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**EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES FIELD HOCKEY ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM;
Hartwick's Tara Wilkes Named Player of the Year**

ROCHESTER, NY – The Empire 8 announced its 2002 Field Hockey All-Conference teams. Hartwick College junior forward Tara Wilkes was named 2002 Field Hockey Player of the Year while earning first-team all-conference recognition. Wilkes scored eight goals and added five assists for 21 points.

Natasha Snowden of Ithaca earned Rookie of the Year honors. Snowden scored nine goals on the season. Bern Macca of Elmira was named Coach of the Year after leading the Soaring Eagles to three wins in four conference games.

Empire 8 2002 Field Hockey All-Conference Awards

Player of the Year: Tara Wilkes, Hartwick College

Rookie of the Year: Natasha Snowden, Ithaca College

Coach of the Year: Bern Macca, Elmira College

First-Team

Name	Yr.	School
Backs		
Molly Johnson	Sr.	Hartwick College
Stephanie Lawrence	Sr.	Hartwick College
Heather Meyer	Sr.	Ithaca College

Midfielders

Beth Beaulieu	Sr.	Elmira College
Ann Fidler	Sr.	Hartwick College
Kelly Honsinger	Jr.	Hartwick College

Forwards

Callie Black	So.	Elmira College
Josie Moore	Sr.	Hartwick College
Sarah Vogel	Jr.	Elmira College
Tara Wilkes	Jr.	Hartwick College

Goalkeepers (Note: Two tied for first-team honors)

Megan Davis	Jr.	Hartwick College
Megan Mooney	Jr.	Elmira College

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Second-Team

Name	Yr.	School
Backs (Note: Two players tied for final spot)		
Joy Boystrom	Sr.	Ithaca College
Holly McKenzie	So.	Utica College
Tamara Payn	Jr.	Ithaca College
Kristin Schaefer	Jr.	Elmira College

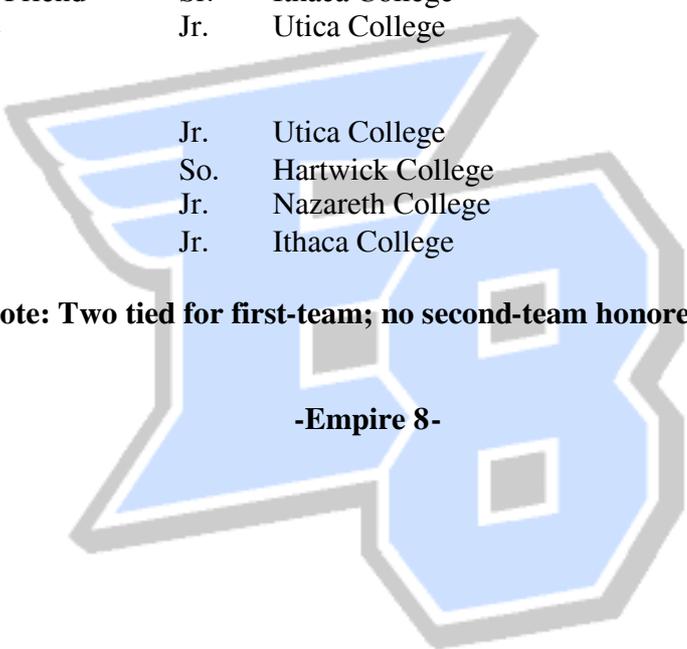
Midfielders

Brooke Aldrich	So.	Ithaca College
Amanda Wood-Friend	Sr.	Ithaca College
Julie Zingerline	Jr.	Utica College

Forwards

Kelly Conners	Jr.	Utica College
Kelly Cooman	So.	Hartwick College
Kelly Johnson	Jr.	Nazareth College
Natalie Pearsall	Jr.	Ithaca College

Goalkeeper (Note: Two tied for first-team; no second-team honoree)



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