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EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM;
Kerri Brown of Ithaca Named Empire 8 Women's Basketball Player of the Year

Rochester, NY – The Empire 8 announced its women's basketball all-conference teams led by Player of the Year Kerri Brown of Ithaca College. Elmira College's Jennifer Parker earned Rookie of the Year honors while Michele Davis of Utica College was named the Coach of the Year.

Brown, a senior who repeated as a first-team selection, averaged 10.4 points, 3.8 rebounds, 3.4 assists, and 1.6 steals per game in leading the Bombers to a second-place finish in the conference and a bid to the NCAA Division III tournament. She was joined on the first team by teammate Jennie Swatling, who averaged 11.4 points per game.

Trisha Tofany of Empire 8 champion St. John Fisher College was named to the first team after averaging 11.6 points and 7.0 boards per game. Brandi Backus of Alfred earned first-team recognition after leading the conference in scoring (15.7 points per game). Kadi Burgess of Nazareth, last year's Rookie of the Year, averaged 14.3 points and 9.0 rebounds per game and was named to the all-conference first team.

Parker was named the 2002-2003 Rookie of the Year and was named to the all-conference second team. The four-time Rookie of the Week averaged 12.0 points, 4.9 rebounds, and 2.9 steals per game while shooting 44.2 percent from the field and 71.9 percent from the free throw line.

Davis guided Utica to a fourth-place finish in the conference with an 8-6 league mark. The Pioneers finished the regular season 17-8 and earned a bid to the ECAC Upstate New York Championship.

2003 Empire 8 Women's Basketball Honors

Player of the Year: Kerri Brown, Ithaca College

Rookie of the Year: Jennifer Parker, Elmira College

Coach of the Year: Michele Davis, Utica College

Empire 8 Women's Basketball All-Conference

First Team

Name	School	Year	Position
Brandi Backus	Alfred	Senior	Forward
Kerri Brown	Ithaca	Senior	Guard
Kadi Burgess	Nazareth	Sophomore	Forward
Jennie Swatling	Ithaca	Junior	Guard
Trisha Tofany	St John Fisher	Junior	Forward

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Second Team

Name	School	Year	Position
Stephanie Cleary	Ithaca	Sophomore	Guard
Libby LePinnet	Utica	Senior	Center
Lauren Long	RIT	Senior	Center
Jennifer Parker	Elmira	Freshman	Guard
Sara Shipley	Nazareth	Sophomore	Center

Honorable Mention

Kathy Baum, St. John Fisher; Miranda Curley, Utica; Chrissy Ernie, RIT; Jen Kristensen, St. John Fisher; Sara Lambert, Hartwick; Heather McGuerty, Hartwick

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