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**EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES BASEBALL ALL-CONFERENCE;  
*Kyle Wilkins of Ithaca Selected Player of the Year***

ROCHESTER, NY – Ithaca College senior second baseman Kyle Wilkins was named the Empire 8 Player of the Year as the conference selected its Baseball All-Conference team. First baseman Andy Campbell of St. John Fisher was named the Rookie of the Year. George Valesente was named Coach of the Year for leading Ithaca to the conference title.

Wilkins is hitting .373 with 41 hits and 40 runs scored for the Bombers. He leads the team with four home runs and 20 stolen bases, while driving in 22 runs. Campbell, who was also named a first-team all-conference selection, hit .441 with 45 hits and 32 runs scored. He drove in 16 runs and led the Cardinals with 13 steals. Valesente has led the Bombers to a 23-9 overall mark, including 7-1 in conference play.

**2002 Empire 8 Baseball Awards**

**Player of the Year:** Kyle Wilkins, Ithaca College

**Rookie of the Year:** Andy Campbell, St. John Fisher College

**Coach of the Year:** George Valesente, Ithaca College

**First Team All-Conference**

Marty Maynard	Sr.	RIT	C
Andy Campbell	Fr.	St. John Fisher	1B
Kyle Wilkins	Sr.	Ithaca	2B
Nick Pyzikiewicz	Sr.	Ithaca	SS
Cory Giroux	Jr.	Ithaca	3B
Joe Cavano	Jr.	Ithaca	OF
Patrick Craig	Jr.	St. John Fisher	OF
Mark Sapienza	Fr.	RIT	OF
Marty O'Boyle	So.	Ithaca	DH
Matt Knodel	Sr.	RIT	SP
Kyle Sottung	Jr.	Ithaca	SP
Jon Beckerman	Sr.	Ithaca	RP

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**Second Team All-Conference**

Brandon Potter	Jr.	St. John Fisher	C
Ray Risucci	So.	Utica	C
Mike Pritts	Jr.	Ithaca	1B
Adam Gerentine	Fr.	RIT	2B
Bryan Phillips	Fr.	St. John Fisher	SS
Jamie Schild	Fr.	RIT	3B
Nick Bergman	So.	St. John Fisher	OF
Dan Feldman	Sr.	RIT	OF
Alvin Morrison	Jr.	Utica	OF
Colin Bradley	Fr.	RIT	DH
Matt Chollet	So.	St. John Fisher	SP
Rob Nelson	Jr.	Hartwick	SP
John Buttles	So.	Hartwick	RP

**Honorable Mention All-Conference**

Frank Cornacchia	Sr.	Utica	OF
Ben McBride	So.	Ithaca	OF
Tim Nanry	Fr.	St. John Fisher	OF
Ryan McCoy	Fr.	St. John Fisher	DH
Paul Diedrich	Sr.	RIT	SP
Jason Miles	Jr.	St. John Fisher	SP
Dylan Rees	Fr.	RIT	SP
Chris Smith	Sr.	Utica	SP
Mike Urvalek	Sr.	Ithaca	SP
Ryan Shekell	So.	St. John Fisher	RP
Dan Philipp	Fr.	RIT	RP

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