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EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES BASEBALL ALL-CONFERENCE

Matt Fuller of St. John Fisher Selected as Player of the Year

ROCHESTER, NY – St. John Fisher College senior pitcher/outfielder Matt Fuller was named the Empire 8 Player of the Year as the conference selected its Baseball All-Conference Team. Drew Ash of Empire 8 champion Ithaca College earned Rookie of the Year honors. George Valesente earned Coach of the Year accolades for the fifth consecutive year after leading Ithaca to its sixth straight conference title.

Fuller earned first-team all-conference honors as an outfielder and starting pitcher as did junior Jeremy Peters of Ithaca. Fuller batted .418 in the regular season with 31 runs scored, 15 extra-base hits, and 46 runs batted in. On the mound, he recorded a 9-1 record with six complete games and a 2.75 earned run average. Fuller struck out 67 batters in 59 innings pitched and limited the opposition to a .204 batting average.

Ash enters the final two games of the regular season with a .483 batting average with 15 runs scored, eight doubles, three home runs, and 11 RBI in 60 at-bats. He hit .478 (11-for-23) in 12 conference games.

2006 Empire 8 Baseball Awards

Player of the Year: Matt Fuller, St. John Fisher College

Rookie of the Year: Drew Ash, Ithaca College

Coach of the Year: George Valesente, Ithaca College

First Team All-Conference

Rob Raux	So.	Ithaca	C
Chris Botsford	Jr.	St. John Fisher	1B
Brian Lindenau	Jr.	RIT	2B
Bryan Phillips	Sr.	St. John Fisher	SS
Josh Smith	So.	Ithaca	3B
Andy Campbell	Sr.	St. John Fisher	OF
Matt Fuller	Sr.	St. John Fisher	OF/SP
Jeremy Peters	Jr.	Ithaca	OF/SP
Jeremy Tosh	So.	RIT	DH
Nick Rappa	So.	RIT	RP

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Second Team All-Conference

Colin Bradley	Sr.	RIT	C
Geoff Stewart	Jr.	Utica	C
John Tine	Jr.	Utica	1B
Brad Polcare	So.	Hartwick	2B
Adam Gerentine	Sr.	RIT	SS
Jim Mauro	Jr.	St. John Fisher	3B
Tyler Saladin	Jr.	Hartwick	3B
PJ Canestrari	Sr.	Ithaca	OF
Bryan Matt	Jr.	St. John Fisher	OF
Kyle Rutherford	Jr.	Ithaca	OF
Mark Sapienza	Sr.	RIT	OF
Drew Ash	Fr.	Ithaca	DH
Chad King	So.	St. John Fisher	DH
Dylan Rees	Jr.	RIT	SP
Nick Sottung	So.	Ithaca	SP
Av Doomchin	Sr.	Hartwick	RP

**Sportsman of the Year
Name**

	Yr.	School
Matt Walsh	Fr.	Hartwick
Jeremy Peters	Jr.	Ithaca
Adam Gerentine	Sr.	RIT
Matt Fuller	Sr.	St. John Fisher
Chris DiSalvo	Sr.	Utica

Honorable Mention All-Conference

Cagney Turner	Hartwick	1B
Mike Palermo	St. John Fisher	2B
Rob Litz	Ithaca	SS
Matt Singer	RIT	OF
Nick Bell	RIT	SP
Jim Junglen	St. John Fisher	SP
Corey Rando	Utica	SP
Tyler Saladin	Hartwick	SP
Shaun Caveny	Utica	RP