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**EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES WOMEN'S TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM;
RIT's Kula Named Player of the Year; Teammate Hume Named Top Rookie**

ROCHESTER, NY – Junior Sara Kula of RIT led the 2002 Empire 8 Women's Tennis All-Conference Team, earning first-team all-conference and Player of the Year honors. She posted a 12-1 record in second singles and teamed with senior Shannon Grande to finish 12-1 in first doubles to earn all-conference first team honors in doubles. RIT freshman Jennifer Hume was named Rookie of the Year after going undefeated in 13 matches at fourth singles. Linda Gohagan of St. John Fisher was named Empire 8 Coach of the Year.

Empire 8 2002 Women's Tennis All-Conference Awards

Player of the Year: Sara Kula, RIT

Rookie of the Year: Jennifer Hume, RIT

Coach of the Year: Linda Gohagan, St. John Fisher

First-Team Singles

Name/Yr./School	Pos.	Record
Alicia Ballard, So., Alfred	1 st	9-2
Meghan Carroll, Jr., Ithaca	1 st	9-4
Andrea Gaddis, So., Nazareth	2 nd	12-6
Becca Lenhard, Jr., Nazareth	1 st	12-5
Jennifer Hume, Fr., RIT	4 th	13-0
Sara Kula, Jr., RIT	2 nd	12-1

Second-Team Singles

Alexis Piekarsky, Sr., Alfred	2 nd	8-3
Jennifer Beekman, Jr., Ithaca	2 nd	6-5
Gretchen Fisher, So., Ithaca	3 rd	9-3
Ann Kucheryavenko, So., Nazareth	6 th	15-1
Shannon Grande, Sr., RIT	3 rd	9-4
Jessica Snyder, So., St. John Fisher	2 nd	9-4

First-Team Doubles

Name/Yr./School	Pos.	Record
Alicia Ballard/Alexis Piekarsky, Alfred	1 st	6-3
Becca Lenhard/Andrea Gaddis, Nazareth	1 st	10-5
Sara Kula/Shannon Grande, RIT	1 st	12-1

Second-Team Doubles

Olivia Garcia/Krista Heckler, Elmira	1 st	12-4
Meghan Carroll/Jennifer Beekman, Ithaca	1 st	4-4
Carrie Kinney/Gwen Shields, St. John Fisher	1 st	5-4