (86-66), No. 3 Central Missouri (71-60) and No. 15 Rollins (88-75). Not only is it the longest losing skein in three years, the margin at San Bernardino was the biggest against an NCAA Division II opponent since 1998-99. The last four-game losing streak was in '96-97.

Straight shooting. Without question, Coach **Jeff Hironaka** has assembled two things: a very demanding early-season schedule and a team of gifted shooters. Yet shooting is often said to be 50 percent mechanics and 50 percent mental, i.e. confidence. And right now the SPU arsenal may be lacking the latter. A cold snap began late in San Bernardino and generally extended until the final stages of the Rollins game. The Falcons have won 23 straight when shooting 50 percent or better, but they have yet to prove they can win ugly, going 0-4 when shooting under that plateau this season. While there is no dishonor in losing to quality opposition, Hironaka believes his team had fundamental problems (a total of 40 turnovers in the first two games) and too little attention to defense and rebounding; opponents shot 51 percent from the field and were a plus-19 on the boards.

There's the Rob. If there was a bright spot last week, it was the continued maturation of sixth man **Rob Diederichs** (Fr., 6-8, Shoreline, Wa./Shorewood). In the last outing, Diederichs scored a season-high 21 points, with 16 coming in the final 12 minutes. He connected on 5 of 8 three-pointers and 8-13 overall, and also had four assists. For the week Diederichs totaled 44 points and hit 16-24. He's averaging 12.2 points and shooting 57 percent from the field and 41 percent on treys. The latter two both rank second in the squad.

The word's out. One problem with scoring 43 points and giving opponents 10 days to deal with it: Foes tend to prepare a strategy to keep it from happening to them. That might explain why **Dustin Bremerman** (Sr., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) found tough going last week. Coming off a career high and nine three-pointers Dec. 2, Bremerman was greeted with tenacious defense in California and Nevada. He was held to nine points and 3-10 field goals at San Bernardino. He was effective and scored 17 versus Central Missouri, but was subpar again against Rollins, missing nine of 14 attempts. Nevertheless, Bremerman moved up to No. 5 in career scoring (1405). With another 126, he will leapfrog to No. 3 all-time.

Basics. A solid recipe for winning basketball is a balanced offense. Statistically speaking, good teams shoot more free throws than three-pointers, whether a coach is blessed with

2006-07 MEN'S BASKETBALL

Quick Facts

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

Coach-Jeff Hironaka, 5th year

Coach's SPU Record- 80-43

Upcoming Games

Wed., Dec. 20, 6 p.m. PST

SPU at Dixie State

Burns Arena, Saint George, Ut.

Fri.-Sat., Dec. 29-30

Oak Harbor Freight Lines Classic

Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.

Fri., Dec. 29

Seattle University v Dixie State, 5 p.m.

SPU v Cheyney, 7 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 30

Seattle University v Cheyney, 5 p.m.

SPU v Dixie State, 7 p.m.

Last Week's Scores

at Cal State San Bernardino 86, SPU 66

Central Missouri 71, SPU 60

Rollins 88, SPU 75

Streaks & Such

The Falcons have lost three consecutive games for the first time since 2003-04

Stat de jour

Redshirt freshman sixth man Rob Diederichs

averaged 14.7 points and shot 67 percent in

last week's three games

GNAC Standings

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

long-bombers or not. Last week, the Falcons made just 30 trips to the foul line, yet they shot 82 times from outside the arc. No doubt, Hironaka will emphasize getting the ball inside, be it via the drive or entry passes into the post. Center **Rob Will** (Jr., 6-10, Seattle, Wa./O'Dea) is a formidable force, and has made 59 percent of his field goals.

Put-backs. As a result of the three straight defeats, SPU went into a freefall in the national rankings, dropping out for the first time this season after rising to No. 4. Three of the losses this season are to teams currently in the top 25, and the Falcons own wins over No. 19 BYU Hawaii and No. 22 Cal Poly Pomona...This marks the 12th Oak Harbor Freight Lines Classic. Seattle Pacific has won 15 of 18 games played...Howard Heppner (1521) and Jim Ballard (1530) are next on the career scoring ladder for Bremerman. Both are members of the Falcon Legends Hall of Fame, as is record-holder Loren Anderson (1948)...The San Bernardino score was close until the Coyotes went on an 18-0 run with five minutes left. It was the biggest loss since an 88-66 loss at Alaska Anchorage in '98-99 (SPU lost to D-I Nevada, 83-57, last season). SPU was tight with Central Missouri before a brief second-half 9-1 spurt by the Mules forged an 11-point lead...The 38 threes attempted vs. Rollins was the most since the record of 47 was set in 1998-99. The eight free throws attempted at San Bernardino is the fewest since taking seven at Nevada...**Drew Matzen** (Sr., 6-4, Bothell, Wa./Lynnwood) connected on 5 of 8 treys, scored 17 points and had five assists at CSSB...Opponents are hitting 38.8 percent of their threes, tying SPU for last in the GNAC, and the Falcons are ninth in turnover (-2.1) and rebounding margin (-3.8). Individually, Will is the shot-blocking leader (2.1) and is No. 5 in field-goal percentage...This is the first regular season stop in Utah since 1992-93 (Utah State) and the team's only Utah native, **Jared Moultrie** (Sr., 6-2, West Point, Ut./Clearfield/Salt Lake CC) is not going. Moultrie underwent knee surgery last week to repair a torn ACL sustained in the opening game...Both games with Dixie State can be heard live on the Web at <http://www.angelfire.com/sports/southwest/0607games/122006.html>. The Cheyney game can be listened to at <http://www.redzonemedia.com/>.

Opponent & series notes. Dixie State is playing its first season as an NCAA Division II provisional member after growing from a junior college to four-year institution. The Rebels will join the Pacific West Conference next season. They are 2-3 at home. On Dec. 30 they will be playing their third game in as many days. Dixie is averaging 62.9 points and holding opponents to 62.2...This will also be the first meeting with Cheyney. The Wolves play twice this week before coming to Seattle. Ed Braswell is averaging 20.0 points per game.

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. (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	L, 66-86
Dec. 15-16	High Desert Classic (Las Vegas, Nv.)	
Dec. 15	SPU v Central Missouri	L, 60-71
Dec. 16	SPU v Rollins	L, 75-88
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	17.1
Rob Will	12.6
Drew Matzen	11.1
Rob Diederichs	12.5

Rebounds

Rob Will	6.6
JoJay Jackson	5.6

Assists

Brian Lynch	3.6
Drew Matzen	3.3

Steals

Brian Lynch	1.9
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Blocked Shots

Rob Will	2.1
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Field Goal Percentage

Rob Will	.592
Rob Diederichs	.569

Three-Point Percentage

Drew Matzen	(20-42) .476
Rob Diederichs	(13-32) .406

Free Throw Percentage

Dustin Bremerman	(20-23) .870
Marques Echols	(13-15) .867

Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	75.5	32.1	.526	.701	.405
Opp.	75.4	35.9	.400	.607	.367

Seattle Pacific Combined Team Statistics (as of Dec 16, 2006)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(4-4)	(3-0)	(0-1)	(1-3)
CONFERENCE.....	(0-1)	(0-0)	(0-1)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(4-3)	(3-0)	(0-0)	(1-3)

## 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...	8-8	257 32.1	48-97	.495	21-52	.404	20-23	.870	6	18	24	3.0	20	2	21	14	1	3	137	17.1
40 Will,Rob.....	8-8	226 28.3	42-71	.592	0-1	.000	17-24	.708	13	40	53	6.6	20	0	19	21	17	6	101	12.6
33 Diederichs,Rob.....	8-0	162 20.3	37-65	.569	13-32	.406	13-24	.542	5	21	26	3.3	13	0	19	11	1	12	100	12.5
30 Matzen,Drew.....	8-8	260 32.5	34-67	.507	20-42	.476	1-3	.333	5	21	26	3.3	22	1	26	13	1	7	89	11.1
34 Jackson,JoJay.....	8-8	192 24.0	23-48	.479	9-26	.346	8-10	.800	9	36	45	5.6	29	3	15	21	3	4	63	7.9
01 Echols,Marques.....	8-0	166 20.8	13-36	.361	7-17	.412	13-15	.867	8	19	27	3.4	10	0	17	15	1	3	46	5.8
44 Lynch,Brian.....	8-7	208 26.0	14-33	.424	5-17	.294	4-7	.571	3	10	13	1.6	20	2	29	20	0	15	37	4.6
22 Larrieu,Brandon....	8-0	49 6.1	4-18	.222	0-7	.000	9-10	.900	1	3	4	0.5	7	0	2	8	0	1	17	2.1
21 Reed,Casey.....	5-0	25 5.0	2-7	.286	0-0	.000	1-2	.500	1	3	4	0.8	3	0	0	3	2	1	5	1.0
23 Popovic,Filip.....	7-0	31 4.4	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	4	3	7	1.0	6	0	1	2	0	1	4	0.6
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
03 Wardell,Adam.....	8-0	31 3.9	0-5	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	0	4	4	0.5	7	0	2	3	0	1	1	0.1
TEAM.....									14	7	21	2.6	0		0					

Total.....	8	1625	221-453	.488	75-195	.385	87-121	.719	71	186	257	32.1	157	8	154	133	26	56	604	75.5
Opponents.....	8	1625	214-474	.451	52-134	.388	123-187	.658	108	179	287	35.9	131	-	123	116	26	74	603	75.4

TEAM STATISTICS	SPU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	604	603	11/17/06	CAL STATE L.A.	W	85-67	717
Points per game.....	75.5	75.4	11/18/06	CAL POLY POMONA	W	84-71	818
Scoring margin.....	+0.1	-	11/24/06	vs U. of California - San Diego	L	52-62	157
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	221-453	214-474	11/25/06	vs Cal. State - Dominguez Hills	W	84-65	119
Field goal pct.....	.488	.451	12/02/06	BYU HAWAII	W OT	98-93	656
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	75-195	52-134	*12-12-06	at Cal State San Bernardino	L	66-86	347
3-point FG pct.....	.385	.388	12/15/06	vs Central Missouri	L	60-71	41
3-pt FG made per game..	9.4	6.5	12/16/06	vs Rollins	L	75-88	47
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	87-121	123-187					
Free throw pct.....	.719	.658					
REBOUNDS.....	257	287					
Rebounds per game.....	32.1	35.9					
Rebounding margin.....	-3.7	-					
ASSISTS.....	154	123					
Assists per game.....	19.3	15.4					
TURNOVERS.....	133	116					
Turnovers per game.....	16.6	14.5					
Turnover margin.....	-2.1	-					
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.2	1.1					
STEALS.....	56	74					
Steals per game.....	7.0	9.3					
BLOCKS.....	26	26					
Blocks per game.....	3.3	3.3					
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-					
Home win streak.....	3	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	2191	711					
Home games-Avg/Game....	3-730	1-347					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	4-91					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Seattle Pacific.....	285	305	14	604
Opponents.....	293	301	9	603