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**EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES MEN'S TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM**  
*Colin Flynn of Empire 8 Champion Ithaca Named Player of the Year*

**ROCHESTER, NY** – The Empire 8 announced its Men's Tennis All-Conference Team with senior Colin Flynn of Ithaca College being named the 2007 Empire 8 Men's Tennis Player of the Year as the Bombers swept the individual honors. Taylor Borda was named Rookie of the Year and was named to the all-conference first team. Bill Austin was named Coach of the Year for the second year in a row for leading Ithaca to its fourth conference title in the past five years.

Flynn finished 5-0 at first singles in Empire 8 play this year and concluded his career with an 18-3 record in Empire 8 tournament play, including an 11-0 singles mark. Flynn, who also earned first-team all-conference honors in doubles with partner Joe Young, made the all-conference squad each of his four years, including garnering first-team accolades twice. He was also named the Ithaca Men's Tennis Sportsman of the Year.

Borda lost only one match in Empire 8 play at second singles and teamed with Danny Wolk to earn first-team all-conference doubles recognition and Rookie of the Year honors.

Junior Donnie Sherman of St. John Fisher College, a second-team selection a year ago, was named to the all-conference first team this season after posting a 4-1 record at first singles in Empire 8 action.

Senior Andre Putyera and junior Jon Weaver of Nazareth College were named first-team all-conference players in singles and as a doubles team, while junior teammate Terrance Nichols earned first-team honors in singles.

Putyera finished 6-1 in conference play at first singles, while Weaver was undefeated in seven Empire 8 matches at second singles. The two teamed up to win five of six conference matches at first doubles. Nichols, a second-team selection last year and the team's Sportsman of the Year, finished 7-0 at third singles in Empire 8 play.

One member of each team was named that institution's representative on the 2007 Men's Tennis 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.

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**2007 Empire 8 Men’s Tennis Awards**

**Player of the Year:** Colin Flynn, Ithaca College

**Rookie of the Year:** Taylor Borda, Ithaca College

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

**First Team All-Conference**

**Singles**

Taylor Borda	Fr.	Ithaca College
Colin Flynn	Sr.	Ithaca College
Terrance Nichols	Jr.	Nazareth College
Andre Putyera	Sr.	Nazareth College
Donnie Sherman	Jr.	St. John Fisher College
Jon Weaver	Jr.	Nazareth College

**Doubles**

Taylor Borda/Danny Wolk	Ithaca College
Colin Flynn/Joe Young	Ithaca College
Andre Putyera/Jon Weaver	Nazareth College

**Second Team All-Conference**

**Singles**

Dan Riviello	Jr.	Hartwick College
Joe Schember	Jr.	Rochester Institute of Technology
Karl Schiefer	So.	St. John Fisher College
John Traver	Fr.	Rochester Institute of Technology
Danny Wolk	Fr.	Ithaca College
Gean Yip	Fr.	Rochester Institute of Technology

**Doubles**

Dan Riviello/Vanja Ljubibratic	Hartwick College
Brennan Dugas/Jose Guzman	Rochester Institute of Technology
Donnie Sherman/Matt Aquino	St. John Fisher College

**Sportsman of the Year**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>School</b>
Alex Weller	So.	Alfred University
Ryan Thompson	Sr.	Elmira College
Ryan Hughes	Jr.	Hartwick College
Colin Flynn	Sr.	Ithaca College
Terrance Nichols	Jr.	Nazareth College
Joe Schember	Jr.	Rochester Institute of Technology
Brian Kohler	Sr.	St. John Fisher College
Mike Zielenski	Jr.	Utica College

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**Honorable Mention All-Conference**

**Singles**

Eric DesRoberts

Hartwick College

Mike O’Connor

St. John Fisher College

**Doubles**

Han Chong/Gean Yip

Rochester Institute of Technology

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