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**EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES WOMEN'S SOCCER ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM
Chelsey Feldman and Nikki Rice of Ithaca College Earn Top Honors**

ROCHESTER, NY – The Empire 8 announced its 2007 Women's Soccer All-Conference team. Junior forward Chelsey Feldman of conference champion Ithaca College repeated as Empire 8 Offensive Player of the Year. Junior back Nikki Rice of the Bombers was named Empire 8 Defensive Player of the Year.

Feldman enters NCAA play with a conference-leading 37 points on 17 goals and three assists. She led all players in conference play with 17 points on seven goals and three assists and was named to the all-conference first team for the third consecutive year.

Rice, who was also named to the first team, anchored the Ithaca defense that yielded just one goal in regular season conference play and nine goals in 19 games overall.

Mindy Quigg was the unanimous selection as Empire 8 Coach of the Year for leading the Bombers to an undefeated record in conference play and the Empire 8 title.

First-year forward Erica Conte of Nazareth College was selected the Empire 8 Rookie of the Year after scoring three goals in conference play. She totaled 12 points overall.

Three other Ithaca players were named to the all-conference first team. Senior back Beth Hoover was a repeat selection, while sophomore midfielder Amy Scheffer was honored for the first time. Sophomore transfer Winnie Adrien, second in overall scoring and the Empire 8 Women's Soccer Championship Most Valuable Player, was named a first-team all-conference forward.

Three players from runner-up Nazareth College earned first-team honors. Junior midfielder Rachel Cushman, who tallied eight points in conference play, repeated as a first-team selection after garnering the recognition as a forward last season. Senior midfielder Julie Birbilis and junior Carly Schurman received first-team accolades for the first time.

Senior back Joanne Gueverra and senior goalkeeper Ashley Kaufman of Utica College repeated as first-team honorees. Junior forward Ashley Granger, who scored five goals in conference play, was also named to the first team for the Pioneers.

Junior back Salme Cook of Stevens Institute of Technology was named to the all-conference first team, keying a defense that has held opponents under one goal per game.

One member of each team was named that institution's representative on the 2007 Women's Soccer 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 2007 Women's Soccer All-Conference Awards

Offensive Player of the Year: Chelsey Feldman, Ithaca College

Defensive Player of the Year: Nikki Rice, Ithaca College

Rookie of the Year: Erica Conte, Nazareth College

Coach of the Year: Mindy Quigg, Ithaca College

First Team

Name	Yr.	School
Backs (Note: Two players tied for final spot)		
Salme Cook	Jr.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Joanne Gueverra	Sr.	Utica College
Beth Hoover	Sr.	Ithaca College
Nikki Rice	Jr.	Ithaca College
Carly Schurman	Jr.	Nazareth College

Midfielders

Julie Birbilis	Sr.	Nazareth College
Rachel Cushman	Jr.	Nazareth College
Amy Scheffer	So.	Ithaca College

Forwards

Winnie Adrien	So.	Ithaca College
Chelsey Feldman	Jr.	Ithaca College
Ashley Granger	Jr.	Utica College

Goalkeeper

Ashley Kaufman	Sr.	Utica College
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Second Team

Name	Yr.	School
Backs		
Danielle LaFrance	Jr.	Rochester Institute of Technology
Sara Roeder	Sr.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Emily Zurschmit	Jr.	Nazareth College

Midfielders

Dani Davis	Sr.	St. John Fisher College
Colleen Masterson	Sr.	Ithaca College
Siena York-Carr	Sr.	Stevens Institute of Technology

Forwards

Kelly Finn	Jr.	Nazareth College
Kristen Mellan	Sr.	Hartwick College
Kelly Zeppetella	Jr.	St. John Fisher College

Goalkeeper

Aimee Meachem	Sr.	Ithaca College
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Name	Yr.	School
Meredith Ragan	Jr.	Alfred University
Jessica Talbot	Sr.	Elmira College
Brittany Pine	Jr.	Hartwick College
Shannon Ruegger	Jr.	Ithaca College
Caity Richardson	Sr.	Nazareth College
Anna Kolnik	Sr.	Rochester Institute of Technology
Jenny Mauro	So.	St. John Fisher College
Erin Brennan	Jr.	Stevens Institute of Technology
Amanda Lauze	Sr.	Utica College

Honorable Mention

Backs: Kathleen Appel (Elmira), Kiersten Drexler (St. John Fisher), Andrea Janda (Ithaca), Marissa Mackay (Hartwick), Kelly Regan (Utica), Katelynn Stewart (Stevens), Yaicha Winters (Alfred)

Midfielders: Nicole DiPietro (Alfred), Leslie Kallberg (Stevens), Erica Main (RIT), Emily Mogk (Ithaca), Jessica Talbot (Elmira), Kristen Vasta (Utica)

Forwards: Cristina Fulgencio (Stevens), Katria Misilo (Stevens), Danielle Smith (Utica), Laurie Teske (Elmira), Emily Traversi (RIT)

Goalkeeper: Ashley Conti (RIT), Hillary Simon (Nazareth)