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EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES BASEBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM
Top Rookie Geoff Dornes of RIT Named Player of the Year

ROCHESTER, NY – Rochester Institute of Technology freshman outfielder Geoff Dornes was selected Empire 8 Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year as the conference selected its Baseball All-Conference Team. Senior pitcher Dylan Rees of the Tigers was chosen as the conference's first Pitcher of the Year. Dan Pepicelli earned Coach of the Year honors for leading St. John Fisher College to its first appearance in the NCAA Division III Baseball Championship.

Dornes finished the season hitting .452 and his 57 hits were one shy of the school single-season record. He totaled 35 hits, 10 extra-base hits, 22 runs batted in, and a .563 slugging percentage. Rees posted a 6-2 record with a 2.84 earned run average, seven complete games, and team-highs of 76 and one-third innings pitched and 54 strikeouts.

Junior catcher Ryan Tryt and sophomore relief pitcher Cory Langtry of the Tigers were also named to the all-conference first-team. Tryt batted .364 with 10 doubles and 27 RBI. Langtry led the team with a 2.73 earned run average and three saves.

Four players from conference champion Ithaca College were named to the first team. Senior outfielder Jeremy Peters and junior starting pitcher Nick Sottung each received the honor for the second time. Peters is hitting .388 entering NCAA play with 38 runs scored and 22 RBI. Sottung has posted a 7-4 record and a 3.16 earned run average.

Junior outfielder Eric Ferguson of the Bombers enters the postseason with a .385 batting average, 38 runs scored, and 37 RBI. Junior Shane Wolf was named to the first team as a starting pitcher and designated hitter. He is 5-1 on the mound with a 3.74 earned run average, while hitting .340 in 31 games.

Six St. John Fisher players earned first-team accolades with senior first baseman Chris Botsford receiving the honor for the fourth consecutive time. He enters the NCAA tournament with a .378 batting average, 20 runs scored, 13 doubles, and 25 RBI.

Junior starting pitcher Ryan Hanson and senior shortstop Mike Palermo of the Cardinals were named to the first team for the second time. Hanson is 5-3 with a 2.00 earned run average, while Palermo is batting .308 with 18 runs scored. Senior third baseman Jeff Fetzner leads the team with a .382 average and joined junior reliever Justin Lutes as first-timers on the all-conference first team. Lutes is 3-1 with a 1.75 earned run average.

Senior third baseman John Tine of Utica College, a two-time second-team selection, was named to the first team after hitting a team-best .368 with a team-high 14 RBI.

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2007 Empire 8 Baseball Awards

Player of the Year: Geoff Dornes, Rochester Institute of Technology

Pitcher of the Year: Dylan Rees, Rochester Institute of Technology

Rookie of the Year: Geoff Dornes, Rochester Institute of Technology

Coach of the Year: Dan Pepicelli, St. John Fisher College

First Team All-Conference

Ryan Tryt	Jr.	RIT	C
Chris Botsford	Sr.	St. John Fisher	1B
Chad King	Jr.	St. John Fisher	2B
Mike Palermo	Sr.	St. John Fisher	SS
Jeff Fetzner	Sr.	St. John Fisher	3B
John Tine	Sr.	Utica	3B
Geoff Dornes	Fr.	RIT	OF
Eric Ferguson	Jr.	Ithaca	OF
Jeremy Peters	Sr.	Ithaca	OF
Shane Wolf	Jr.	Ithaca	DH/SP
Ryan Hanson	Jr.	St. John Fisher	SP
Dylan Rees	Sr.	RIT	SP
Nick Sottung	Jr.	Ithaca	SP
Cory Langtry	So.	RIT	RP
Justin Lutes	Jr.	St. John Fisher	RP

Second Team All-Conference

Rob Raux	Jr.	Ithaca	C
Geoff Stewart	Sr.	Utica	C
Jason Friedman	Sr.	Ithaca	1B
Andy Scroger	Sr.	RIT	1B
Brian Lindenau	Sr.	RIT	2B
Dan Christner	Sr.	RIT	SS
Andrew Larsen	Fr.	RIT	OF
Marc Montesano	Fr.	St. John Fisher	OF
John Quartironi	Fr.	St. John Fisher	OF
David Roth	Jr.	St. John Fisher	DH
Chad King	Jr.	St. John Fisher	SP

Sportsman of the Year

Name	Yr.	School
Shane Wolf	Jr.	Ithaca College
Ryan Tryt	Jr.	Rochester Institute of Technology
Rick Palmiero	Sr.	St. John Fisher College
Kelvin Cabrera	Jr.	Utica College

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Honorable Mention All-Conference

Todd Czerno	Ithaca	2B
Matt George	RIT	3B
Kelvin Cabrera	Utica	DH
Chris Miller	RIT	SP
Bryan Gardner	Ithaca	RP

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