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## **EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES MEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM**

*Tyler Schulz of Ithaca 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 Tyler Schulz of Ithaca College. Dillon Stein of Alfred University earned Rookie of the Year honors while Rob Kornaker of St. John Fisher College was named the Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year.

Schulz, a senior forward, averaged 17.5 points and 8.3 rebounds per game for the season, while shooting 55.7 percent from the field. He is seventh on the school's all-time scoring list and ranks fourth in career rebounding. Schulz, a second-team all-conference performer a year ago, blocked 44 shots.

Senior guard Matt Morley and sophomore guard Sean O'Brien of Empire 8 champion St. John Fisher College were named all-conference first-team selections. Morley is averaging 12.7 points per game, while leading the Cardinals in three-pointers (39) and three-point field goal percentage (42.4 percent). O'Brien averages 11.1 points, 5.4 assists and 1.4 steals per game, and shoots 82.7 percent from the free throw line.

Sophomore guard Justin Cichon of Utica received first-team all-conference recognition. Cichon is averaging 13.7 points, 3.4 rebounds, 1.7 assists, and 1.5 steals per game. He has made 63 three-pointers, shooting better than 40 percent from behind the three-point mark.

Junior transfer Kyle Goff of RIT made the all-conference first team after averaging 14.9 points and 8.8 rebounds per game. He also averaged nearly two steals a game.

Stein, a five-time Empire 8 Rookie of the Week, was named 2003-2004 Rookie of the Year, averaging 13.8 points and 8.0 rebounds per game for the Saxons.

Kornaker guided St. John Fisher to their second consecutive league title and leads the Cardinals into the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship with a 21-6 record.

### **2004 Empire 8 Men's Basketball Honors**

**Player of the Year:** Tyler Schulz, Ithaca College

**Rookie of the Year:** Dillon Stein, Alfred University

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

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### **Empire 8 Men's Basketball All-Conference**

#### **First Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Position</b>
Justin Cichon	Utica	Sophomore	Guard
Kyle Goff	RIT	Junior	Forward
Matt Morley	St. John Fisher	Senior	Guard
Sean O'Brien	St. John Fisher	Sophomore	Guard
Tyler Schulz	Ithaca	Senior	Forward

#### **Second Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Position</b>
Willie Lucas	Utica	Sophomore	Forward
Ryan Shipley	Nazareth	Junior	Center
Fran Snyder	RIT	Sophomore	Guard/Forward
Dillon Stein	Alfred	Freshman	Forward
Reed Vanderlyke	Elmira	Senior	Guard

#### **Honorable Mention**

Ricky Adames, Utica; Jim Bellis, Ithaca; Nick Bennett, St. John Fisher; Sean Murphy, RIT; Nick Ripple, St. John Fisher; Jesse Roth, Ithaca

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