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EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES MEN'S TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM
Chris Rosensteel of Stevens Named Player of the Year

ROCHESTER, NY – The Empire 8 announced its Men's Tennis All-Conference Team with sophomore Chris Rosensteel of conference champion Stevens Institute of Technology being named the 2011 Empire 8 Men's Tennis Player of the Year.

Rosensteel, a repeat first-team selection and Empire 8 Rookie of the Year last season, finished undefeated in Empire 8 play at first singles and first doubles with Shota Tasaki. He posted singles victories against two other first-team all-conference selections and his doubles wins helped the Ducks to back-to-back 5-0 victories over Nazareth College and Ithaca College in the Empire 8 Men's Tennis Championship. Rosensteel and Tasaki were named to the all-conference first team squad in doubles.

Joining Rosensteel on the all-conference first team was repeat selection Arik Zeevy, who earned his second consecutive Most Valuable Player honor at the Empire 8 Men's Tennis Championship. He was undefeated in conference play at second singles (and two matches at first singles) and second doubles with Jason Ringstad. Zeevy and Ringstad were also named to the all-conference first team in doubles.

2010 Empire 8 Player of the Year Josh Rifkin of conference runner-up Ithaca was named to the all-conference first team in singles and doubles for the third time. He and Jimmy Newton teamed up at first singles to post a 7-1 record in conference play and advanced to the semifinals of the ITA Regional Tournament. Rifkin posted a 6-2 record at first singles in Empire 8 play and reached the finals of the ITA Regional Tournament. Newton also earned first-team honors in singles, finishing with a 7-1 mark in conference play at second singles.

Sophomore Ryan McCormick of Nazareth was named to the all-conference first team for the second time in as many years after finishing 6-2 at first singles in conference play.

Senior Gabe Cortes of Elmira College garnered all-conference honors for the fourth time and first-team accolades for the third time. He posted a 6-2 record at first singles in Empire 8 action.

One member of each team was named that institution's representative on the 2011 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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2011 Empire 8 Men's Tennis Awards

Player of the Year: Chris Rosensteel, Stevens Institute of Technology

Rookie of the Year: David Andersen, Ithaca College

Coach of the Year: Steve Gachko, Stevens Institute of Technology

First Team All-Conference

Singles

Gabe Cortes	Sr.	Elmira College
Ryan McCormick	So.	Nazareth College
Jimmy Newton	Jr.	Ithaca College
Josh Rifkin	Sr.	Ithaca College
Chris Rosensteel	So.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Arik Zeevy	Sr.	Stevens Institute of Technology

Doubles

Josh Rifkin/Jimmy Newton	Ithaca College
Chris Rosensteel/Shota Tasaki	Stevens Institute of Technology
Arik Zeevy/Jason Ringstad	Stevens Institute of Technology

Second Team All-Conference

Singles

Will Abisalih	So.	Rochester Institute of Technology
Jason Berggrun	So.	Ithaca College
Neville Bilimoria	So.	Rochester Institute of Technology
Jeremy Mancus	So.	Nazareth College
Marcelo Navarro	Jr.	Hartwick College
Jason Ringstad	Sr.	Stevens Institute of Technology

Doubles

Ryan McCormick/Bret Beaver	Nazareth College
Will Abisalih/Tennyson Saucedo	Rochester Institute of Technology
Neville Bilimoria/Larry Hall	Rochester Institute of Technology

Sportsman of the Year

Name	Yr.	School
Nick Schneider	Sr.	Alfred University
Tim Wagner	Sr.	Elmira College
Jeff Boyd	Jr.	Hartwick College
Josh Rifkin	Sr.	Ithaca College
Ryan McCormick	So.	Nazareth College
Larry Hall	Jr.	Rochester Institute of Technology
Dan Parshall	So.	St. John Fisher College
Arik Zeevy	Sr.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Shaun Kaleta	Sr.	Utica College

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Honorable Mention All-Conference**Singles**

Jeff Boyd	Hartwick College
Larry Hall	Rochester Institute of Technology
Eric Klinedinst	Elmira College
Adam Landry	Nazareth College
Dan Parshall	St. John Fisher College
Griffin Reid	Ithaca College

Doubles

Sam Pine/Goray Simlote	Elmira College
Adam Landry/Jeremy Mancus	Nazareth College
Amos Baptiste/Max Bogue	Rochester Institute of Technology

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