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Unbeaten At Home, SPU Hosts Westerns Bremerman Nears No. 3 in Scoring; Regional Rematch Sat.

Western theme. It figures to be a wide-open race in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, if the first weekly of men's basketball play was any indication. Seattle Pacific University can serve further notice that it again intends to be a contender this week it comes home to Brougham Pavilion. The Falcons (1-1, 8-5) seek their eighth straight home win when they take the court Thursday night (Jan. 11) against Western Oregon (0-2, 5-8). Western Washington (1-1, 7-5) visits Saturday (Jan. 13) for a rematch of the regional championship game. SPU travels to Northwest Nazarene Jan. 18.

No place like Brougham. Very little has come easily this season, and often it's been the little things which have proven to be the difference. At home Seattle Pacific is undefeated (5-0), yet has won by an average margin of fewer than seven points. Whether it's the timely scream from an Orangeman or the fare at the pregame meal, it's made a difference, and Coach **Jeff Hironaka** hopes it continues to be so. The Falcons have won 16 of their last 18 GNAC home games and will likely need to continue on that pace to retain their championship and earn an NCAA Division II tournament berth.

Did that. The other half of the equation is being competitive on the road, and Hironaka has to be pleased with a hard-earned split in Alaska last week. SPU took advantage of a great start at Anchorage and then hung on for a 68-65 win over the Seawolves, who had been unbeaten versus Div. II opposition. Despite losing 90-78 at Alaska Fairbanks, the Falcons find themselves in the thick of the conference race. Six of the seven teams to play twice have gone 1-1. The first NCAA regional rankings are due next week.

Coming through. Some time during these next couple games **Dustin Bremerman** (Sr., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) seems nearly certain to surpass a pair of icons on the school's career scoring list. With 42 points in Alaska, Bremerman went over 1500 career points (1502, to be precise), and ahead of him are two members of the Falcon Legends Hall of Fame, Howard Heppner (1521) and Jim Ballard (1530). After that comes a long haul before coming within range of the school's No. 2 all-time scorer, Jeff McBroom (1655). Bremerman already is No. 3 in single-game and No. 6 in season scoring.

Compliment sought. What Hironaka continues to seek is a complimentary offensive threat for Bremerman. A year ago, Bremerman and Tony Binetti averaged a combined 36.2 points. While Bremerman's numbers have remained near the same level, no sidekick has yet materialized. Center **Rob Will** (Jr., 6-10, Seattle, Wa./O'Dea), after a strong start, is averaging 11.6 points and three players are hovering around 10 per game. In Anchorage, forward **JoJay Jackson** (Jr., 6-5, Fairfield, Ca./Vallejo-Solano JC) was a solid contributor, with 18 points, including a key rebound and two free throws in the dying seconds. For the first time since his season-high 21 before Christmas, sixth man **Rob Diederichs** (Fr., 6-8, Shoreline, Wa./Shorewood) got involved at Fairbanks. Diederichs' 13 points nearly equaled the total of his previous four outings.

Just plain board. With shooting just a bit un-Falconlike (.476), it's imperative that SPU not allow foes a second chance to score. Out-rebounded in seven consecutive games beforehand, Seattle Pacific asserted itself at Anchorage, winning the battle of the boards, 35-23. That enabled the team to get a 9-4 edge in second-chance points after being dominated 37-

2006-07 MEN'S BASKETBALL

Quick Facts

2006-07 Record— 8-5 (1-1 GNAC)

Coach—Jeff Hironaka, 5th year

Coach's SPU Record— 84-44

This Week's Games

Thr., Jan. 11, 7 p.m.

SPU v Western Oregon

Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.

Sat., Jan. 13, 7 p.m.

SPU at Western Washington

Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.

Last Week's Scores

SPU 68, at Alaska Anchorage 65

at Alaska Fairbanks 90, SPU 78

Streaks & Such

The Falcons are 5-0 at home and have won 16 of 18 their last GNAC home games

Stat de jour

Dustin Bremerman is 20 points from No. 4 and 29 away from No. 3 in career scoring

GNAC Standings

	W	L	W	L
Seattle University	1	0	9	3
Saint Martin's	1	0	4	8
Alaska Anchorage	1	1	10	3
Alaska Fairbanks	1	1	10	6
Seattle Pacific	1	1	8	5
Western Washington	1	1	7	5
Central Washington	1	1	6	7
Northwest Nazarene	1	1	6	7
Western Oregon	0	2	5	8

17 in that area the previous three contests. The team has won 24 consecutive games when shooting at least 50 percent from the field, but the last two wins have come when shooting under 50.

Put-backs. The last four losses have come to teams who enter the week with a combined record of 41-11. Two—Central Missouri (No. 3) and Cal State San Bernardino (No. 15)—are nationally-ranked...Two of the wins have come over current conference leaders BYU Hawaii (10-4 in the PacWest) and Cal Poly Pomona (8-2, CCAA and now No. 19 in the nation)...Bremerman is 10th in GNAC career scoring, 8th in three-pointers and rebounds ...Last week's games featured two completely different starts. The Falcons scored the game's first seven points at Anchorage, later went on a 17-2 run and eventually led by 21. At Fairbanks, the Nanooks never trailed, jumping in front 13-1. SPU managed to come within one point in the first half and five with less than six minutes left in the game...The Falcons have been out-rebounded in eight of the last nine games, including margins of nine or more in four of the last seven...After mustering only 12 points vs. UAA, the reserves totaled 28 against UAF, with Diederichs (13) and **Marques Echols** (Jr., 6-2, Seattle, Wa./ Garfield-Peninsula CC), who had 11, accounting for most of the offense...The team is coming off a season-low 24 rebounds at Fairbanks. The Nanooks punished SPU inside, where they scored 48 points and, overall, they shot 63 percent overall...The Falcons are ninth in GNAC rebounding margin (-4.5) and No. 2 in three-pointers made (9.2). Individually, Will is the blocks leader (2.2). Bremerman is No. 4 in scoring (18.0) and free-throw accuracy (.917). He ranks seventh nationally in the latter...LiveStats are now available for all home games at the Falcons Online (www.spu.edu/falconsonline)...Binetti is the No. 3 scorer for Ignis Castelletto Ticino in the Italian second division, averaging 10.0 points. Ignis is 4-12 and is at the bottom of the standings...Defensively, SPU is holding opponents to 4.5 fewer points (74.8) than last season but its own offense is down 10.6 and the shooting percentage has slipped nearly five points from .520.

Opponent & series notes. In close losses at Western Washington and Saint Martin's last week, Western Oregon shot 52 percent, but its opponents shot 53 percent and the Wolves were out-rebounded, 65-56. Jacob Mitchell averages 17.8 and poured in 47 points in the two games. WOU is 1-6 on the road and 6-11 in the SPU series...Western Washington returns to the pavilion for the first time since falling 81-77 in the West title game. The Vikings lost all five starters to graduation and are 1-4 when playing away from home this season. Lukas Henne scored 43 points as WWU split its two opening league games. Seattle Pacific leads the series 64-42.

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.

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.

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	W, 82-76
Dec. 29-30	OAK HARBOR FREIGHT LINES CLASSIC	
Dec. 29	CHEYNEY	W, 75-71
Dec. 30	DIXIE STATE	W, 71-67
Jan. 4	at Alaska Anchorage*	W, 68-65
Jan. 6	at Alaska Fairbanks*	L, 78-90
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	18.0
Rob Will	11.6
Drew Matzen	9.9
Rob Diederichs	9.8

Rebounds

Rob Will	5.8
JoJay Jackson	5.1

Assists

Brian Lynch	3.2
Drew Matzen	3.0

Steals

Brian Lynch	1.8
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Blocked Shots

Rob Will	2.2
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Field Goal Percentage

Rob Diederichs	.535
Rob Will	.534

Three-Point Percentage

Drew Matzen	(29-67) .433
Marques Echols	(15-36) .417

Free Throw Percentage

Dustin Bremerman	(44-48) .917
Marques Echols	(17-21) .810

Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	75.2	31.0	.476	.721	.379
Opp.	74.8	35.5	.462	.697	.368

Seattle Pacific Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 07, 2007)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(8-5)	(5-0)	(2-2)	(1-3)
CONFERENCE.....	(1-1)	(0-0)	(1-1)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(7-4)	(5-0)	(1-1)	(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...	13-13	440 33.8	80-163	.491	30-82	.366	44-48	.917	17	26	43	3.3	25	2	31	27	2	5	234	18.0
40 Will,Rob.....	13-13	339 26.1	63-118	.534	0-2	.000	25-38	.658	20	55	75	5.8	38	2	28	34	28	9	151	11.6
30 Matzen,Drew.....	13-13	381 29.3	46-103	.447	29-67	.433	8-15	.533	9	34	43	3.3	28	1	39	16	3	12	129	9.9
33 Diederichs,Rob.....	13-0	226 17.4	46-86	.535	17-42	.405	18-34	.529	8	27	35	2.7	20	0	28	16	2	13	127	9.8
34 Jackson,JoJay.....	13-13	333 25.6	45-87	.517	18-44	.409	15-21	.714	11	55	66	5.1	41	3	26	28	6	9	123	9.5
01 Echols,Marques.....	13-0	289 22.2	29-69	.420	15-36	.417	17-21	.810	11	31	42	3.2	22	0	32	21	1	4	90	6.9
44 Lynch,Brian.....	13-12	363 27.9	22-53	.415	10-28	.357	15-20	.750	9	16	25	1.9	35	2	42	29	0	23	69	5.3
22 Larrieu,Brandon....	13-0	68 5.2	4-21	.190	0-10	.000	9-10	.900	2	3	5	0.4	11	0	2	11	0	1	17	1.3
23 Popovic,Filip.....	11-0	68 6.2	8-17	.471	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	12	6	18	1.6	16	1	6	5	0	1	16	1.5
21 Reed,Casey.....	9-0	62 6.9	7-14	.500	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	2	6	8	0.9	10	0	1	6	2	2	15	1.7
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.....	9-0	38 4.2	0-6	.000	0-1	.000	3-4	.750	0	4	4	0.4	8	0	2	3	0	2	3	0.3
TEAM.....									17	19	36	2.8	0		1					

Total.....	13	2625	352-739	.476	119-314	.379	155-215	.721	120	283	403	31.0	254	11	240	199	44	83	978	75.2
Opponents.....	13	2625	344-745	.462	75-204	.368	209-300	.697	162	299	461	35.5	226	-	195	193	37	98	972	74.8

TEAM STATISTICS	SPU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	978	972	11/17/06	CAL STATE L.A.	W	85-67	717
Points per game.....	75.2	74.8	11/18/06	CAL POLY POMONA	W	84-71	818
Scoring margin.....	+0.5	-	11/24/06	vs U. of California - San Diego	L	52-62	157
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	352-739	344-745	11/25/06	vs Cal. State - Dominguez Hills	W	84-65	119
Field goal pct.....	.476	.462	12/02/06	BYU HAWAII	W OT	98-93	656
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	119-314	75-204	12-12-06	at Cal State San Bernardino	L	66-86	347
3-point FG pct.....	.379	.368	12/15/06	vs Central Missouri	L	60-71	41
3-pt FG made per game..	9.2	5.8	12/16/06	vs Rollins	L	75-88	47
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	155-215	209-300	12/20/06	at Dixie State College	W	82-76	1351
Free throw pct.....	.721	.697	12/29/06	CHEYNEY	W	75-71	317
REBOUNDS.....	403	461	12/30/06	DIXIE STATE	W	71-67	517
Rebounds per game.....	31.0	35.5	*01/04/07	at Alaska Anchorage	W	68-65	1039
Rebounding margin.....	-4.5	-	*01/06/07	at Alaska Fairbanks	L	78-90	376
ASSISTS.....	240	195					
Assists per game.....	18.5	15.0					
TURNOVERS.....	199	193					
Turnovers per game.....	15.3	14.8					
Turnover margin.....	-0.5	-					
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.2	1.0					
STEALS.....	83	98					
Steals per game.....	6.4	7.5					
BLOCKS.....	44	37					
Blocks per game.....	3.4	2.8					
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-					
Home win streak.....	5	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	3025	3477					
Home games-Avg/Game....	5-605	4-778					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	4-91					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Seattle Pacific.....	470	494	14	978
Opponents.....	462	501	9	972