

2006
EMPIRE 8
MEN'S LACROSSE
CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT



Semifinal Round

#1 Ithaca College (10-3, 7-0 Empire 8)

VS.

#4 St. John Fisher College (9-6, 3-4 Empire 8)

Friday, April 28, 2006; 4 p.m.
Upper Terrace Field - Ithaca College; Ithaca, N.Y.

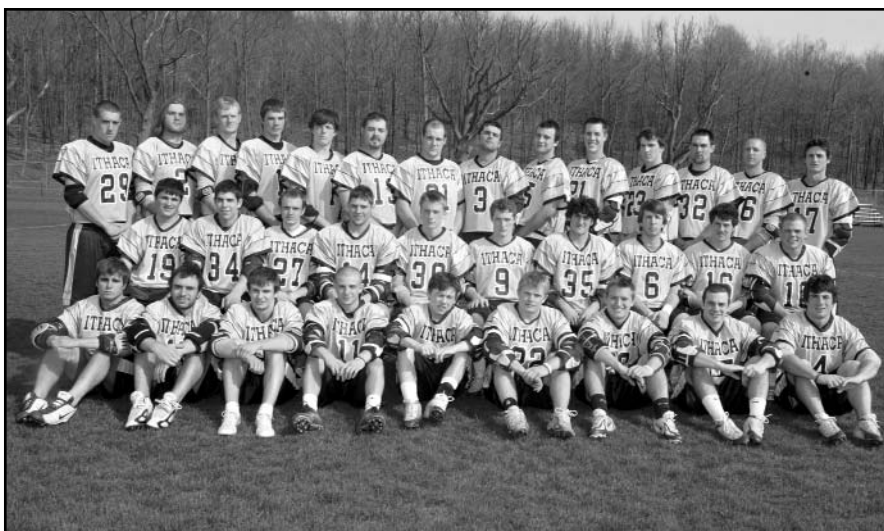
ITHACA COLLEGE (10-3, 7-0 EMPIRE 8)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
1	BOBZIEN, Logan	A	So.	6-1	165	Arapahoe	Littleton, Colo.
2	SCHICK, Pete	D	So.	6-3	200	Niskayuna	Niskayuna
3	GUSTUS, Tim	A	So.	5-11	185	Rivers School	Wayland, Mass.
4	ZYSK, Andrew	D	Sr.	5-10	190	West Genesee	Syracuse
5	BUSH, Kevin	M	So.	5-10	165	Arapahoe	Littleton, Colo.
6	HAMMES, Matt	M	Jr.	5-10	165	Homer	Cortland
7	TROIANI, Joe	M	Fr.	5-9	165	C. Milton Wright	Bel Air, Md.
8	PALMIERI, Reid	M	Sr.	6-2	160	Somers	Amawalk
9	NELLIGAN, Matt	A	So.	5-7	150	Pingree School	Rowley, Mass.
10	NOWAK, Mike	A	So.	5-8	195	Ballston Spa	Ballston Spa
11	BERG, Adam	A	Fr.	5-6	150	Mendham	Chester, N.J.
12	PIARULLI, Kevin	D	Fr.	6-2	200	Immaculate Heart Central	Watertown
13	BUTLER, Dennis	G	Jr.	6-1	230	Pleasantville	Pleasantville
14	GELUSO, Brandon	A	Sr.	6-0	175	Harborfields	Greenlawn
15	CUTTER, Matt	A	Fr.	5-8	165	Needham	Needham, Mass.
16	LUMB, Doug	M	Sr.	5-10	180	Auburn	Auburn
17	PUGLIESE, Matt	M	Sr.	6-0	190	Williamsville East	Williamsville
18	POHORELY, Kyle	M	So.	5-8	180	Hunterdon	Whitehouse Station, N.J.
19	CARMAN, Chris	A	Fr.	5-10	180	Monte Vista	Alamos, Calif.
20	GIUNTA, Mike	M	Fr.	5-8	165	B. Reed Henderson	West Chester, Pa.
21	RUMSEY, Will	M	So.	6-2	185	Homer	Homer
22	RUHNKE, Matthew	M	Fr.	5-10	180	Brien McMahon	Norwalk, Conn.
23	WIEDEMANN, Neth	D	Fr.	6-1	195	Episcopal School of Dallas	Dallas, Texas
25	MEADOW, Collin	G	Fr.	6-0	180	Downingtown East	Downingtown, Pa.
27	WELD, Dwight	A	Fr.	5-10	165	East Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill, N.C.
28	OSGOOD, Ian	D	Fr.	5-9	164	Bow	Bow, N.H.
29	TEECE, Alex	D	So.	5-11	195	Williston-Northampton	Florence, Mass.
30	GOLDEN, Kyle	M	Jr.	5-10	160	Ossining	Briarcliff Manor
31	CONNERY, Ben	G	Fr.	6-0	185	Homer	Homer
32	STAIR, Jordan	D	Jr.	6-2	192	Heritage	West Littleton, Colo.
33	SIEFERT, Alec	A	Fr.	5-7	140	Duxbury	Duxbury, Mass.
34	CONNOLLY, J.P.	M	Fr.	5-11	180	Simsbury	Simsbury, Conn.
35	CINTINEO, Mike	M	Fr.	5-8	165	Honeoye Falls-Lima	Honeoye Falls
36	SMITH, Kevin	D	Jr.	6-2	195	Canandaigua Academy	Canandaigua

Head Coach: Jeff Long

Assistant Coaches: Andy Schreck, John Wallace

Captains: Brandon Geluso, Doug Lumb, Reid Palmieri, Matt Pugliese, Andrew Zysk



2006 RESULTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
2/25	at Lycoming	W, 14-7
3/8	at Washington & Lee	L, 4-12
3/15	at Oneonta	W, 9-3
3/22	at St. John Fisher *	W, 8-7
3/25	at Genesee	L, 6-16
3/29	RENSSELAER	W, 11-8
4/1	UTICA *	W, 14-2
4/5	CORTLAND	L, 10-15
4/8	at Alfred *	W, 17-5
4/12	RIT *	W, 11-10
4/15	at Hartwick *	W, 14-10
4/19	at Elmira *	W, 14-2
4/22	NAZARETH (4OT) *	W, 11-10

* indicates Empire 8 contest

ST. JOHN FISHER COLLEGE (9-6, 3-4 EMPIRE 8)

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1	KAISER, Matt	M	Fr.	5-11	160	Waterloo	Waterloo
2	BOCHIECHIO, Pasquale	M	Jr.	5-9	185	Williamsville East	Williamsville
3	LAHR, Gordon	A	Fr.	6-0	171	Waterloo	Waterloo
4	SAVINE, Nick	A	Fr.	5-8	190	Eastridge	Rochester
5	HARVEY, Brandon	A	Sr.	5-9	175	Webster Schroeder	Webster
6	ZAZZARA, Zackary	M	Jr.	5-10	185	Fayetteville-Manlius	Syracuse
7	HARGATHER, Matt	A	Jr.	6-6	205	Fairport	Fairport
8	BARAN, Tim	M	So.	5-4	140	Webster Schroeder	Webster
9	SCHNOBRICH, Mark	M	Sr.	5-8	185	Cicero-N. Syracuse	Syracuse
10	TRIPOLI, Alex	A	So.	5-10	180	Chittenango	Chittenango
11	CIRULLI, Jason	M	Fr.	5-11	190	Webster Schroeder	Webster
12	NGUYEN, Hung	M	Fr.	5-5	140	Cicero-N. Syracuse	Liverpool
13	ELLER, Andrew	D	Jr.	6-3	220	Shenendehowa	Ballston Lake
14	VENUTI, Dutchie	M	Fr.	5-5	150	Geneva	Geneva
15	SHIFFLET, Chris	M	Jr.	5-10	160	Cicero-N. Syracuse	Liverpool
16	BRANNIGAN, Jason	A	Jr.	6-3	200	East Syracuse-Minoa	Minoa
18	POSTIGLION, Andrew	D	So.	5-10	195	New Hartford	New Hartford
19	SOLAMON, Michael-Paul	M	Jr.	5-9	170	West Genesee	Camillus
21	FAVBIANO, Stephen	M	Fr.	6-3	190	St. Joseph's Collegiate Inst.	Amherst
22	SHACKLES, Chris	A	Jr.	5-7	165	Longwood	Coram
24	WEAVER, Chris	A	Sr.	5-9	215	Horseheads	Big Flats
26	REAP, Michael	D	Jr.	6-2	230	Bishop Ludden	Syracuse
27	DELLE DONNE, John	A	Sr.	5-7	155	Hamburg	Boston
28	WOOD, Dave	M	Fr.	5-11	190	Vestal	Vestal
30	MATTEO, Mike	G	Fr.	5-10	180	Eastridge	Rochester
32	POMPO, Matt	D	Fr.	6-3	200	West Genesee	Syracuse
33	ROCHE, Sean	M	Sr.	5-8	165	Bishop Ludden	Syracuse
34	CUMMINGS, Brian	G	Jr.	5-11	225	West Genesee	Syracuse
37	CORTINA, Chris	M	Sr.	6-0	190	Binghamton	Binghamton
42	CORTINA, Michael	A/M	So.	5-11	155	Binghamton	Binghamton
43	KEIDA, Mark	D	So.	6-0	210	West Genesee	Camillus
44	BELL, Dennis	M	So.	6-3	190	Penfield	Rochester
45	BURNS, P.J.	D	Sr.	5-10	195	West Genesee	Syracuse

Head Coach: John C. Johnson

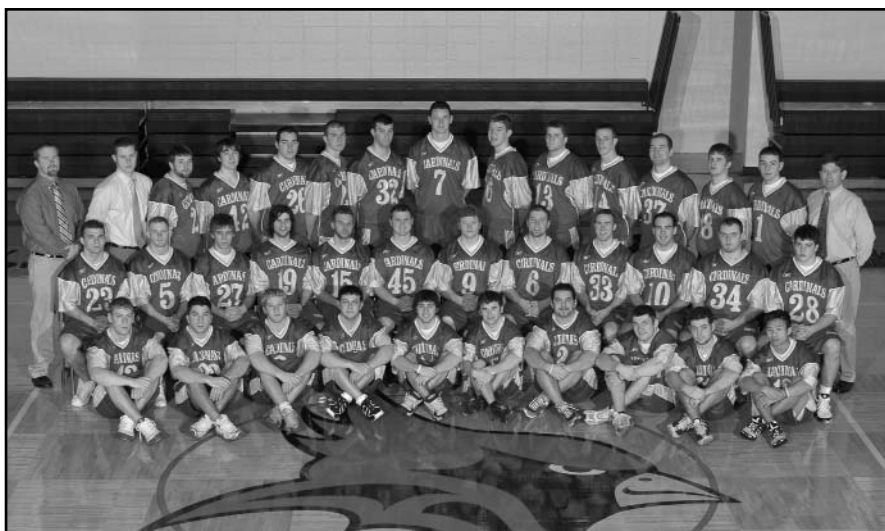
Assistant Coach: Colin Hartnett

Captains: P.J. Burns, Mark Schnobrich

2006 RESULTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
3/8	at Randolph-Macon	L, 6-5
3/10	vs. Salve Regina at Loyola	W, 11-5
3/15	Oswego	W, 10-4
3/18	Brockport (OT)	W, 7-6
3/22	Ithaca *	L, 8-7
3/25	Skidmore	L, 8-1
3/29	at Alfred *	W, 15-11
4/1	at Hartwick *	W, 13-11
4/5	Medaille	W, 15-1
4/8	RIT *	L, 18-5
4/12	Keuka	W, 6-5
4/15	at Elmira *	L, 10-6
4/19	at Cazenovia	W, 21-6
4/22	Utica *	W, 12-7
4/25	at Nazareth *	L, 16-7

* indicates Empire 8 contest



ABOUT ITHACA: The Bombers, who are ranked 12th in the latest USILA poll, finished the regular season with a 10-3 overall record and captured their second consecutive regular season Empire 8 title after posting a 7-0 record in conference play. Ithaca's 16 consecutive league victories is a conference record, as is their 19-game home winning streak in conference games.

Sophomore **Matt Nelligan**, a two time Empire 8 Player of the Week, leads the team in scoring with 41 goals and six assists for 47 points. He ranks second in the conference with 3.15 goals per game. His eight man-up goals rank fourth in the conference, while his 3.62 points per game are the fifth most in the conference. Freshman **Mike Cintineo** is second on the team in scoring with 33 goals and four assists for 37 points. A two-time and reigning Empire 8 Player of the Week, he is four in the conference in scoring with 2.54 goals per game and is tied for ninth with 2.85 points per game.

Senior **Doug Lumb** has a team-leading 15 assists and ranks third on the team with 23 points. His 1.15 assists per game place him eighth in the conference. Sophomore **Matt Hammes** and freshman **Matthew Ruhnke** have 78 and 65 faceoff wins, respectively.

Junior **Dennis Butler**, who has been named the Empire 8 Goalie of the Week each of the past two weeks, is 10-3 on the season with an 8.29 goals against average and a .615 save percentage. His 12.38 saves per game rank him second in the conference and his .615 save percentage is the ninth-best in the conference.

ABOUT ST. JOHN FISHER: The Cardinals enter the tournament with an overall record of 9-6 overall and 3-4 in conference play. This is St. John Fisher's first appearance in the three-year history of the conference tournament.

The Cardinals are led by junior **Matt Hargather**, who has a team-high 42 goals and 45 points on the year. His 2.8 goals and 3.0 points per game rank him third and eighth in the conference, respectively. Seniors **John Delle Donne** and **Chris Weaver** are tied for second on the team with 18 goals a piece and rank second and third on the team with 39 and 24 points, respectively. **Delle Donne's** 21 assists lead the team and rank fourth in the conference.

Senior **Brandon Harvey** and junior **Michael-Paul Solamon** are tied for second on the team with 12 assists and are tied for fourth on the team in scoring with 20 points a piece.

Junior **Brian Cummings** has a record of 9-6 this season with an 8.46 goals against average and a .567 save percentage. His 10.1 saves per game rank him sixth in the conference. Freshman **Dave Wood** leads the team with 115 face-off wins on the season and a face-off win percentage of .618. Senior **Chris Cortina** is second on the team with 55 faceoff wins.

FINAL EMPIRE 8 STANDINGS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Conf.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Ithaca ^{^*}	7-0	1.000	10-3	.769
RIT [^]	6-1	.857	13-2	.867
Nazareth [^]	5-2	.714	10-3	.769
St. John Fisher [^]	3-4	.429	9-6	.600
Utica	3-4	.429	7-6	.538
Hartwick	2-5	.286	4-10	.286
Elmira	2-5	.286	5-8	.385
Alfred	0-7	.000	1-10	.091

[^] Tournament qualifier

* Regular-season champion

EMPIRE 8 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday, April 28

Semifinal 1: #4 St. John Fisher at #1 Ithaca - 4 p.m.

Semifinal 2: #3 Nazareth at #2 RIT - 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 30

Championship: Semifinal 1 winner vs. Semifinal 2 winner

Location: At highest remaining seed

Start Time: 1 p.m.

LAST TIME THEY MET: Then 23rd ranked Ithaca defeated St. John Fisher 8-7 back on March 22. The game was tied 3-3 at the half, and the Cardinals took a 6-5 lead in the third, but the Bombers collected three goals in the fourth to take the win 8-7. **Hammes** scored the game-winning goal with 3:18 remaining in the contest. **Cintineo** led the Bombers with three goals, while **Lumb** added a goal and two assists. **Butler** made 10 saves in recording his third win of the season. **Solamon** led St. John Fisher with three goals, while **Hargather** (two goals) and **Delle Donne** (one goal, one assist) added two points each. **Cummings** made 10 saves in taking the loss.

SERIES RECORD: Ithaca is 5-0 all-time against St. John Fisher. The Bombers won the first meeting between the two teams 17-5 back on March 27, 2002.

SEMIFINAL 2 - #2 RIT vs. #3 NAZARETH: The winner of today's contest will face the winner of the second-seeded RIT vs. third-seeded Nazareth semifinal match. The championship game will be played at the highest remaining seed on Sunday, April 30, at 1 p.m. The Tigers used a six-goal run spanning the third and fourth quarters to defeat the Golden Flyers 12-11 on April 15 at Nazareth.



Ithaca College asks fans to follow these rules:

We encourage all spectators to display good sportsmanship; this would include cheering in a positive manner and showing respect for athletes, coaches and officials. Profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive and may lead to removal from the competition site. Please refrain from encroaching on the playing area, taunting in any manner and making disparaging comments which include the identification of players by name or number.

We thank you for your cooperation.