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## Hold-On Time For SPU Men At Western Win Would Clinch at Least Tie for GNAC; NCAA Bids Out Sun.

**One for the road.** First comes a chance to ensure a place in the postseason, then the waiting and watching begins. Seattle Pacific University can clinch at least a tie for the Great Northwest Athletic Conference men's basketball championship Thursday night (Mar. 1) as the Falcons 10-5, 17-9) finish the regular season two days earlier than their rivals. Whether that lead will hold through the weekend and how the NCAA Division II tournament selections will be affected remains to be seen. The 64-team bracket and site of the West Regional will be announced Sunday night (Mar. 4) and the postseason begins Mar. 9.

**Five for one.** Going into the final week, five teams are still in contention for the GNAC crown. The two teams tied behind SPU, Central Washington and Seattle University, each have five losses and meet Thursday at Connolly Center. Alaska Anchorage and Alaska Fairbanks, each with six defeats, face-off Saturday. The GNAC champion earns an automatic NCAA berth, and should Central prevail it would likely knock out one of the top eight ranked teams in the West.

**California on the horizon.** It seems almost certain that the regional will be situated somewhere in California for the first time in three years. CCAA leader Humboldt State holds the edge over Cal State San Bernardino and Cal Poly Pomona. Seattle Pacific, the defending GNAC and West champion, was fourth again in last week's regional rankings. The regional was held in Bellingham in '05 and SPU in '06. A new poll will be released Feb. 28. The Falcons are seeking their third straight trip to the playoffs and their 18th overall.

**Echols equals clutch.** For a few moments last week, doubt crept into Falcons' postseason aspirations. They were beaten at home by a desperate Alaska Fairbanks team, 75-70, and with under four minutes left against Anchorage, their 11-point lead had shrunk to six and the shot clock was winding down. Enter **Marques Echols** (Jr., 6-2, Seattle, Wa./ Garfield-Peninsula CC). From 23 feet he cast a perfect shot through the cotton for three points. The next time down court, Echols set-up **Rob Will** (Jr., 6-10, Seattle, Wa./O'Dea) for a layup and suddenly the lead was restored to 11. For the week, Echols came off bench to total 26 points and 10 assists, and hit 5 of 7 threes while not committing a single turnover. He has raised his three-point clip to 50 percent for the season (40-80) to become the GNAC leader, and is shooting 54 percent (27-50) in league play.

**Another 500.** Yep, he's breathing rarified air these days. Eight points from now, **Dustin Bremerman** (Sr., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) will become just the second SPU player with two 500-point seasons to his credit. Bremerman hiked his season total to 492 points with a combined 41 last week. Bremerman first eclipsed 500 points last season (575) and can match season record-holder Jeff McBroom's feat of back-to-back 500s in 1998-99. McBroom's career mark of 259 three-pointers is within Bremerman's sights (238), although Loren Anderson's career scoring total of 1948 seems beyond his reach (he currently has 1760 points). Bremerman is the No. 4 scorer (18.9) in the conference and is 10th nationally in free throw accuracy (.886).

**If they shoot, score.** Barring a calamity on the boards or some obscene imbalance in free throws, the formula for success is simple: if SPU can shoot well, it wins. Twelve times the Falcons have hit 50 percent or higher from the field, winning 11 of those games. They are 13-1 when scoring 80 or more points. Those are figures are well within reach since Seattle Pacific rates among the national leaders (16th) in field-goal percentage (.503) and leads the GNAC in scoring (80.9). Last week's hiccup in the equation came against Fairbanks: SPU shot 53 percent but lost after being out-rebounding 39-21. Against Anchorage, the team con-

### 2006-07 MEN'S BASKETBALL

#### Quick Facts

2006-07 Record- 17-9 (10-5 GNAC)

Coach-Jeff Hironaka, 5th year

Coach's SPU Record- 93-47

#### This Week's Games

*Thr., Mar. 1, 7 p.m.*

SPU at Western Washington

*Carver Gym, Bellingham, Wa.*

*Sun., Mar. 4, 7:30 p.m.*

NCAA Tournament Announcement

#### Last Week's Scores

Alaska Fairbanks 75, at SPU 70

at SPU 89, Alaska Anchorage 80

#### Streaks & Such

Seattle Pacific is vying for its second straight GNAC championship and third consecutive NCAA tournament appearance

#### Stat de jour

Dustin Bremerman is eight points from becoming only the second Falcon with two 500-point seasons. He would join Jeff McBroom (1998-99)

#### GNAC Standings

	W	L	W	L
Seattle Pacific	10	5	17	9
Seattle University	9	5	17	8
Central Washington	9	5	14	11
Alaska Anchorage	9	6	18	8
Alaska Fairbanks	8	6	17	11
Saint Martin's	7	7	10	15
Western Washington	4	10	10	14
Northwest Nazarene	4	10	9	16
Western Oregon	4	10	9	16

#### NCAA Rankings

1. Winona State (Mn.)
2. Bentley (Mass.)

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4. Humboldt State
10. Central Missouri
12. Cal State San Bernardino
18. Cal Poly Pomona

nected on 60 percent from the floor for the sixth time. The loss to UAF was the first in 30 games over three seasons where the Falcons have shot at least 50 percent and been beaten.

**Good signs.** Apart from their woes on the boards and lapses in letting Alaska Anchorage unleash fast breaks, Coach **Jeff Hironaka's** squad showed that it is a team capable of a tournament run. They obviously shot the ball well, shared it (44 assists) and kept possession (24 turnovers). They bounced back to out-rebound Anchorage, 33-19, and got excellence production from their bench, finishing a plus-18 against the Alaskan reserves. In addition to Echols, **Rob Diederichs** (Fr., 6-8, Shoreline, Wa./Shorewood) helped ignite the offense midway through the second half vs. the Seawolves. He contributed to 14 consecutive points (10 scored, two baskets created by his assists) in a six-minute span. **Casey Reed** (So., 6-5, Canby, Or./Canby-Navy) and **Filip Popovic** (Jr., 6-7, Montenegro, Serbia) backed Will with a combined 10 points and three rebounds in 20 minutes vs. UAA.

**Put-backs.** To earn the GNAC automatic berth, Seattle Pacific will likely need to finish first outright. The winner of Thursday's Seattle-Central game would earn a share of the title (or the title outright if SPU loses) and claim the automatic berth in the playoffs by winning again Saturday. Of the five teams still in contention, only UAA does not have an opportunity to take the automatic berth. **Drew Matzen** (Sr., 6-4, Lynnwood, Wa./Bothell) put together some memorable bursts in his final two home games. Matzen led a late charge against UAF, scoring all nine of his points in 57 seconds before fouling out. In a whirlwind 20 seconds of the first half vs. UAA he scored five points on a deep three, followed by a steal and layup. Matzen finished with 12 points...SPU is the only GNAC team with a winning record (3-2) vs. CCAA teams and is 6-2 in non-conference in-region games...Seattle Pacific finished 11-2 at home this season, but sustained consecutive home losses for the first time since '03-04 season...Over the last three games the Falcons have converted 58 percent (90-155) of their field goals and over the last five games they have made 44 percent (56-127) of their three-point attempts... Point guard **Brian Lynch** (Sr., 6-2, Missoula, Mt./Great Falls-Montana) has 17 assists and just four turnovers in the last five games...Echols has scored in double figures six of the last eight games, averaging 11.4. He is 13 of 18 on threes in the last five games... Diederichs' 230 points trails only Bremerman (312) and Brannon Stone (264) for a freshman over the last 18 seasons...The Falcons are No. 1 in GNAC scoring (80.9), No. 2 in shooting (.503), three-point accuracy (.393) and three-pointers per game (9.0)...Bremerman is fourth in scoring and sixth in free throw percentage (.886). Will, who rejected five UAF shots, regained the lead in blocks (2.1), and is third in shooting (.574) and eighth in rebounding (6.3). Echols is No. 2 in three-point accuracy (.479). Diederichs is sixth in shooting accuracy (.544). Lynch is eighth in assists (3.4) and ninth in steals (1.3)...In league games, SPU is scoring 84.5 points per game, shooting 52 percent from the field and out-rebounding opponents by 1.8. Bremerman is averaging 20.0 points and Will 14.9 while hitting 60 percent.

**Opponent & series notes.** A young Western Washington squad has gone 5-13 since starting out 5-1. The Vikings stopped a seven-game slide with a win over Northwest Nazarene last week at home, where they are 8-4... They are shooting just 44 percent from the field and 34 percent outside the arc. Lone senior Lukas Henne averages 17.8 points and 7.1 rebounds. Bremerman scored 26 (12-12 FTs) and Will 18 in the Falcons '80-65 win Jan. 13. SPU leads the series 67-44.

## 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)

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	ot 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*	W, 100-90
Jan. 27	at Central Washington*	ot L, 91-98
Feb. 1	NORTHWEST NAZARENE*	W, 88-70
Feb. 3	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY*	W, 98-74
Feb. 8	CENTRAL WASHINGTON*	L, 73-80
Feb. 10	at Western Oregon*	W, 72-61
Feb. 17	at Saint Martin's*	W, 99-91
Feb. 22	ALASKA FAIRBANKS*	L, 70-75
Feb. 24	ALASKA ANCHORAGE*	W, 89-80
Mar. 1	at Western Washington*	7:00

\*Great Northwest Athletic Conference games  
All times are Pacific

## 2006-07 Season Leaders

### Scoring

Dustin Bremerman	18.9
Rob Will	13.3
JoJay Jackson	9.3
Drew Matzen	9.1

### Rebounds

Rob Will	6.3
JoJay Jackson	5.0

### Assists

Brian Lynch	3.3
Drew Matzen	2.7

### Steals

Brian Lynch	1.3
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### Blocked Shots

Rob Will	2.1
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### Field Goal Percentage

Rob Will	.574
Rob Diederichs	.544

### Three-Point Percentage

Marques Echols	(40-80) .500
JoJay Jackson	(34-86) .395

### Free Throw Percentage

Dustin Bremerman	(109-123) .886
Marques Echols	(43-53) .811

Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	80.8	32.4	.503	.752	.393
Opp.	76.8	33.7	.459	.719	.369

Seattle Pacific Univ. 2006-07 Men  
Seattle Pacific Combined Team Statistics (as of Feb 25, 2007)  
All games

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
<b>ALL GAMES.....</b>	<b>(17-9)</b>	<b>(11-2)</b>	<b>(5-4)</b>	<b>(1-3)</b>
<b>CONFERENCE.....</b>	<b>(10-5)</b>	<b>(6-2)</b>	<b>(4-3)</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...	26-26	899 34.6	159-316	.503	65-166	.392	109-123	.886	29	70	99	3.8	47	3	62	55	8	11	492	18.9
40 Will,Rob.....	26-26	655 25.2	140-244	.574	0-4	.000	66-92	.717	40	123	163	6.3	74	3	50	55	17	346	13.3	
34 Jackson,JoJay.....	26-26	675 26.0	85-170	.500	34-86	.395	39-52	.750	27	102	129	5.0	77	4	62	54	9	30	243	9.3
30 Matzen,Drew.....	26-26	748 28.8	86-193	.446	48-122	.393	17-28	.607	22	55	77	3.0	53	2	70	29	4	18	237	9.1
33 Diederichs,Rob.....	26-0	419 16.1	87-160	.544	26-70	.371	30-51	.588	21	63	84	3.2	41	0	60	32	4	23	230	8.8
01 Echols,Marques.....	26-0	589 22.7	68-149	.456	40-80	.500	43-53	.811	15	66	81	3.1	48	0	67	44	2	12	219	8.4
44 Lynch,Brian.....	26-25	673 25.9	39-96	.406	18-51	.353	31-42	.738	20	40	60	2.3	66	2	87	50	2	34	127	4.9
21 Reed,Casey.....	22-0	252 11.5	37-65	.569	0-1	.000	22-28	.786	9	26	35	1.6	42	1	24	19	12	12	96	4.4
22 Larrieu,Brandon....	22-0	116 5.3	19-40	.475	2-12	.167	11-17	.647	2	3	5	0.2	23	0	5	18	0	3	51	2.3
23 Popovic,Filip.....	18-0	91 5.1	12-24	.500	0-1	.000	3-8	.375	19	9	28	1.6	23	1	9	6	0	1	27	1.5
03 Wardell,Adam.....	20-0	104 5.2	7-15	.467	0-1	.000	7-9	.778	1	9	10	0.5	17	0	15	8	0	4	21	1.1
20 Yuen,Austin.....	7-0	11 1.6	2-3	.667	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	0.1	1	0	1	1	0	1	7	1.0
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
TEAM.....									34	34	68	2.7	0		1					
Total.....	26	5250	743-1477	.503	234-596	.393	380-505	.752	241	602	843	32.4	512	16	515	374	96	168	2100	80.8
Opponents.....	26	5250	699-1524	.459	161-436	.369	437-608	.719	309	568	877	33.7	465	-	380	346	74	186	1996	76.8

TEAM STATISTICS	SPU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	2100	1996	11/17/06	CAL STATE L.A.	W	85-67	717
Points per game.....	80.8	76.8	11/18/06	CAL POLY POMONA	W	84-71	818
Scoring margin.....	+4.0	-	11/24/06	vs U. of California - San Diego	L	52-62	157
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	743-1477	699-1524	11/25/06	vs Cal. State - Dominguez Hills	W	84-65	119
Field goal pct.....	.503	.459	12/02/06	BYU HAWAII	W OT	98-93	656
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	234-596	161-436	12/12/06	at Cal State San Bernardino	L	66-86	347
3-point FG pct.....	.393	.369	12/15/06	vs Central Missouri	L	60-71	41
3-pt FG made per game..	9.0	6.2	12/16/06	vs Rollins	L	75-88	47
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	380-505	437-608	12/20/06	at Dixie State College	W	82-76	1351
Free throw pct.....	.752	.719	12/29/06	CHEYNEY	W	75-71	317
REBOUNDS.....	843	877	12/30/06	DIXIE STATE	W	71-67	517
Rebounds per game.....	32.4	33.7	*01/04/07	at Alaska Anchorage	W	68-65	1039
Rebounding margin.....	-1.3	-	*01/06/07	at Alaska Fairbanks	L	78-90	376
ASSISTS.....	515	380	*01/11/07	WESTERN OREGON	W	86-74	473
Assists per game.....	19.8	14.6	*01/13/07	WESTERN WASHINGTON	W	80-65	1103
TURNOVERS.....	374	346	*01/18/07	at Northwest Nazarene	W	108-80	479
Turnovers per game.....	14.4	13.3	*01/20/07	at Seattle University	L	68-86	1158
Turnover margin.....	-1.1	-	*01/25/07	SAINT MARTIN'S	W	100-90	473
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.4	1.1	*01/27/07	at Central Washington	LOT	91-98	1482
STEALS.....	168	186	*02/01/07	NORTHWEST NAZARENE	W	88-70	667
Steals per game.....	6.5	7.2	*02/03/07	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY	W	98-74	1979
BLOCKS.....	96	74	*02/08/07	CENTRAL WASHINGTON	L	73-80	512
Blocks per game.....	3.7	2.8	*02/10/07	at Western Oregon	W	72-61	600
WINNING STREAK.....	1	-	*02/17/07	at Saint Martin's University	W	99-91	465
Home win streak.....	1	-	*02/24/07	ALASKA FAIRBANKS	L	70-75	432
ATTENDANCE.....	9276	7661	*02/24/07	ALASKA ANCHORAGE	W	89-80	612
Home games-Avg/Game....	13-714	9-811					
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	4-91					

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Seattle Pacific.....	973	1107	20	- 2100
Opponents.....	913	1061	22	- 1996