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**EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES MEN'S SOCCER ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM
Terrence Johnson of Stevens Institute of Technology Named Player of the Year**

ROCHESTER, NY – The Empire 8 announced its 2008 Men's Soccer All-Conference team with junior forward Terrence Johnson of Stevens Institute of Technology being selected as Player of the Year.

Johnson, who earned first-team honors for the second time in as many years, leads all Empire 8 players with 13 goals, five game-winning scores, and 30 points. In conference games, Johnson leads all scorers with seven goals and 15 points, while sharing the lead with three game-winners.

Joining Johnson as a repeat first-team selection from the Ducks was senior forward Jeremy Lippel, who was named an all-conference midfielder last season. Lippel has scored seven times and added two assists for 16 points in only 12 games.

Junior midfielder Todd Sheridan and junior back Chris Faustino gave the Ducks four players on the first team. Sheridan leads all conference midfielders with eight goals and 20 points, including four goals in Empire 8 play. Faustino keys the defense which has allowed nine goals all season, three in conference play.

Senior goalie Andy Wilhelm, junior back Mike Jordhamo, and sophomore midfielder Jeff Geyer of Ithaca College, which finished the regular season unbeaten in conference play, earned first-team recognition for the first time. Wilhelm has posted a 0.59 goals against average and six shutouts. Geyer has scored five times and totaled 13 points, while Jordhamo anchors a defense which has yielded 10 goals in 16 games and just three scores in conference play.

2007 Empire 8 Player of the Year Luke Lennox of St. John Fisher College was named to the all-conference first team for the second year in a row. He has scored 16 points in 15 games and scored four goals in Empire 8 action.

2006 Empire 8 Defensive Player of the Year Mohammed Ahamed of Nazareth College returned to the first team after missing all last season with an injury. Sophomore midfielder Rikesh Kotak of the Golden Flyers, who is second in conference play with five goals and 12 points and third overall with 17 points, garnered first-team accolades.

Freshman Andy Alaimo of Nazareth earned first-team accolades in addition to being named Empire 8 Rookie of the Year. He tallied seven times this season with three goals in conference play.

Andy Byrne of Ithaca was named the Doug May Memorial Coach for leading the Bombers to the top seed in the conference tournament. The coaching award is named after May, who coached RIT from 1980 to 1996 and Nazareth from 1997 to 2003 before passing away in April 2004.

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Empire 8 2008 Men's Soccer All-Conference Awards

Player of the Year: Terrence Johnson, Stevens Institute of Technology

Rookie of the Year: Andy Alaimo, Nazareth College

Doug May Memorial Coach of the Year: Andy Byrne, Ithaca College

First Team

Name	Yr.	School
Backs		
Mohammed Ahamed	Jr.	Nazareth College
Chris Faustino	Jr.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Mike Jordhamo	Jr.	Ithaca College

Midfielders

Jeff Geyer	So.	Ithaca College
Rikesh Kotak	So.	Nazareth College
Todd Sheridan	Jr.	Stevens Institute of Technology

Forwards

Andy Alaimo	Fr.	Nazareth College
Terrance Johnson	Jr.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Luke Lennox	Jr.	St. John Fisher College
Jeremy Lippel	Sr.	Stevens Institute of Technology

Goalkeeper

Andy Wilhelm	Sr.	Ithaca College
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Second Team

Name	Yr.	School
Backs		
Dyan Delamarter	Sr.	Utica College
Andrew McIntosh	So.	St. John Fisher College
Jason Nachman	Sr.	Stevens Institute of Technology

Midfielders

Dan Ball	Sr.	Utica College
Jeff Diaz	Jr.	Rochester Institute of Technology
Bret Dietz	So.	Rochester Institute of Technology
Jason Kaufman	Sr.	Ithaca College

Forwards

Dan Holowaty	So.	Rochester Institute of Technology
Kurt Odenbach	Sr.	Ithaca College
Rob Stevens	Sr.	Utica College

Goalkeeper

Zach Carr	So.	Stevens Institute of Technology
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Sportsman of the Year

Name	Yr.	School
Adam Nudd	Sr.	Alfred University
Dane Bertha	Sr.	Elmira College
Andy Wilhelm	Sr.	Ithaca College
Justino Flores	Sr.	Nazareth College
Jeff Diaz	Jr.	Rochester Institute of Technology
Dave Slocum	Sr.	St. John Fisher College
Zach Carr	So.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Dylan Delamarter	Sr.	Utica College

Honorable Mention

Backs: Matt Coppola (Utica), Brian Couture (Utica), Brad Ervin (St. John Fisher), Dave Vogt (RIT), Josh Williams (Stevens)

Midfielders: Peter Bednarsky (Stevens), Jeremy Brand (Elmira), Adam Nudd (Alfred), Justin Stevens (Nazareth), Luke Whelan (Utica)

Forwards: Bobby Bullard (RIT), John Tarson (Ithaca)

Goalkeepers: Alan Smith (RIT)

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