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**EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES FIELD HOCKEY ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM  
Katie Kutas of Utica Named Empire 8 Field Hockey Player of the Year**

**ROCHESTER, NY** – The Empire 8 announced its 2006 Field Hockey All-Conference team. Sophomore forward Katie Kutas of conference co-champion Utica College was named 2006 Field Hockey Player of the Year while earning first-team all-conference recognition for the second consecutive year. Kutas, the Rookie of the Year in her first season, led all Empire 8 scorers with 40 points on a league-high 18 goals and four assists.

First-year forward Courtney Geddis of Stevens Institute of Technology earned 2006 Empire 8 Rookie of the Year accolades. She totaled 22 points on nine goals and four assists, earning first-team all-conference honors. Jessica Reed of Stevens Institute was selected as Coach of the Year for leading the Ducks to an 11-8 overall record and a 3-3 conference mark in their first season in Empire 8 field hockey.

Senior back Amanda Iannello joined teammate Kutas as a first-team performer after receiving second-team recognition a year ago.

Two players from Empire 8 co-champion Ithaca College were named to the first team. Senior back Melanie McKaney and senior midfielder Bryce Meck each garnered the honor for the second consecutive season.

Senior back Jen Ryan, senior midfielder Jenny Knight, and senior forward Jenev Schilling of Hartwick College were all named to the first team.

Sophomore midfielder Hillary Paul joined Geddis as first-team honorees from Stevens Institute.

First-year goalkeeper Ashley Rund of Washington & Jefferson was selected as a first-team all-conference member in the Presidents' first season in Empire 8 field hockey.

Sophomore forward Kayla Blank of Elmira College was honored on the first team.

One member of each team was named that institution's representative on the 2006 Field Hockey Sportswoman of the Year Team. Empire 8 emphasizes that "Competing with Honor and Integrity" is an essential component of a student-athlete's experience in conjunction with an institution's educational mission. These honorees have distinguished themselves and consistently exhibit the critical traits as outstanding sportswomen.

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**Empire 8 2006 Field Hockey All-Conference Awards**

**Player of the Year:** Katie Kutas, Utica College

**Rookie of the Year:** Courtney Geddis, Stevens Institute of Technology

**Coach of the Year:** Jessica Reed, Stevens Institute of Technology

**First Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>School</b>
<b>Backs</b>		
Amanda Iannello	Sr.	Utica College
Melanie McKaney	Sr.	Ithaca College
Jen Ryan	Sr.	Hartwick College
<b>Midfielders</b>		
Jenny Knight	Sr.	Hartwick College
Bryce Meck	Sr.	Ithaca College
Hillary Paul	So.	Stevens Institute of Technology
<b>Forwards</b>		
Kayla Blank	So.	Elmira College
Courtney Geddis	Fr.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Katie Kutas	So.	Utica College
Jenev Schilling	Sr.	Hartwick College
<b>Goalkeeper</b>		
Ashley Rund	Fr.	Washington & Jefferson College

**Second Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>School</b>
<b>Backs</b>		
Shannon Desgrosiellier	Jr.	Elmira College
Jennifer King	Sr.	Utica College
Kelley Lindroth	So.	Hartwick College
<b>Midfielders</b>		
Kara Borzillo	Fr.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Carley Riggan	So.	Washington & Jefferson College
Meghan Zaklukiewicz	Jr.	Utica College
<b>Forwards</b>		
Carla Behe	Sr.	Utica College
Amanda Howard	Jr.	Washington & Jefferson College
Laura Koch	Sr.	Washington & Jefferson College
Molly Joyce	Sr.	Hartwick College
<b>Goalkeeper</b>		
Stephanie Smith	So.	Stevens Institute of Technology

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**Sportswoman of the Year**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>School</b>
Maggie Foster	So.	Elmira College
Jaime Loreto	Sr.	Hartwick College
Bryce Meck	Sr.	Ithaca College
Sarah Sturm	Sr.	Nazareth College
Cathleen Titus	Sr.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Amanda Iannello	Sr.	Utica College
Amanda Howard	Jr.	Washington & Jefferson College

**Honorable Mention All-Conference**

**Backs:** Amy Keegan (Washington & Jefferson), Orlinda Martinez (Nazareth), Kelly Meeder (Washington & Jefferson), Leslie Robinson (Ithaca), Casey Scherck (Stevens Institute), Melissa Scott (Stevens Institute)

**Midfielders:** Stacey Brown (Ithaca), Julie Paska (Nazareth), Sheena Stivers (Utica)

**Forwards:** Kelly Flanagan (Nazareth), Beth Kelley (Washington & Jefferson), Elyse Green (Ithaca), Rachel Hillerman (Ithaca), Jenna Morton (Utica), Annie Yager (Hartwick)

**Goalkeepers:** Ashley King (Hartwick), Ann Phillips (Elmira)

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