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**EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM
Josh Felicetti of Ithaca College Named Player of the Year**

ROCHESTER, NY – The Empire 8 announced its 2005 Football All-Conference team with senior quarterback Josh Felicetti of Ithaca College being named Player of the Year and earning first-team all-conference honors. He completed nearly 70 percent of his passes (195-for-280) with 31 touchdowns and 2,611 yards passing. Felicetti, who recorded a 176.65 efficiency rating, led the Bombers to an undefeated record in Empire 8 play and a berth in the NCAA Division III Football Championship that begins Saturday.

Freshman quarterback Jason Boltus of Hartwick College was selected as 2005 Rookie of the Year. He threw for 2,948 yards and 34 touchdowns. Dave Murray of Alfred University was named Coach of the Year for leading Alfred University to a runner-up finish in the conference and an ECAC bowl bid.

One member of each team was named that institution's representative on the 2005 Football Sportsman 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 sportsmen.

Empire 8 2005 Football All-Conference Awards

Player of the Year: Josh Felicetti, Ithaca College

Rookie of the Year: Jason Boltus, Hartwick College

Coach of the Year: Dave Murray, Alfred University

First Team Offense (Note: Two players tied for final RB and OL spots)

Name	Position	Yr.	School
Josh Felicetti	QB	Sr.	Ithaca
Lindy Crea	RB	So.	Hartwick
Elmer Newsome	RB	So.	Alfred
James Reile	RB	So.	St. John Fisher
Justin Esposito	WR	Sr.	Ithaca
Noah Fehrenbach	WR	Sr.	St. John Fisher
Chris Reger	TE	Sr.	Alfred
Jason Benguche	OL	Sr.	Springfield
Jeff Muha	OL	Sr.	Utica
Matt Nelson	OL	Sr.	Alfred
Matt Roth	OL	Sr.	St. John Fisher
Joe Scalice	OL	Sr.	Ithaca
John Schultz	OL	Sr.	St. John Fisher

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First Team Defense

Name	Position	Yr.	School
Jimmy Baker	DL	Sr.	Norwich
John Cameron	DL	Sr.	Ithaca
Shawn Crandall	DL	Sr.	St. John Fisher
Brenton Brady	LB	Sr.	Alfred
Jose Colon	LB	Sr.	Ithaca
Gene Lang	LB	Jr.	St. John Fisher
Andrew Madigan	LB	Jr.	Springfield
Brandon Banks	DB	Sr.	St. John Fisher
Aaron Meyers	DB	Jr.	Alfred
Jamar Rawles	DB	Sr.	Norwich
Steve Stepnick	DB	So.	St. John Fisher

First Team Special Teams

Name	Position	Yr.	School
Brett Kitenplon	PK	Jr.	Ithaca
Kyle Piccirilli	P	So.	St. John Fisher
Jamar Rawles	PR/KR	Sr.	Norwich

Second Team Offense

Name	Position	Yr.	School
Nick Suchyna	QB	Jr.	St. John Fisher
Alex Baez	RB	Jr.	Ithaca
Andreas Craig	WR	Sr.	Norwich
Matt Willis	WR	Sr.	Hartwick
Brian Barth	TE	Sr.	Utica
Brett Monnat	OL	Jr.	Ithaca
Patrick Mutter	OL	Sr.	Utica
Mike Sefcik	OL	Jr.	St. John Fisher
Mike Yokopovich	OL	Jr.	Alfred

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Second Team Defense

Name	Position	Yr.	School
Don Miller	DL	So.	Alfred
Greg Pyszczyński	DL	Jr.	St. John Fisher
Andy Rantz	DL	So.	Alfred
Blake Fuller	LB	So.	Alfred
Nick Gatto	LB	Jr.	Alfred
Micah Lieberman	LB	Jr.	Norwich
Dustin Ross	LB	Sr.	Ithaca
Taylor Brown	DB	Sr.	Norwich
Jon Klosner	DB	Jr.	Utica
Lucas Maciarelllo	DB	Jr.	Springfield
Dominic Tripp	DB	Sr.	Utica

Second Team Special Teams

Name	Position	Yr.	School
Nick Aiello	P	Sr.	Ithaca
Noah Fehrenbach	PR	Sr.	St. John Fisher
James Reile	KR	So.	St. John Fisher
Chris Reynolds	PK	So.	Alfred

Sportsman of the Year

Name	Yr.	School
Paul Keeley	So.	Alfred University
Mike Jecko	Jr.	Hartwick College
Dustin Ross	Sr.	Ithaca College
Josh Mahoney	Sr.	Norwich University
Chris Sharpe	So.	Springfield College
Shawn Crandall	Sr.	St. John Fisher College
Brian Barth	Sr.	Utica College

Honorable Mention Offense

Name	Position	Yr.	School
Jason Boltus	QB	Fr.	Hartwick
Paul Keeley	QB	So.	Alfred
James Proniewych	WR	So.	Utica
Craig Zarzycki	WR	Sr.	Alfred
Mike Oertel	TE	Jr.	Ithaca
Justin Brunell	OL	Jr.	Ithaca
Adam Feit	OL	Jr.	Springfield
Brennan Fortune	OL	So.	St. John Fisher
Marcello Mancini	OL	Sr.	Springfield
Aaron Rossi	OL	Jr.	Ithaca

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Honorable Mention Defense

Name	Position	Yr.	School
Billy Hribar	DL	Sr.	Norwich
Rich Rivenburg	DL	Fr.	Utica
Marco Rubino	DL	Jr.	Utica
Greg Abell	LB	Jr.	Norwich
R.J. Perkins	LB	Sr.	Springfield
William Pluff	LB	Sr.	Utica
Gavin Stackhouse	LB	Sr.	St. John Fisher
Tom Blumenauer	DB	Fr.	Ithaca
Alex Brown	DB	Sr.	Hartwick
Mike Coupe	DB	Jr.	Alfred
Bryan Johnson	DB	So.	Utica
Scott Miranto	DB	So.	St. John Fisher
Brian Nitsche	DB	Fr.	Alfred
Michael Palanza	DB	Sr.	Hartwick
Ben Atwood	P	Fr.	Utica

Honorable Mention Special Teams

Name	Position	Yr.	School
Mike Blanchfield	PK	Jr.	Utica
Lindy Crea	KR	So.	Hartwick
Nick Ford	PR/KR	Fr.	Springfield
Kelly Gordon	PR/KR	Jr.	Ithaca
Josh Rammacher	P	So.	Alfred

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