Ithaca College

VS.

Rochester Institute of Technology Wednesday, April 12, 2006 4 p.m.

Upper Terrace Field

TODAY'S GAME

The Ithaca Bombers (6-3, 3-0 Empire 8) host the seventh-ranked Rochester Institute of Technology Tigers (10-1, 3-0 Empire 8) in a conference game.

ABOUT ITHACA

The Bombers have won their last 12 regular season Empire 8 contests, a streak that dates back to the 2004 season. Sophomore Matt Nelligan leads the Bombers with 26 points on 22 goals and four assists. He has scored a goal in each of Ithaca's nine contests. Freshman Mike Cintineo is second on the team with 17 points and 14 goals. Cintineo has scored at least three goals in five of the last six games. Senior Doug Lumb is third on the team with 17 points on eight goals and a team-leading nine assists. Junior Dennis Butler, a preseason All-American, holds a .617 saves percentage and a goals against average of 8.50. Freshman Neth Wiedemann leads the team with 40 ground balls. Junior Matt Hammes has won a team-high 51 faceoffs in 102 attempts.

LAST TIME OUT

The Bombers scored the first 11 goals of the game en route to a 17-5 conference victory over Alfred on Saturday.

Cintineo, sophomore Logan Bobzien and freshman Alec Siefert each tallied three goals for Ithaca. Butler recorded 10 saves in goal.

ABOUT RIT

The Tigers have won their last four contests, outscoring opponents 67-21 in those games. RIT has won 10 of 11 contests this season, with its only setback a 14-6 defeat at Cortland, and eight of its 10 victories have been by 10 or more goals. The Tigers lead the Empire 8 in scoring offense (16.09 gpg) and scoring defense (5.90 gpg). Senior Zach **Bednarz** is the current Empire 8 Player of the Week after totaling seven goals, two assists and 16 ground balls last week, while junior John Foley was named Empire 8 Goalie of the Week after making 13 saves and recoring a goals against average of 6.80. Senior David Thering leads the team with 65 points on 20 goals and 45 assists. Two other Tigers have recorded more than 40 points: sophomore **Andrew Ruocco** (45 points on 24 goals and 21 assists) and junior Eric Pritchard (41 points on 30 goals and 11 assists). Sophomore **Jacob Brunner** has won a team-high 97 faceoffs in 128 attempts. Foley has recorded 69 saves and holds a goals against average of 6.16.

ABOUT THE SERIES

In a series that dates back to the 1967 season, the Bombers hold a 26-13 all-time advantage over the Tigers. Ithaca has won the last five contests in the series, including a 13-4 victory at RIT last season. **Bobzien** set a careerhigh by scoring three goals and **Butler** stopped 16 shots.

NEXT UP

Ithaca travels to Oneonta on Saturday to take on Hartwick in an Empire 8 contest at 1 p.m.

ITHACA RESULTS (6-3, 3-0 Empire 8)					
Date	Opponent	Score			
Feb. 25	at Lycoming	W, 14-7			
Mar. 4	vs. King's (Pa.)	Postponed			
Mar. 8	at 20-Washington & Lee	L, 4-12			
Mar. 15	at 26-Oneonta	W, 9-3			
Mar. 22	at St. John Fisher *	W, 8-7			
Mar. 25	at 12-Geneseo	L, 6-16			
Mar. 29	RENSSELAER	W, 11-8			
April 1	UTICA *	W, 14-2			
April 5	6-CORTLAND	L, 10-15			
April 8	at Alfred *	W, 17-5			
April 12	7-RIT *	4 p.m.			
April 15	at Hartwick *	1 p.m.			
April 19	at Elmira *	4 p.m.			
April 22	5-NAZARETH *	1 p.m.			
April 28	Empire 8 Championship Semifinal	~ TBA			
April 30	Empire 8 Championship Final ~	TBA			

- * Empire 8 game
- ~ Empire 8 Championship Tournament (top four teams qualify, sites and game times TBA)

EMPIRE 8 STANDINGS

School	Conf.	<u>Overall</u>
1. Ithaca	3-0	6-3
5-Nazareth	3-0	8-1
7-RIT	3-0	10-1
St. John Fisher	2-2	6-4
Utica	2-2	6-4
Hartwick	2-3	3-7
7. Alfred	0-4	1-6
Elmira	0-4	3-7

For game stories, statistics, player profiles and more, visit the Official Website for Ithaca College Athletics:

http://bombers.ithaca.edu

ITHACA COLLEGE (6-3, 3-0 Empire 8)

No.		Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	High School	Hometown
1	*	BOBZIEN, Logan	Α	So.	6-1	165	Arapahoe	Littleton, Colo.
2	*	SCHICK, Pete	D	So.	6-3	200	Niskayuna	Niskayuna
3	*	GUSTUS, Tim	Α	So.	5-11	185	Rivers School	Wayland, Mass.
4	***	ZYSK, Andrew	D	Sr.	5-10	190	West Genesee	Syracuse
5		BUSH, Kevin	М	So.	5-10	165	Arapahoe	Littleton, Colo.
6	**	HAMMES, Matt	М	Jr.	5-10	165	Homer	Cortland
7		TROIANI, Joe	М	Fr.	5-9	165	C. Milton Wright	Bel Air, Md.
8	***	PALMIERI, Reid	М	Sr.	6-2	160	Somers	Amawalk
9	*	NELLIGAN, Matt	Α	So.	5-7	150	Pingree School	Rowley, Mass.
10	*	NOWAK, Mike	Α	So.	5-8	195	Ballston Spa	Ballston Spa
11		BERG, Adam	Α	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	Α	Sr.	6-0	175	Harborfields	Greenlawn
15		CUTTER, Matt	Α	Fr.	5-8	165	Needham	Needham, Mass.
16	***	LUMB, Doug	М	Sr.	5-10	180	Auburn	Auburn
17	**	PUGLIESE, Matt	М	Sr.	6-0	190	Williamsville East	Williamsville
18	*	POHORELY, Kyle	М	So.	5-8	180	Hunterdon	Whitehouse Station, N.J.
19		CARMAN, Chris	Α	Fr.	5-10	180	Monte Vista	Alamos, Calif.
20		GIUNTA, Mike	М	Fr.	5-8	165	B. Reed Henderson	West Chester, Pa.
21	*	RUMSEY, Will	М	So.	6-2	185	Homer	Homer
22		RUHNKE, Matthew	М	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	Α	Fr.	5-10	165	East Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill, N.C.
28		OSGOOD, lan	D	Fr.	5-9	164	Bow	Bow, N.H.
29	*	TEECE, Alex	D	So.	5-11	195	Williston-Northampton	Florence, Mass.
30	*	GOLDEN, Kyle	М	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	Α	Fr.	5-7	140	Duxbury	Duxbury, Mass.
34		CONNOLLY, J.P.	М	Fr.	5-11	180	Simsbury	Simsbury, Conn.
35		CINTINEO, Mike	М	Fr.	5-8	165	Honeoye Falls-Lima	Honeoye Falls
36		SMITH, Kevin	D	Jr.	6-2	195	Canandaigua Academy	Canandaigua

^{*} Letters won (16 returning letter winners)

Head Coach: Jeff Long

Assistant Coaches: Andy Schreck, John Wallace

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

Rochester Institute of Technology (10-1, 3-0 Empire 8)

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Ht.	Wt.	High School	Hometown
1	FOLEY, John	G	Jr.	6-0	185	Our Lady of Lourdes	Guelph, Ontario
2	CROWLEY, Mike	D	Fr.	6-3	220	Roxbury	Sucrasunna, N.J.
3	CONLON, Brad	G	So.	6-1	200	Bridgeton Academy	Ottawa, Ontario
4	ARGESE, Joe	M	Sr.	5-9	170	Jordan-Elbridge	Jordan
5	TULLER, Jacob	D	So.	6-3	210	Corning East	Corning
6	FARESS, Scott	A/M	Jr.	6-0	165	Webster	Webster
7	JERNICK, Dan	M	Jr.	6-0	185	Nutley	Nutley, N.J.
8	PRITCHARD, Eric	Α	Jr.	6-1	205	Webster	Webster
10	VANDERELS, Alex	G	Sr.	5-10	185	W.T. Woodson	Fairfax, Va.
11	BEDNARZ, Zach	M	Sr.	5-9	175	Webster	Webster
12	ADAM, Wes	M	Jr.	6-3	185	Lafayette	Lafayette
13	DURING, George	M	Fr.	6-1	170	Skaneateles	Skaneateles
14	CANNAN, Jake	M	Sr.	5-11	180	Irondequoit	Irondequoit
15	RUOCCO, Andy	Α	So.	5-10	180	Corning East	Corning
17	PAPA, Stephen	M	Jr.	6-1	175	Niskayuna	Niskayuna
18	TRESIDER, Mike	D	Jr.	6-1	200	Oswego	Oswego
20	FRUSTACI, Rob	M	Jr.	5-9	160	Rush-Henrietta	W. Henrietta
21	ARKHIPOV, Gene	M	Fr.	5-8	155	Cumberland Valley	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
22	BRUNNER, Jacob	M	So.	6-1	215	Lafayette	Lafayette
23	GRIFFIN, Tim	M	Fr.	5-8	130	West Genesee	Camillus
24	DALTON, Nick	M	So.	5-8	170	Webster Thomas	Webster
25	LIWOSZ, Tim	Α	Fr.	6-1	170	Pennington	Pennington, N.J.
26	MATHES, Nick	D	So.	6-3	210	Oswego	Oswego
29	DEMUTH, Dave	Α	Jr.	5-8	180	Jordan-Elbridge	Jordan
30	THERING, David	Α	Sr.	5-11	170	Fairport	Fairport
31	YANTOMASI, Travis	Α	Jr.	5-10	185	Amherst	Amherst
32	MIZELLE, Rob	D	Fr.	5-9	190	Pittsford	Pittsford
33	BULUWA, Chris	D	So.	6-1	195	West Genesee	Camillus
34	NYSTROM, Kris	D	So.	6-0	200	Webster	Webster
36	ROYLANCE, John	D	Fr.	6-1	180	Colonie	Albany
37	RAGONESE, Jerry	M	Fr.	5-10	195	Govenor Livingston	Berkeley Heights
38	DAVENPORT, Phil	D	So.	6-0	180	Linganore	Linganore, Md.
41	BRAY, Matt	D	Fr.	5-10	195	Seton Hall Prep	Parsippany, N.J.
42	LAKNESS, Mark	M	Fr.	5-11	196	Concord-Carlisle	Carlisle, Mass.
43	SNYDER, Steven	M	Jr.	5-11	180	Amherst	Amherst
44	JOHNSON, Garrett	M	So.	6-0	185	Fairfield	Fairfield, Conn.
45	MULCAHEY, Ryan	D	Fr.	6-2	180	Honeoye Falls-Lima	Honeoye Falls
48	BAUMGARTNER, Adam	D	Fr.	6-2	190	Canisius	Tonawanda
49	JESIEN, Colin	M	Sr.	6-2	190	Cambridge-S. Dorchester	Cambridge, Md.

Head Coach: Gene Puluso

Assistant Coach: Craig Camp, Brendan Gorman, Tony Levin, Peter Milliman, Ryan Weisman



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