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## SPU Men Aim To Stay Perfect At Home Falcons Host 1st-Place Saints Thursday, Visit Central Saturday

**Up close & personal.** Approaching the halfway point in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference men's basketball schedule, Seattle Pacific University will get a first hand look at the league's surprise frontrunner as well as the team picked to finish first. The Falcons (4-2, 11-6) will put their unbeaten home record on the line Thursday night (Jan. 25) against up-start Saint Martin's (5-0, 8-8), winner of seven straight. Central Washington (2-4, 7-10), the preseason favorite, hosts SPU Saturday (Jan. 27). Homecoming week brings Northwest Nazarene and Seattle University to campus.

**A good place.** Their most recent outing notwithstanding, the Falcons find themselves in good shape, nestled nicely into the thick of the GNAC hunt, second behind Saint Martin's. Given the fact that they lost their starting point guard for the season and that the league's gotten more competitive from top to bottom, it's encouraging that Coach **Jeff Hironaka** has his squad in position to defend it conference crown and return to the NCAA Division II tournament for the third year in a row. The first NCAA regional rankings will be released Wednesday (Jan. 24). Eight teams from the West qualify for the postseason.

**Highs & lows.** When things are going good, Seattle Pacific looks a lot like last year's Final Four ensemble. Such was the case in Idaho last week when SPU was clicking on offense, moving the ball (34 assists) and sinking shots at a 70-percent clip. The Falcons blew out Northwest Nazarene, 108-80, to win their third in a row and seventh in eight games. At Seattle University two nights later, that same spark was missing. The defense forced just five turnovers and allowed the Redhawks to hit 53 percent from the field in the worst GNAC loss (86-68) in six years.

**There's the Rob.** The defensive dilemma for most opponents is whether to pressure the ball on the perimeter or pack it in around center **Rob Will** (Jr., 6-10, Seattle, Wa./O'Dea). It's made no difference to Will, who's been raising his game in the New Year. During January Will has averaged 15.2 points, including 17.3 over the last two weeks. After a barrage of three-pointers gave SPU a 14-point lead in the opening minutes, Northwest Nazarene extended its defense and consequently cut the deficit to eight. Will promptly put down the up-rising, scoring five straight times during a 24-9 run toward the end of the first period. He finished with 17 points in 20 minutes and had 16 and eight boards at SU.

**Glimpse of future.** Transitioning from high school to college can be difficult enough on the academic side, never mind the athletics. However, it's looking like **Brandon Larrieu** (Fr., 5-10, Puyallup, Wa./Franklin Pierce) is getting the hang of it. Pegged as a future star in the backcourt, Larrieu gave everyone a glimpse into the future at NNU. He's been averaging nearly a point per minute over the last three games, and at Nampa he got a season-high 17 minutes. Making the most of it, Larrieu scored 16 points, making 7 of 8 shots. After scoring 10 points in his previous 13 games, he has averaged 9.0 while shooting 11-14 in the last three outings.

**Join the club.** With the next win, Hironaka will be alone at No. 3 on the Seattle Pacific coaching victory list. Les Habegger (1957-74) leads with 267. Ken Bone (1990-02) had 251 and Keith Swagerty (1974-80), like Hironaka, had 87. He is 57-21 in the last two-plus seasons and joined Habegger and Bone by taking a team to the Elite Eight in 2006 when he was

### 2006-07 MEN'S BASKETBALL

#### Quick Facts

2006-07 Record- 11-6 (4-2 GNAC)

Coach-Jeff Hironaka, 5th year

Coach's SPU Record- 87-45

#### This Week's Games

*Thr., Jan. 25, 7 p.m.*

SPU v Saint Martin's

*Brougham Pavilion, Seattle, Wa.*

*Sat., Jan. 27, 7 p.m.*

SPU at Central Washington

*Nicholson Pavilion, Ellensburg, Wa.*

#### Last Week's Scores

SPU 108, at Northwest Nazarene 80

at Seattle University 86, SPU 68

#### Streaks & Such

The Falcons are 7-0 at home and have won 10 in a row there going back to last season

#### Stat de jour

With one more win, Jeff Hironaka will be No. 3 in SPU career coaching victories

#### GNAC Standings

	W	L	W	L
Saint Martin's	5	0	8	8
Seattle Pacific	4	2	11	6
Alaska Anchorage	3	2	12	4
Seattle University	3	2	11	5
Western Washington	3	2	9	6
Alaska Fairbanks	2	3	11	8
Central Washington	2	4	7	10
Northwest Nazarene	1	4	6	10
Western Oregon	1	6	6	11

#### NCAA Rankings

1. Winona State (Mn.)

2. Clayton State (Ga.)

3. Central Missouri

*also*

15. Cal Poly Pomona

16. Cal State San Bernardino

23. Humboldt State

the GNAC and West Region coach of the year. In the modern era of Falcons basketball, only Bone (.721) has a higher win percentage (87-45/.659). When he replaced Bone in 2001, Hironaka became just the second Asian American to coach a four-year college program.

**Put-backs.** After rising to No. 4 in NCAA free throw accuracy, **Dustin Bremerman** (Sr., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) extended his consecutive made foul shots to 29 at NNU before going 6-for-10 the rest of the week. He scored 13 in Idaho and 19 at Seattle U. and is now 80 points (1576) from surpassing Jeff McBroom (1655). Bremerman is 11th nationally in foul-line accuracy beginning this week..SPU is the last remaining GNAC team unbeaten at home...Will (98) is approaching 100 career blocks, and needs six more to become No. 3 on the career chart...The Falcons are still eighth in GNAC rebounding margin (-2.8) for all games but a plus-2.2 in conference games. In league games they have held opponents to 28 percent shooting on three-pointers while hitting 8.3 treys per game on offense. Both figures lead the GNAC. Individually, Will is the blocks leader (2.1) and No. 7 in rebounding (6.5). Bremerman is No. 4 in scoring (18.1). **Marques Echols** (Jr., 6-2, Seattle, Wa./ Garfield-Peninsula CC) hit 4 of 6 treys last week, including 3-3 at NNU, and is now No. 6 in GNAC accuracy (.447) outside the arc...**Adam Wardell** (Fr., 6-2, Sedro Woolley, Wa.) came off the bench for eight points at NNU...**Drew Matzen** (Sr., 6-4, Lynnwood, Wa./Bothell) had a career-high seven assists vs. the Crusaders...The team's 70-percent shooting against Northwest Nazarene ranks No. 2 all-time at both SPU and in the GNAC.

**Opponent & series notes.** Saint Martin's is the hottest team in the region and arrives in town after sweeping the Alaskans at home. Jake Linton and Brendan Campbell form a formidable 1-2 punch, averaging 18.4 and 16.4 points, respectively. Linton is also among the GNAC leaders in assists (4.7) and steals (1.9) while Campbell is No. 2 in rebounding (8.0). Prior to the win streak, the Saints had lost six straight. SPU has won 16 meetings in a row and leads the series 81-31...Central Washington dropped two overtime games last week and is idle Thursday. The Wildcats get 16.4 points per game from Lance Den Boer but are shooting just 45 percent from the field and yield 78.7 points on defense, ranking No. 8 in the GNAC in both categories. This will be the first meeting since SPU eliminated Central in the first round of the NCAA tournament. It was the 12th win in the last 16 games of the series, which CWU leads, 61-40.

**Missing links.** For the latest and best information on Seattle Pacific University athletics, click on the Falcons Online ([www.spu.edu/falconsonline](http://www.spu.edu/falconsonline)). For updated standings and statistics, see the Great Northwest Athletic Conference web site at [www.gnacsports.com](http://www.gnacsports.com). Live Stats are now available for all home games at the Falcons Online ([www.spu.edu/falconsonline](http://www.spu.edu/falconsonline)).

**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.

## 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 Larriue	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*	W, 86-74
Jan. 13	WESTERN WASHINGTON*	W, 80-65
Jan. 18	at Northwest Nazarene*	W, 108-80
Jan. 20	at Seattle University*	L, 68-86
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	18.1
Rob Will	12.9
Rob Diederichs	9.6
Drew Matzen	9.4

### Rebounds

Rob Will	6.5
JoJay Jackson	4.6

### Assists

Brian Lynch	3.2
Drew Matzen	2.9

### Steals

Brian Lynch	1.7
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### Blocked Shots

Rob Will	2.1
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### Field Goal Percentage

Rob Will	.535
Rob Diederichs	.526

### Three-Point Percentage

Marques Echols	(21-47) .447
JoJay Jackson	(23-55) .418

### Free Throw Percentage

Dustin Bremerman	(69-77) .896
Marques Echols	(28-35) .800

Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	77.6	32.4	.484	.717	.386
Opp.	75.1	35.2	.456	.701	.353

Seattle Pacific Univ. 2006-07 Men  
Seattle Pacific Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 21, 2007)  
All games

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
<b>ALL GAMES.....</b>	<b>(11-6)</b>	<b>(7-0)</b>	<b>(3-3)</b>	<b>(1-3)</b>
<b>CONFERENCE.....</b>	<b>(4-2)</b>	<b>(2-0)</b>	<b>(2-2)</b>	<b>(0-0)</b>
<b>NON-CONFERENCE.....</b>	<b>(7-4)</b>	<b>(5-0)</b>	<b>(1-1)</b>	<b>(1-3)</b>

## 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...	17-17	577 33.9	101-203	.498	37-99	.374	69-77	.896	18	43	61	3.6	30	2	40	38	3	6	308	18.1
40 Will,Rob.....	17-17	452 26.6	91-170	.535	0-4	.000	38-58	.655	29	82	111	6.5	46	2	35	39	35	12	220	12.9
33 Diederichs,Rob.....	17-0	292 17.2	61-116	.526	20-53	.377	21-38	.553	11	40	51	3.0	27	0	40	20	2	16	163	9.6
30 Matzen,Drew.....	17-17	489 28.8	57-134	.425	36-87	.414	10-19	.526	15	41	56	3.3	33	1	52	18	3	14	160	9.4
34 Jackson,JoJay.....	17-17	430 25.3	54-106	.509	23-55	.418	21-32	.656	15	63	78	4.6	52	3	37	33	6	17	152	8.9
01 Echols,Marques.....	17-0	375 22.1	35-88	.398	21-47	.447	28-35	.800	13	48	61	3.6	29	0	43	28	1	7	119	7.0
44 Lynch,Brian.....	17-16	463 27.2	29-66	.439	14-37	.378	21-29	.724	11	25	36	2.1	46	2	54	37	1	29	93	5.5
22 Larrieu,Brandon....	17-0	97 5.7	15-35	.429	2-12	.167	10-14	.714	2	3	5	0.3	18	0	2	15	0	2	42	2.5
21 Reed,Casey.....	13-0	102 7.8	11-21	.524	0-1	.000	5-7	.714	4	13	17	1.3	18	0	4	9	4	2	27	2.1
23 Popovic,Filip.....	14-0	75 5.4	9-19	.474	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	13	6	19	1.4	18	1	6	5	0	1	18	1.3
03 Wardell,Adam.....	12-0	48 4.0	4-10	.400	0-1	.000	3-4	.750	0	6	6	0.5	10	0	4	7	0	2	11	0.9
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
20 Yuen,Austin.....	3-0	7 2.3	1-2	.500	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	1.0
TEAM.....									22	23	45	2.6	0		1					
Total.....	17	3425	470-972	.484	154-399	.386	226-315	.717	155	395	550	32.4	328	11	320	252	55	111	1320	77.6
Opponents.....	17	3425	455-998	.456	98-278	.353	269-384	.701	201	397	598	35.2	304	-	244	237	50	123	1277	75.1

TEAM STATISTICS	SPU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	1320	1277	11/17/06	CAL STATE L.A.	W	85-67	717
Points per game.....	77.6	75.1	11/18/06	CAL POLY POMONA	W	84-71	818
Scoring margin.....	+2.5	-	11/24/06	vs U. of California - San Diego	L	52-62	157
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	470-972	455-998	11/25/06	vs Cal. State - Dominguez Hills	W	84-65	119
Field goal pct.....	.484	.456	12/02/06	BYU HAWAII	W OT	98-93	656
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	154-399	98-278	12-12-06	at Cal State San Bernardino	L	66-86	347
3-point FG pct.....	.386	.353	12/15/06	vs Central Missouri	L	60-71	41
3-pt FG made per game..	9.1	5.8	12/16/06	vs Rollins	L	75-88	47
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	226-315	269-384	12/20/06	at Dixie State College	W	82-76	1351
Free throw pct.....	.717	.701	12/29/06	CHEYNEY	W	75-71	317
REBOUNDS.....	550	598	12/30/06	DIXIE STATE	W	71-67	517
Rebounds per game.....	32.4	35.2	*01/04/07	at Alaska Anchorage	W	68-65	1039
Rebounding margin.....	-2.8	-	*01/06/07	at Alaska Fairbanks	L	78-90	376
ASSISTS.....	320	244	*01/11/07	WESTERN OREGON	W	86-74	473
Assists per game.....	18.8	14.4	*01/13/07	WESTERN WASHINGTON	W	80-65	1103
TURNOVERS.....	252	237	*1-18-07	at Northwest Nazarene	W	108-80	479
Turnovers per game.....	14.8	13.9	*01/20/07	at Seattle University	L	68-86	1158
Turnover margin.....	-0.9	-					
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.3	1.0					
STEALS.....	111	123					
Steals per game.....	6.5	7.2					
BLOCKS.....	55	50					
Blocks per game.....	3.2	2.9					
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-					
Home win streak.....	7	-					
ATTENDANCE.....	4601	5114					
Home games-Avg/Game....	7-657	6-792					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	4-91					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
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Seattle Pacific.....	629	677	14	- 1320
Opponents.....	611	657	9	- 1277