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Undefeated Women Open GNAC Play at Home No. 8 Falcons host Central, Western; Oakes Nets GNAC Prize

Good to be home. A very competitive campaign for the Great Northwest Athletic Conference women's soccer championship gets underway this week for Seattle Pacific University, and the Falcons (6-0-0) hope to parlay two home games into gaining the early upper hand. Eighth-ranked SPU faces Central Washington (3-2-2) Wednesday night (Sept. 12), before welcoming Western Washington (4-1-0) to the Interbay Stadium turf Saturday afternoon (Sept. 15) to complete a three-game home stand. Next week they visit Saint Martin's and Western Oregon.

Run for title begins. A fifth GNAC crown will not come easily for Seattle Pacific, as the league continues to toughen-up, top to bottom. After finishing third in 2006, Coach **Chuck Sekyra** identified the re-taking of the GNAC trophy as Job One. In addition to SPU, both defending champion Seattle University and Western have been nationally ranked this season. The Redhawks defeated the Vikings last week. In the coaches' pre-season poll, the Falcons got a slim vote of confidence over SU and Western.

10-9-8... Seattle Pacific moved up two spots in the national rankings this week following back-to-back shutouts of Chico State (1-0) and Notre Dame de Namur (3-0). Michigan's Grand Valley State remains No. 1, ahead of defending Far West Region champion UC San Diego. Seattle U. bumped Western Washington out of the top 25 and is No. 19.

Not-so-good news. Casting a shadow over the Falcons' most recent win was an injury to top scorer **Sarah Martinez** (Sr., Bothell, Wa./Cedar Park Christian). An ankle sprain forced Martinez to leave the Argos game early in the first half and she did not return. Martinez had opened the scoring 72 seconds after the opening kickoff. It was her GNAC-leading eighth goal of the year and the 40th of her career. Shannon Lovejoy holds the school record of 42.

Oakes nets award. While Martinez has been applying the finishing touches, last week's catalyst for the key plays was midfielder **Shannon Oakes** (Jr., Boise, Id./Boise). She set-up both game-winning goals, and was subsequently named the GNAC player of the week. Oakes sent a blast off the crossbar which resulted in a rebound goal by **Janae Godoy** (Jr., Yakima, Wa./West Valley) at Chico State. In the early moments of the NDNU contest, Oakes hooked-up with **Kayla Stiegemeier** (So., Rathdrum, Id./Lakeland) to find Martinez open at the top of the box. Oakes and Stiegemeier both have five assists.

Waiting by the phone. As Martinez is moves to the sidelines indefinitely, Sekyra is waiting for the phone to ring. A decision is expected at any time regarding the eligibility

2007 WOMEN'S SOCCER

SPU Quick Facts

2007 Record—6-0-0 (0-0-0 GNAC)
Coach— Chuck Sekyra, 5th year
Coach's Career Record — 79-9-8

This Week's Games

Wed., Sept. 12, 7 p.m.
SPU v Central Washington
Interbay Stadium, Seattle, Wa.

Sat., Sept. 15, 3 p.m.
SPU v Western Washington
Interbay Stadium, Seattle, Wa.

Last Week's Results

SPU 1, at Chico State 0
at SPU 3, Notre Dame de Namur 0

Streaks & Such

Seattle Pacific has won six straight to open the season and the four shutouts and two goals allowed rates as the best six-game start

Stat de jour

Sarah Martinez (40) is two goals away from Shannon Lovejoy's career record

National Rankings

1. Grand Valley State (Mi.)
2. UC San Diego
3. Tampa

also

8. Seattle Pacific
19. Seattle University

GNAC Standings

	Conf.			Season		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Seattle Univ.	1	0	0	5	1	0
Seattle Pacific	0	0	0	6	0	0
Western Wash.	0	1	0	4	1	0
NW Nazarene	0	0	0	3	1	1
Mont. St. Billings	0	0	0	3	2	0
Central Wash.	0	0	0	3	2	2
Saint Martin's	0	0	0	1	4	0
Western Oregon	0	0	0	0	3	2

of transfer **Jocelyn Charette** (So., Lakewood, Wa./Curtis). Although she's transferred from Tampa and been training with the team all season, the Spartans have refused to release the Charette. The NCAA is ruling on the appeal. Charette scored 21 goals and helped lead Tampa to the national semifinals as a freshman. She was an all-region selection at forward and scored six goals in five postseason games.

Quiet days & nights. It was another quiet week for the Falcons' back line, which faced just 10 shots in the two games. The only three attempts on target were saved by keeper **Jesslyn Rahm** (So., Eugene, Or./South Eugene) fielded both attempts with ease. Center back **Claire Grubbs** (Jr., Sterling, Va./Potomac Falls) continues to anchor the foursome in front of Rahm. She's paired with **Becca Woods** (Fr., Beaverton, Or.)—who nodded in her second goal versus NDNU—with **Jeanne Webster** (Sr., Bothell, Wa.) rotating into the mix. **Jessica Gerstmann** (Sr., Puyallup, Wa./Cascade Christian/Wash. St.) and **Katie Taylor** (Jr., Vancouver, Wa./Colum. River) patrol the right and left flanks, respectively. The four shutouts and two goals allowed represent the best defensive six-game start in program history.

Opponents/series notes. Central Washington is coming off a 1-0 home loss to Notre Dame de Namur and a 1-1 draw with Northwest. Following 11 goals in their first three games, the Wildcats have two goals in the last four. Seattle Pacific leads in the series 8-1-1 and last season at Interbay, Oakes, Martinez and Carolyn Nason scored goals for a 3-0 victory...Western Washington lost 1-0 to Seattle U. in its conference opener and visits Northwest Nazarene Wednesday. The Vikings did not allow a goal in their first four games. The Falcons top the series 10-1-1 after a split last season.

Throw-ins. Seattle Pacific has now scored seven times in the first 12 minutes of games. After **Mallorie Gerstmann** (Fr., Puyallup, Wa./Cascade Christian) scored her first collegiate goal 30 seconds after halftime vs. NDNU, SPU also has five goals in the first six minutes of the second period...Rahm leads the GNAC and is No. 3 nationally in goals-against average at 0.19. **Meredith Teague** (Jr., Redmond, Wa./Bellevue Christian) picked up her sixth assist last week and is No. 3 in the NCAA and second in the GNAC with an average of 1.00 per game. Martinez is No. 8 in NCAA total points per game and 12th in goals...Martinez' career record for game-winners is now 17 and climbing. Her 98 total points is 13 away from Lovejoy's standard...As a team, SPU is tied for No. 5 in NCAA scoring defense. The Falcons are 15th in scoring offense.

2007 Women's Soccer Roster

No	Name	Pos	Hgt	Yr	Exp	Hometown (High School/Last College)
1	Jesslyn Rahm	G	5-7	So	1V	Eugene, Or. (South Eugene)
2	Christa Bitner	D	5-8	Fr	HS	Phoenix, Az. (Dobson)
3	Meredith Teague	M/D	5-4	Jr	2V	Redmond, Wa. (Bel. Christian)
4	Janae Godoy	M	5-4	So	1V	Yakima, Wa. (West Valley)
5	Becca Woods	D	5-7	Fr	HS	Beaverton, Or. (Beaverton)
6	Kara Hamby	M	5-6	Sr	3V	Spokane, Wa. (Mead)
7	Kayla Stiegemeier	F	5-4	So	1V	Rathdrum, Id. (Lakeland)
8	Karen Hosler	M	5-6	Fr	HS	Portland, Or. (Sunset)
9	Mallorie Gerstmann	M-F	5-4	Fr	HS	Puyallup, Wa. (Cascade Christian)
11	Katie Taylor	D	5-6	Jr	2V	Vancouver, Wa. (Colum. River)
12	Jessica Gerstmann	D/M	5-5	Sr	2V	Puyallup, Wa. (Cascade Christian/Wash. St.)
13	Claire Grubbs	D	5-9	Jr	2V	Sterling, Va. (Potomac Falls)
14	Sarah Martinez	F	5-6	Sr	3V	Bothell, Wa. (Cedar Park Christian)
15	Ashley Hofferber	D	5-10	Fr	HS	Richland, Wa. (Richland)
16	Shannon Oakes	M	5-5	Jr	2V	Boise, Id. (Boise)
18	Jeanne Webster	D	5-10	Sr	3V	Bothell, Wa. (Bothell)
19	Maddie Dickinson	G	5-8	Fr	HS	Vancouver, Wa. (Skyview)
20	Ali Winje	M	5-5	Fr	HS	Manhattan Beach, Ca. (Mira Costa)
21	Alex Aguirre	M	5-4	So	1V	Phoenix, Az. (Moon Valley)
22	Amanda Johnson	F	5-7	Fr	HS	Duvall, Wa. (Cedarcrest)
24	Alex Butler	D	5-9	Jr	TR	Spokane, Wa. (Gonzaga Prep/WSU)
26	Tricia Loomis	F	5-11	Sr	3V	Des Moines, Wa. (Mount Rainier)
	Jocelyn Charette	F	5-10	So	TR	Lakewood, Wa. (Curtis/Tampa)

Head Coach: Chuck Sekyra

Assistant Coaches: Arby Busey, Kevin Blokker, Chalise Baysa

2007 Season Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent	Time/Res.
Aug. 23	Hawaii Hilo	W, 4-0
Aug. 27	Humboldt State	W, 4-1
Aug. 30	Sonoma State	W, 1-0
Sept. 1	Cal State Stanislaus	W, 7-1
Sept. 4	at Chico State	W, 1-0
Sept. 8	Notre Dame de Namur	W, 3-0
Sept. 12	Central Washington*	7:00
Sept. 15	Western Washington*	3:00
Sept. 19	at Saint Martin's*	4:00
Sept. 22	at Western Oregon*	1:00
Sept. 27	Montana State Billings *	7:00
Sept. 29	at Seattle University*	1:00
Oct. 5	Northwest Nazarene *	7:00
Oct. 10	Western Oregon *	7:00
Oct. 13	Saint Martin's*	7:00
Oct. 17	at Western Washington*	7:00
Oct. 20	at Central Washington*	1:00
Oct. 24	Seattle University *	7:00
Oct. 27	at Montana State Billings*	12:00
Nov. 3	at Northwest Nazarene*	11:00
Nov. 8	NCAA First Round Games	
Nov. 10	NCAA Regional Semifinals	
Nov. 15	NCAA Regional Finals	
Nov. 17	NCAA Quarterfinals	
Nov. 29	NCAA Semifinals (Orange Beach, AL)	
Dec. 1	NCAA Championship (Orange Beach)	

*Great Northwest Athletic Conference games
All times are Pacific

2007 Statistical Leaders

Goals

Sarah Martinez	8
Meredith Teague	3
Shannon Oakes	2
Janae Godoy	2
Becca Woods	2

Assists

Meredith Teague	6
Shannon Oakes	5
Kayla Stiegemeier	5
Sarah Martinez	3

Points

Sarah Martinez	19
Meredith Teague	12
Shannon Oakes	9
Kayla Stiegemeier	7

Goals Against Average

Jesslyn Rahm	0.19
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Team	Gls	Shots	1st	2nd	OT
SPU	20	107	10	10	-
Opp.	2	26	1	1	-

The Automated ScoreBook For Soccer
 Seattle Pacific Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 10, 2007)
 All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES.....	(6- 0- 0)	(5- 0- 0)	(1- 0- 0)	(0- 0- 0)
CONFERENCE.....	(0- 0- 0)	(0- 0- 0)	(0- 0- 0)	(0- 0- 0)
NON-CONFERENCE.....	(6- 0- 0)	(5- 0- 0)	(1- 0- 0)	(0- 0- 0)

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATT	##	PLAYER	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	Shot%	SOG	SOG%	GW	PK-AT
08/23/07	HAWAII HILO	W	4-0	115	14	Martinez, Sarah	6	8	3	19	15	.533	9	.600	3	0-0
08/2707	HUMBOLDT STATE	W	4-1	55	3	Teague, Meredith	6	3	6	12	17	.176	12	.706	0	0-0
Aug 30	SONOMA STATE	W	1-0	125	16	Oakes, Shannon	6	2	5	9	18	.111	6	.333	1	0-0
09/01/07	CAL STATE STANISLAUS	W	7-1	165	7	Stiegemeier, Kayla	6	1	5	7	11	.091	6	.545	0	0-0
Sep 04	at Chico State	W	1-0	318	4	Godoy, Janae	6	2	0	4	14	.143	5	.357	1	0-0
09/08/2007	NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR	W	3-0	125	5	Woods, Becca	6	2	0	4	4	.500	3	.750	0	0-0
					22	Johnson, Amanda	6	1	2	4	11	.091	8	.727	0	0-0
TEAM STATISTICS	SPU	OPP			9	Gerstmann, Mallorie	6	1	0	2	5	.200	0	.000	0	0-0
					12	Gerstmann, Jessica	6	0	2	2	2	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
					13	Grubbs, Claire	6	0	1	1	2	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
SHOT STATISTICS.....					18	Webster, Jeanne	5	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
Goals-Shot attempts...	20-107	2-26			6	Hamby, Kara	6	0	0	0	4	.000	3	.750	0	0-1
Goals scored average...	3.33	0.33			8	Hosler, Karen	2	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0	0-0
Shot pct.....	.187	.077			20	Winje, Ali	4	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
Shots on goal-Attempts.	54-107	10-26			11	Taylor, Katie	6	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
SOG pct.....	.505	.385			5	Butler, Alex	5	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
Shots/Game.....	17.8	4.3			21	Aguirre, Alex	5	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
Assists.....	25	3			19	Dickinson, Maddie	4	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
CORNER KICKS.....	41	5			15	Hofferber, Ashley	4	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
PENALTY KICKS.....	0-1	0-0			2	Bitner, Christa	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
PENALTIES.....					1	Rahm, Jesslyn	6	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
Yellow cards.....	1	3			Total.....	6	20	25	65	107	.187	54	.505	5	0-1	
Red cards.....	0	0			Opponents.....	6	2	3	7	26	.077	10	.385	0	0-0	
ATTENDANCE.....																
Total.....	585	318														
Dates/Avg Per Date....	5/117	1/318														
Neutral Site #/Avg....	0/0															

##	GOALTENDERS	-GOAL AVERAGE-				-SAVES-					
		GP	Minutes	GA	Avg	Sv	Pct	W	L	T	Sho
1	Rahm, Jesslyn	6	466:27	1	0.19	8	.889	6	0	0	2
19	Dickinson, Maddie	4	73:33	1	1.22	2	.667	0	0	0	0
	Total.....	6	540:00	2	0.33	10	.833	6	0	0	4
	Opponents.....	6	540:00	20	3.33	43	.683	0	6	0	0

GOALS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	Total
Seattle Pacific.....	10	10	- 20
Opponents.....	1	1	- 2

SHOTS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	Total
Seattle Pacific.....	55	52	- 107
Opponents.....	8	18	- 26

SAVES BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	Total
Seattle Pacific.....	3	7	- 10
Opponents.....	26	17	- 43

CORNER KICKS BY PRD	1st	2nd	Total
Seattle Pacific.....	20	21	- 41
Opponents.....	2	3	- 5

FOULS BY PERIOD	1st	2nd	Total
Seattle Pacific.....	24	53	- 77
Opponents.....	33	38	- 71