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EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES MEN'S TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Vladimir Vecher of Hartwick Named Player of the Year

ROCHESTER, NY – The Empire 8 announced its Men's Tennis All-Conference team with junior Vladimir Vecher of Hartwick College garnering the top honor as 2004 Empire 8 Men's Tennis Player of the Year. Colin Flynn of conference champion Ithaca College was named Rookie of the Year and Hartwick coach Andrea Pontius was honored as Coach of the Year.

Vecher went undefeated in the Empire 8 tournament and finished the season with 11 wins, including four against conference opponents. Vecher was named to the all-conference first team in singles and doubles. He teamed with Julien Klein to post a 12-3 doubles record, 5-0 in conference play. Flynn earned second-team all-conference accolades in singles and doubles in his rookie season. Pontius led the Hawks to a third-place finish in the conference tournament.

2004 Empire 8 Men's Tennis Awards

Player of the Year: Vladimir Vecher, Hartwick College

Rookie of the Year: Colin Flynn, Ithaca College

Coach of the Year: Andrea Pontius, Hartwick College

First Team All-Conference

Singles

Jason Byam	Jr.	St. John Fisher
David Chachu	Jr.	RIT
Ben Klempka	Jr.	Nazareth
Randy Vecchione	Jr.	Alfred
Vladimir Vecher	Jr.	Hartwick
Blair Watkins	Sr.	Ithaca

Doubles

Vladimir Vecher/Julien Klein	Hartwick
Chris Ciolino/Blair Watkins	Ithaca
David Chachu/Darren Stanley	RIT

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Second Team All-Conference

Singles

Chris Ciolino	So.	Ithaca
Jefferson Dargout	Sr.	Nazareth
Colin Flynn	Fr.	Ithaca
Julien Klein	Jr.	Hartwick
Frank Solome	Jr.	RIT
Eric Traub	Sr.	Nazareth

Doubles

Randy Vecchione/Kevin Dillon	Alfred
Colin Flynn/Joe Young	Ithaca
Jefferson Dargout/Ben Klempka	Nazareth

Honorable Mention All-Conference

Singles

Kevin Dillon	Alfred
Jason Fiume	St. John Fisher
Brian Herzbrun	Elmira
Andrew Lee	Alfred
Tom Linhart	St. John Fisher
Rod Razavi	RIT

Doubles

Tim Sorge/Eric Traub	Nazareth
Jason Fiume/Jason Byam	St. John Fisher
Dale Stoker/Tom Linhart	St. John Fisher

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