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Hiro Hopes Up & Comers Offset Losses Bremerman Leaves On Top; Euro Tour on Tap for September

Chemistry 101. While the losses appear insurmountable on paper, Seattle Pacific University's basketball biggest fortunes have always been more about teamwork. Going into the 2007-08 season, the Falcons may possess not only sufficient talent but also the necessary intangibles to make another visit to the men's basketball Elite Eight. Two starters from the conference championship squad and five of the top eight in the rotation will be joined by some young newcomers next fall.

Big and bigger. Many of the key pieces are in place for the Falcons to contend for an unprecedented third straight Great Northwest Athletic Conference title. Coach **Jeff Hironaka** has a potential All-American in center **Rob Will** (Jr., 6-10, Seattle, Wa./O'Dea), a second-team all-GNAC selection. Will was the team's No. 2 scorer (13.0) and top rebounder (6.4). He led the GNAC in blocked shots (2.0). The other returning starter is forward is **JoJay Jackson** (Jr., 6-5, Fairfield, Ca./Vallejo-Solano JC), who averaged 9.4 points and 4.8 boards.

Up and coming. Vying for increased playing time and frontline starting roles are **Rob Diederichs** (Fr., 6-8, Shoreline, Wa./Shorewood) and **Casey Reed** (So., 6-5, Canby, Or./Canby-Navy). Diederichs was impressive off the bench as a redshirt freshman, and his points and assists per minute led the team while he was second in rebounding. Reed gathered steam in the second half, finishing No. 2 in blocks and providing not only relief to Will but a spark with his quickness underneath.

They can handle it. Hironaka lost his starting backcourt to graduation, yet has two ready-made potential starters among the returnees. **Jared Moultrie** (Sr., 6-2, West Point, Ut./Clearfield-Salt Lake CC), who began the season as the starting point guard, is expected to make a full recovery from knee surgery. **Marques Echols** (Jr., 6-2, Seattle, Wa./Garfield-Peninsula CC) played the most minutes of any non-starter, and hit 50.6 percent on three-pointers and 80.7 percent from the foul line in averaging 8.4 points. **Brandon Larrieu** (Fr., 5-10, Puyallup, Wa./Franklin Pierce) and **Adam Wardell** (So., 6-2, Sedro Woolley, Wa.) will press for more significant roles.

Bremerman be gone. Make no mistake about it, there will be a sizable void left by the seniors, and one in particular. **Dustin Bremerman** (Sr., 6-4, Yakima, Wa./Eisenhower) was only the program's fourth consensus All-American and the GNAC player of the year as a senior. Bremerman became just the second SPU player with two 500-point seasons and finished as the No. 2 career scorer (1797) and three-point shooter (243). He scored 18.9 points per game. Also departing are starters **Drew Matzen** (Sr., 6-4, Bothell, Wa./Lynnwood) and **Brian Lynch** (Business, Sr., 3.52, Missoula, Mt./Great Falls). Matzen played four years, starting two on the wing. Lynch led the team in assists. Reserve **Austin Yuen** (Sr., 5-8, Mercer Island, Wa.) was voted most inspirational.

European adventure. The Falcons will take flight Sept. 9 for a 10-day playing tour of Belgium and Holland. Hironaka will take his returnees on the junket, the program's fourth overseas venture. SPU went to Holland and Germany in 1995, Brazil in 1999 and Australia in 2003. Although the final schedule is still to be determined, 4-5 exhibitions are planned with professional clubs prior to the start of fall classes.

Effectively re-loaded. Seattle Pacific completed recruiting by signing Chris Banchemo, one of the stars for Seattle's O'Dea, the state 3A champion. The 6-1 Banchemo averaged a team-high 15.1 points as a senior. Forwards Jeffrey Downs and Chauncey Campanaro had committed in the fall. Downs scored 24.2 points per game for Bellevue Christian and Campanaro starred for JSerra in Corona Del Mar, Calif.

2006-07 MEN'S BASKETBALL

Quick Facts

2006-07 Record- 18-10 (11-5 GNAC, 1st)
 Coach-Jeff Hironaka, 5th year
 Coach's SPU Record- 94-49

NCAA West Regional Results

East Gym, Arcata, Calif.

First Round

Seattle University 69, Cal Poly Pomona 55
 Cal St. San Bernardino 71, BYU Hawaii 68
 Grand Canyon 87, Seattle Pacific 65
 Humboldt State 68, Alaska Anchorage 61

Semifinals

Cal State San Bernardino 72, Seattle U. 66
 Humboldt State 95, Grand Canyon 81

Championship

Cal St. San Bernardino 68, Humboldt St. 66

Streaks & Such

The Falcons repeated as conference champion for the first time since 1995-96

Stat de jour

Seattle Pacific will make its fourth overseas tour in September, playing in Belgium and Holland

GNAC Standings

	W	L	W	L
Seattle Pacific	11	5	18	10
Seattle University	11	5	20	9
Alaska Anchorage	10	6	19	9
Central Washington	10	6	15	12
Alaska Fairbanks	8	8	17	13
Saint Martin's	7	9	10	17
Western Washington	5	11	11	15
Northwest Nazarene	5	11	10	17
Western Oregon	5	11	10	17

NCAA Rankings

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

also

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

Camps coming up. Both sessions of the Falcon Basketball Camp for Boys are filling up fast. Players entering grades 4-10 can enroll in sessions July 9-12 or July 16-19. The cost is \$200 and early registration is encouraged. For forms, click on the www.spu.edu/depts/athletics/sportscamps.htm.

For the record. Three schools records were broken or tied. Will erased the single game blocks mark with nine vs. Cal State L.A., and the team tied its mark of 11. Bremerman tied the record of nine three-pointers vs. BYU Hawaii Dec. 2 and his 12-12 free throws Jan. 13 vs. Western Washington tied him for single game percentage. Elsewhere, Bremerman is now No. 3 in single game scoring (43, vs. BYUH), No. 2 in career scoring, No. 5 in career foul shooting (.855) and his season accuracy of .883 rates fourth all-time. Echols' three-point percentage ranks No. 3 for a season. Will moved up to No. 3 in career blocks (119) and No. 4 in career field-goal percentage (.590).

Put-backs. Seattle Pacific repeated as conference champion for the first time since 1995-96. The GNAC has yet to have a three-time defending champion...The Falcon Golf Classic is slated for Sept. 8 at Mukilteo's Harbour Pointe. Proceeds benefit the basketball scholarship fund. Reservations are \$175 and can be made by calling (206) 281-2085 before Aug. 24...Bremerman made both the NABC and *Division 2 Bulletin* All-America teams after making all-region earlier. He was later chosen to play in both the Division II All-Star game in Springfield, Mass., and the College Basketball Invitational, a 60-player combine in Wadsworth, Ohio...Yuen was one of two featured speakers from the senior class at the SPU Athletic Awards presentations May 31. Bremerman was one of seven recipients of the Falcon Award for Excellence for career achievement in athletics, academics and leadership. Other team awards went to Bremerman (MVP), Reed (most improved) and Lynch (coaches)...In the first-round NCAA tournament loss to Grand Canyon, SPU had a season-low seven assists and shot just 39 percent from the field—second-lowest of the season. The 87-65 margin made it the largest defeat in the last 54 games and worst in the last 10 years of postseason activity...Next year's schedule begins with a preseason exhibition at Washington. There are non-conference dates with Cal State Monterey Bay, Cal State San Bernardino, Western State (Co.), Alderson Broaddus (WV) and Concordia (NY) at home; BYU Hawaii (away); and Bloomfield (Pa.) and Colorado School of Mines at neutral sites. GNAC play begins Jan. 3 at home against Central Washington. Montana State Billings joins the league next season...Bremerman finished eighth in NCAA free throw shooting and the team was third in assists (19.25), 18th in field-goal percentage (.497) and 20th in foul shooting (.748)...Besides Will, Echols was the Falcons' other GNAC leader, in three-point accuracy. Bremerman was fourth in scoring, Diederichs sixth in field-goal percentage. SPU was No. 2 in scoring (79.8), shooting and three-point shooting (.392). The offense generated scored 98 or more points five times and shot 60 percent or higher six times, including four of the final 11 outings. Six players scored more than 8.0 points per game...Diederichs' 246 points trailed only Bremerman (312) and Brannon Stone (264) for a freshman over the last 18 seasons. He averaged 8.8 per game and 0.551 per minute, compared to Bremerman's 0.545...Seattle Pacific was 15-1 when ahead at halftime, 17-0 when leading with 5:00 remaining. It was 11-1 when shooting 50 percent or higher, 12-2 when opponent shots below 46...Bremerman has scored 13 or more points in his final 22 collegiate games...Former player and assistant coach Ritchie McKay took over as coach at Liberty (Va.) following five seasons at New Mexico.

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, Scott Reid, Adam Swinyard, George Parker

✓ 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*	W, 70-64
Mar. 9	Grand Canyon (NCAA/Arcata, Ca.)	L, 65-87

*Great Northwest Athletic Conference games
All times are Pacific

2006-07 Season Leaders

Scoring

Dustin Bremerman	18.9
Rob Will	13.0
JoJay Jackson	9.4
Rob Diederichs	8.8
Drew Matzen	8.6

Rebounds

Rob Will	6.3
JoJay Jackson	4.8

Assists

Brian Lynch	3.2
Drew Matzen	2.6

Steals

Brian Lynch	1.3
JoJay Jackson	1.3

Blocked Shots

Rob Will	2.0
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Field Goal Percentage

Rob Will	.567
Rob Diederichs	.554

Three-Point Percentage

Marques Echols	(42-83) .506
JoJay Jackson	(37-94) .394

Free Throw Percentage

Dustin Bremerman	(113-128) .883
Marques Echols	(46-57) .807

Team	Pts.	Reb	FG%	FT%	3P%
SPU	79.8	32.1	.497	.748	.392
Opp.	76.7	33.7	.463	.717	.374

Seattle Pacific Univ. 2006-07 Men
 Seattle Pacific Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 09, 2007)
 All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(18-10)	(11-2)	(6-4)	(1-4)
CONFERENCE.....	(11-5)	(6-2)	(5-3)	(0-0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(7-5)	(5-0)	(1-1)	(1-4)

## 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...	28-28	970 34.6	173-350	.494	70-180	.389	113-128	.883	32	75	107	3.8	54	4	64	60	8	12	529	18.9
40 Will,Rob.....	28-28	695 24.8	148-261	.567	0-4	.000	69-98	.704	46	129	175	6.3	80	3	53	58	56	18	365	13.0
34 Jackson,JoJay.....	28-28	735 26.3	90-184	.489	37-94	.394	47-62	.758	30	104	134	4.8	81	4	68	60	10	35	264	9.4
33 Diederichs,Rob.....	28-0	446 15.9	93-168	.554	28-72	.389	32-56	.571	22	68	90	3.2	42	0	63	36	4	23	246	8.8
30 Matzen,Drew.....	28-28	796 28.4	87-202	.431	49-129	.380	19-30	.633	23	57	80	2.9	53	2	72	30	4	19	242	8.6
01 Echols,Marques.....	28-0	648 23.1	73-162	.451	42-83	.506	46-57	.807	16	70	86	3.1	52	0	71	49	2	13	234	8.4
44 Lynch,Brian.....	28-27	714 25.3	42-101	.416	19-53	.358	33-44	.750	21	42	63	2.3	70	2	89	51	2	35	136	4.9
21 Reed,Casey.....	24-0	285 11.9	42-74	.568	0-1	.000	24-31	.774	9	30	39	1.6	44	1	24	20	15	14	108	4.5
22 Larrieu,Brandon....	24-0	123 5.1	19-41	.463	2-12	.167	11-17	.647	2	3	5	0.2	23	0	6	18	1	4	51	2.1
23 Popovic,Filip.....	19-0	92 4.8	12-24	.500	0-1	.000	3-8	.375	20	9	29	1.5	23	1	9	6	0	1	27	1.4
04 Wardell,Adam.....	22-0	116 5.3	7-16	.438	0-2	.000	8-11	.727	2	10	12	0.5	20	0	16	8	0	4	22	1.0
20 Yuen,Austin.....	8-0	12 1.5	2-3	.667	1-2	.500	2-2	1.000	0	1	1	0.1	1	0	1	1	0	1	7	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
TEAM.....									37	39	76	2.8	0		2					
Total.....	28	5650	790-1588	.497	248-633	.392	407-544	.748	262	638	900	32.1	543	17	539	401	102	181	2235	79.8
Opponents.....	28	5650	755-1632	.463	174-465	.374	463-646	.717	330	613	943	33.7	502	-	413	375	80	198	2147	76.7

TEAM STATISTICS	SPU	OPP	DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND
SCORING.....	2235	2147	11/17/06	CAL STATE L.A.	W	85-67	717
Points per game.....	79.8	76.7	11/18/06	CAL POLY POMONA	W	84-71	818
Scoring margin.....	+3.1	-	11/24/06	vs U. of California - San Diego	L	52-62	157
FIELD GOALS-ATT.....	790-1588	755-1632	11/25/06	vs Cal. State - Dominguez Hills	W	84-65	119
Field goal pct.....	.497	.463	12/02/06	BYU HAWAII	W OT	98-93	656
3 POINT FG-ATT.....	248-633	174-465	12/12/06	at Cal State San Bernardino	L	66-86	347
3-point FG pct.....	.392	.374	12/15/06	vs Central Missouri	L	60-71	41
3-pt FG made per game..	8.9	6.2	12/16/06	vs Rollins	L	75-88	47
FREE THROWS-ATT.....	407-544	463-646	12/20/06	at Dixie State College	W	82-76	1351
Free throw pct.....	.748	.717	12/29/06	CHEYNEY	W	75-71	317
REBOUNDS.....	900	943	12/30/06	DIXIE STATE	W	71-67	517
Rebounds per game.....	32.1	33.7	*01/04/07	at Alaska Anchorage	W	68-65	1039
Rebounding margin.....	-1.5	-	*01/06/07	at Alaska Fairbanks	L	78-90	376
ASSISTS.....	539	413	*01/11/07	WESTERN OREGON	W	86-74	473
Assists per game.....	19.3	14.8	*01/13/07	WESTERN WASHINGTON	W	80-65	1103
TURNOVERS.....	401	375	*01/18/07	at Northwest Nazarene	W	108-80	479
Turnovers per game.....	14.3	13.4	*01/20/07	at Seattle University	L	68-86	1158
Turnover margin.....	-0.9	-	*01/25/07	SAINT MARTIN'S	W	100-90	473
Assist/turnover ratio..	1.3	1.1	*01/27/07	at Central Washington	LOT	91-98	1482
STEALS.....	181	198	*02/01/07	NORTHWEST NAZARENE	W	88-70	667
Steals per game.....	6.5	7.1	*02/03/07	SEATTLE UNIVERSITY	W	98-74	1979
BLOCKS.....	102	80	*02/08/07	CENTRAL WASHINGTON	L	73-80	512
Blocks per game.....	3.6	2.9	*02/10/07	at Western Oregon	W	72-61	600
WINNING STREAK.....	0	-	*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	8809	*02/24/07	ALASKA ANCHORAGE	W	89-80	612
Home games-Avg/Game....	13-714	10-844	*3/1/2007	at Western Washington	W	70-64	1148
Neutral site-Avg/Game..	-	5-73	03/09/07	vs Grand Canyon	L	65-87	-

SCORE BY PERIODS:	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Seattle Pacific.....	1033	1182	20	- 2235
Opponents.....	967	1158	22	- 2147