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**EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES WOMEN'S TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM**  
**Amanda Berg of RIT Named Player of the Year**

**ROCHESTER, NY** – Sophomore transfer Amanda Berg of Rochester Institute of Technology was named the 2008 Empire 8 Women's Tennis Player of the Year. The 2007 New Jersey Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year was named to the all-conference first team in singles and in doubles. Griffin Currie of Alfred University was named Empire 8 Rookie of the Year.

Berg did not drop a singles match or set in Empire 8 action, playing at first singles, in the regular season or Empire 8 championship tournament. She and teammate Brianne Francisco went undefeated at first doubles in regular season conference play.

Senior Rachel Leonard of Nazareth College received first-team honors for the fourth consecutive year, recording a 7-1 mark in Empire 8 regular season play.

Three players from Empire 8 champion Ithaca College earned first-team recognition. Senior Alyssa Jaffe was named Most Valuable Player of the Empire 8 Women's Tennis Championship this past weekend and a second-team honoree in 2007. Junior Devra Reiman (first singles) and sophomore Agata Kubik (first and second singles) garnered first-team honors for the first time. Jaffe and Reiman also teamed up to gain first-team honors in doubles.

Currie earned the top rookie honor after posting a 9-6 record at first singles and an 8-4 record at first doubles for the Saxons. She was also named to the all-conference second team.

Sophomore Allyson Kingman of Stevens Institute of Technology, a second-team selection last season, was named to the all-conference first team after posting a 7-1 regular season mark in Empire 8 play at second singles. Kingman and senior Whitney Bender earned first-team all-conference honors in doubles, finishing 6-2 at first doubles in Empire 8 regular season play.

First-year player Nicole Portner and sophomore Kendra Appleheimer of Stevens were selected to the all-conference first team in doubles after recording a 6-2 mark in conference regular season at second doubles.

Bill Austin was selected as Empire 8 Coach of the Year for the fourth consecutive year after leading Ithaca to its fourth straight conference title and third straight bid to the NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Championship.

One member of each team was named that institution's representative on the 2008 Women's Tennis Sportswoman 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 sportswomen.

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## Empire 8 2008 Women's Tennis All-Conference Awards

**Player of the Year:** Amanda Berg, Rochester Institute of Technology

**Rookie of the Year:** Griffin Currie, Alfred University

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

### First Team All-Conference

#### Singles

Name	Yr.	School
Amanda Berg	So.	Rochester Institute of Technology
Alyssa Jaffe	Sr.	Ithaca College
Allyson Kingman	So.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Agata Kubik	So.	Ithaca College
Rachel Leonard	Sr.	Nazareth College
Devra Reiman	Jr.	Ithaca College

#### Doubles

Names	School
Alyssa Jaffe/Devra Reiman	Ithaca College
Brianne Francisco/Amanda Berg	Rochester Institute of Technology
Allyson Kingman/Whitney Bender	Stevens Institute of Technology

### Second Team All-Conference

#### Singles

Name	Yr.	School
Katie Barlow	Jr.	St. John Fisher College
Mine Bese	Fr.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Griffin Currie	Fr.	Alfred University
Nicole Portner	Fr.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Holly Seidewand	Jr.	Alfred University
Alexis Stanley	Jr.	Rochester Institute of Technology

#### Doubles

Names	School
Natalie Jenereski/Agata Kubik	Ithaca College
Rachel Leonard/Jackie Martinez	Nazareth College
Nicole Portner/Kendra Appleheimer	Stevens Institute of Technology

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**Sportswoman of the Year**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>School</b>
Autumn McLain	So.	Alfred University
Emily Talbot	Sr.	Elmira College
Anne Neely	Sr.	Hartwick College
Natalie Jenereski	Sr.	Ithaca College
Elizabeth Way	Jr.	Nazareth College
Joanna Cash	Sr.	Rochester Institute of Technology
Katie Neubeck	Sr.	St. John Fisher College
Allyson Kingman	So.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Nichole Rodriguez	Jr.	Utica College

**Honorable Mention All-Conference Singles**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Betsy Breaznell	Hartwick
Danielle Carinci	Nazareth
Laura Hale	St. John Fisher
Rebecca Kingman	Elmira
Autumn McLain	Alfred
Katie Neubeck	St. John Fisher
Sara Paduano	Rochester Institute of Technology

**Doubles Names**

<b>Names</b>	<b>School</b>
Griffin Currie/Elana Lewis	Alfred
Autumn McLain/Hannah Barley	Alfred
Jennifer Lin/Anne Neely	Hartwick
Danielle Carinci/Jessica Faber	Nazareth
Laura Hale/Katie Barlow	St. John Fisher

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