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## **EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM**

*Ray Bryant of Utica Named Player of the Year*

**ROCHESTER, NY** – Senior forward Ray Bryant of Utica College was named Empire 8 Men's Basketball Player of the Year. Corey McAdam of Nazareth College was the unanimous selection as Rookie of the Year. Rob Kornaker, who led St. John Fisher to a 20-5 regular season record and the top seed in the Empire 8 tournament, was recognized as Coach of the Year.

Bryant, the only repeat first-team all conference selection, enters the conference tournament averaging 16.3 points and 9.5 rebounds per game. He is shooting 48.4 percent from the field, 40.0 percent from three-point range, and 72.0 percent from the free throw line. A two-time Player of the Week, Bryant led the Pioneers to an 18-6 regular season mark and the second seed in the Empire 8 tournament.

Senior Dan McSweeney of St. John Fisher was the only other senior named to the first team all-conference squad. He averaged 12.6 points and 7.4 rebounds per game in the regular season, shooting 59.8 percent from the free throw line.

Sophomore teammates Jeff Bostic and Sean Burton of Ithaca each received first-team all-conference recognition. Bostic, a forward, enters the Empire 8 tournament averaging 15.3 points and 6.9 rebounds per game, shooting 55.2 percent from the field. Burton, a guard, is averaging 15.1 points and 4.9 assists per game, shooting 91.0 percent from the free throw line and hitting 62 three-pointers.

Sophomore guard Doug Herring of Utica garnered first-team honors, averaging 15.8 points, 5.1 assists, and 4.3 rebounds per game. Herring leads the Pioneers in field goals made, free throws made, assists, and steals, while ranking second in 3-pointers.

McAdam, who also earned second-team all-conference accolades, was named Rookie of the Year after averaging 14.6 points, 7.4 assists, 5.5 rebounds, and 3.2 steals per game. He was named Empire 8 Rookie of the week five times.

Kornaker, who has guided St. John Fisher to four consecutive league titles, garnered Coach of the Year honors for the fifth consecutive time.

### **2007 Empire 8 Men's Basketball Honors**

**Player of the Year:** Ray Bryant, Utica College

**Rookie of the Year:** Corey McAdam, Nazareth College

**Coach of the Year:** Rob Kornaker, St. John Fisher College

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### **Empire 8 Men's Basketball All-Conference**

#### **First Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Position</b>
Jeff Bostic	Ithaca	Sophomore	Forward
Ray Bryant	Utica	Senior	Forward
Sean Burton	Ithaca	Sophomore	Guard
Doug Herring	Utica	Sophomore	Guard
Dan McSweeney	St. John Fisher	Senior	Center

#### **Second Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Position</b>
Tim Bacon	RIT	Senior	Center
Justin Beigel	St. John Fisher	Junior	Forward
Jan Cocozziello	Hartwick	Sophomore	Guard
Corey McAdam	Nazareth	Freshman	Guard
Robby McCarter	Alfred	Senior	Guard
Dan Mueller	St. John Fisher	Senior	Guard

#### **Sportsman of the Year**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>School</b>
Ryan Clemenson	Jr.	Alfred University
Joe Prunier	Sr.	Elmira College
Luigi Lanzi	Sr.	Hartwick College
Sean Stahn	Sr.	Ithaca College
Brian Steves	Sr.	Nazareth College
Obinna Ukachukwu	Fr.	RIT
Bill Lidell	Fr.	St. John Fisher College
Dennis Munch	Jr.	Utica College

#### **Honorable Mention**

Joe Canori, Nazareth; Kenny Gethers, RIT; Dillon Stein, Alfred