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**EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES WOMEN'S TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM
Jessica Borque of Stevens Honored as Top Rookie and Top Player**

ROCHESTER, NY – Jessica Borque of regular season conference champion Stevens Institute of Technology was named the Empire 8 Women's Tennis Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year as the 2011 Empire 8 Women's Tennis All-Conference Team was announced.

Borque posted a 17-1 record, finishing 8-0 in Empire 8 play and going undefeated in dual match play. She reached the semifinals of the ITA Championships and led the Ducks to an 11-1 record. Borque also earned first-team all-conference honors with Lisa Tessitore at first doubles.

First-year player Danielle Stewart of the Ducks also garnered first-team recognition in singles after posting a 12-5 overall record, including a 7-1 mark in Empire 8 play, at third singles.

Junior Ali Young and first-year player Carly Siegel of Empire 8 champion Ithaca College were selected on the all-conference first team. Young posted a 6-3 record at first singles in conference play and earned first-team honors at first doubles with Empire 8 Women's Tennis Championship Most Valuable Player Becky Guzzo. Siegel finished 6-2 in conference play at second singles.

Sophomore Alison Tepas of Nazareth College is the only repeat first-team all-conference performer. She went 8-0 in Empire 8 play at second singles and 10-0 overall in dual matches.

Senior Elena Vahl of St. John Fisher College was named to the first team for the second time in her career after posting a 6-2 mark at first singles in Empire 8 play.

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

One member of each team was named that institution's representative on the 2011 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 2011 Women's Tennis All-Conference Awards

Player of the Year: Jessica Borque, Stevens Institute of Technology

Rookie of the Year: Jessica Borque, Stevens Institute of Technology

Coach of the Year: Bill Austin, Ithaca College

First Team All-Conference

Singles

Name	Yr.	School
Jessica Borque	Fy.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Carly Siegel	Fy.	Ithaca College
Danielle Stewart	Fy.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Alison Tepas	So.	Nazareth College
Elena Vahl	Sr.	St. John Fisher College
Ali Young	Jr.	Ithaca College

Doubles

Names	School
Becky Guzzo/Ali Young	Ithaca College
Alex Vizgaitis/Alison Tepas	Nazareth College
Jessica Borque/Lisa Tessitore	Stevens Institute of Technology

Second Team All-Conference

Singles

Name	Yr.	School
Mine Bese	Sr.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Griffin Currie	Sr.	Alfred University
Becky Guzzo	So.	Ithaca College
Nicole Portner	Sr.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Lisa Tessitore	So.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Alex Vizgaitis	Jr.	Nazareth College

Doubles

Names	School
Kate Pasier/Jordan Brungard	St. John Fisher College
Nicole Portner/Mina Bese	Stevens Institute of Technology
Danielle Stewart/Morgan Scalzi	Stevens Institute of Technology

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Sportswoman of the Year

Name	Yr.	School
Shannon Tovey	Sr.	Alfred University
Briana Palmiero	Sr.	Elmira College
Samantha Boyce	Jr.	Hartwick College
Kelsey Harness	Sr.	Ithaca College
Jennifer Crane	Sr.	Nazareth College
Amanda Berg	Sr.	Rochester Institute of Technology
Marissa Rotondo	Sr.	St. John Fisher College
Morgan Scalzi	Sr.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Jennifer Persio	Jr.	Utica College

Honorable Mention All-Conference Singles

Name	School
Christine Cary	Nazareth
Kelsey Harness	Ithaca
Lauren Michels	Hartwick
Katie Pasier	St. John Fisher
Laurel Salladay	Ithaca
Cara Yinger	Nazareth

Doubles

Names	School
Becky Campbell/Carly Siegel	Ithaca
Laurel Salladay/Allison Vizgaitis	Ithaca

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