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**EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES MEN'S TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM**

*David Chachu of Empire 8 Champion RIT Named Player of the Year*

**ROCHESTER, NY** – The Empire 8 announced its Men's Tennis All-Conference team with senior David Chachu of RIT earning 2005 Empire 8 Men's Tennis Player of the Year honors. Aaron Haak of St. John Fisher College was named Rookie of the Year and retiring RIT head coach Ann Nealon was honored as Coach of the Year for leading the Tigers to the conference title in her final season.

Chachu, who did not lose a singles match in Empire 8 play and advanced to the semifinals of the ITA Championship, earned first-team accolades in singles and with partner Rod Razavi in doubles. Chachu earned first-team honors in singles and doubles for four consecutive years. Senior Ben Klempka of Nazareth College also received first-team honors in singles for four years in a row, while 2004 Player of the Year Vladimir Vecher of Hartwick College was recognized on the first team for the third straight year.

Seniors Jason Byam of St. John Fisher and Randy Vecchione of Alfred University were repeat all-conference first-team selections. Haak, in addition to being named the top rookie, also garnered first-team all-conference recognition.

**2005 Empire 8 Men's Tennis Awards**

**Player of the Year:** David Chachu, RIT

**Rookie of the Year:** Aaron Haak, St. John Fisher College

**Coach of the Year:** Ann Nealon, RIT

**First Team All-Conference**

**Singles**

Jason Byam	Sr.	St. John Fisher
David Chachu	Sr.	RIT
Aaron Haak	Fr.	St. John Fisher
Ben Klempka	Sr.	Nazareth
Randy Vecchione	Sr.	Alfred
Vladimir Vecher	Sr.	Hartwick

**Doubles**

Vladimir Vecher/Julien Klein	Hartwick
Ben Klempka/Andre Putyera	Nazareth
David Chachu/Rod Razavi	RIT

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**Second Team All-Conference**

**Singles**

Chris Ciolino	Jr.	Ithaca
Colin Flynn	So.	Ithaca
Julien Klein	Sr.	Hartwick
Andrew Lee	Jr.	Alfred
Andre Putyera	Jr.	Nazareth
Frank Solome	Sr.	RIT

**Doubles**

Chris Ciolino/Scott Gerbereux	Ithaca
Colin Flynn/Joe Young	Ithaca
Jason Byam/Tom Linhart	St. John Fisher

**Honorable Mention All-Conference**

**Singles**

Rod Razavi	RIT
Don Sherman	St. John Fisher
Steve Ventura	Alfred
Joe Young	Ithaca
Mike Zielenski	Utica

**Doubles**

Frank Solome/Jon New	RIT
Aaron Haak/Don Sherman	St. John Fisher

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