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**EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES MEN'S TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM;  
*Scott Rubens Named Player of the Year as Ithaca Sweeps Top Honors***

**Rochester, NY** – The Empire 8 announced its Men's Tennis All-Conference team with each of the top honorees coming from conference champion Ithaca College. Scott Rubens was named Player of the Year, Chris Ciolino earned Rookie of the Year honors, and Bill Austin earned Coach of the Year accolades.

Rubens posted a 15-10 record in first singles, including a 6-0 mark in Empire 8 dual matches. He went undefeated at the Empire 8 Championships in leading the Bombers to the team title. Ciolino finished 15-3 in the spring season in fourth singles, winning all seven of his Empire 8 matches while dropping only 10 games. Austin led Ithaca to the top seed in the conference tournament and the title with three consecutive wins by a combined 20-1 score.

**2002 Empire 8 Men's Tennis Awards**

**Player of the Year:** Scott Rubens, Ithaca College

**Rookie of the Year:** Chris Ciolino, Ithaca College

**Coach of the Year:** Bill Austin, Ithaca College

**First Team All-Conference**

**Singles**

|                   |     |          |
|-------------------|-----|----------|
| David Chachu      | So. | RIT      |
| Jefferson Dargout | Jr. | Nazareth |
| Ben Klempka       | So. | Nazareth |
| Mike Medvin       | Sr. | Ithaca   |
| Scott Rubens      | Sr. | Ithaca   |
| Vladimir Vecher   | So. | Hartwick |

**Doubles**

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Bill Tuttle/Randy Vecchione   | Alfred   |
| Jefferson Dargout/Ben Klempka | Nazareth |
| David Chachu/Noel Camardo     | RIT      |

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**Second Team All-Conference**

**Singles**

|                  |     |                 |
|------------------|-----|-----------------|
| Kevin Aubrey     | Sr. | St. John Fisher |
| Jason Byam       | So. | St. John Fisher |
| Noel Camardo     | Sr. | RIT             |
| Andrew Lee       | Fr. | Alfred          |
| Luke St. Georges | Sr. | RIT             |
| Randy Vecchione  | Jr. | Alfred          |
| Blair Watkins    | Jr. | Ithaca          |

**Doubles**

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Scott Rubens/Chris Ciolino | Ithaca          |
| Mike Medvin/Blair Watkins  | Ithaca          |
| Jason Byam/Dale Stoker     | St. John Fisher |

**Honorable Mention All-Conference**

**Singles**

|             |     |                 |
|-------------|-----|-----------------|
| Dave Streib | Jr. | Alfred          |
| Dale Stoker | Fr. | St. John Fisher |

**Doubles**

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Luke St. Georges/Elliott Nembhard | RIT |
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