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EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM; Nazareth's Jim Evans Named Empire 8 Men's Basketball Player of the Year

Rochester, NY – The Empire 8 announced its men's basketball all-conference teams led by Player of the Year Jim Evans of Nazareth College. RIT's Fran Snyder earned Rookie of the Year honors while Rob Kornaker of St. John Fisher College was named the Coach of the Year.

Evans, a senior who was named to the second team last year, led the conference in scoring, averaging 19.7 points per game. He also finished with per game averages of 5.8 rebounds, 3.6 assists, and 1.2 steals. He shot 46.8 percent from the field, 81.9 percent from the free throw line, and hit 75 three-pointers.

Corrin Jackson of Elmira repeated as a first-team selection after averaging 18.5 points and 8.2 boards per game, shooting 48.8 percent from the field. Mike Stanton of RIT earned first-team accolades after being named to the second team a year ago. He averaged 14.2 points and 5.6 rebounds per game, shooting 51.8 percent from the floor.

Jeff Sidney of St. John Fisher, the Empire 8 Rookie of the Year last year, and Nate Cramer of Hartwick were also named to the first team. Sidney finished with per game marks of 12.4 points, 5.9 rebounds, and 4.0 assists. Cramer averaged 17.2 points and 8.2 rebounds per game, while shooting 55.1 percent from the field.

Snyder, a four-time Empire 8 Rookie of the Week, was named 2002-2003 Rookie of the Year, averaging 13.4 points per game for the Tigers.

Kornaker guided St. John Fisher to the league title, a 21-4 overall regular season mark, and a first-round bye in the NCAA Division III Championship.

2003 Empire 8 Men's Basketball Honors

Player of the Year: Jim Evans, Nazareth College

Rookie of the Year: Fran Snyder, RIT

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

Empire 8 Men's Basketball All-Conference

First Team

Name	School	Year	Position
Nate Cramer	Hartwick	Senior	Forward/Center
Jim Evans	Nazareth	Senior	Guard
Corrin Jackson	Elmira	Senior	Forward
Jeff Sidney	St. John Fisher	Sophomore	Forward
Mike Stanton	RIT	Senior	Forward

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Second Team

Name	School	Year	Position
Joel Blackwell	Hartwick	Senior	Guard/Forward
Marquis Jones	Utica	Senior	Guard
Nick Ripple	St. John Fisher	Junior	Forward
Tyler Schulz	Ithaca	Junior	Forward
Fran Zablocki	Nazareth	Senior	Forward

Honorable Mention

Doug Baker, Alfred; Aaron Berwanger, St. John Fisher; Fran Snyder, RIT

