

2006
EMPIRE 8
MEN'S LACROSSE
CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT



Championship Round

**#1 Ithaca College
(11-3, 7-0 Empire 8)**

vs.

**#2 Rochester Institute of Technology
(14-2, 6-1 Empire 8)**

Sunday, April 30, 2006; 1 p.m.
Upper Terrace Field - Ithaca College; Ithaca, N.Y.

ITHACA COLLEGE (11-3, 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 Geneseo	L, 6-16
3/29	RENSELAEER	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
4/28	St. John Fisher - E8 Semifinal	W, 13-6

* indicates Empire 8 contest

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (14-2, 6-1 EMPIRE 8)

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1	FOLEY, John	G	6-0	185	Jr.	Our Lady of Lourdes	Guelph, Ontario
2	CROWLEY, Mike	D	6-3	220	Fr.	Roxbury	Sucasunna, N.J.
3	CONLON, Brad	G	6-1	200	So.	Bridgeton Academy	Ottawa, Ontario
4	ARGESE, Joe	M	5-9	170	Sr.	Jordan-Elbridge	Jordan
5	TULLER, Jacob	D	6-3	210	So.	Corning East	Corning
6	FARRESS, Scott	A/M	6-0	165	Jr.	Webster	Webster
7	JERNICK, Dan	M	6-0	185	Jr.	Nutley	Nutley, N.J.
8	PRITCHARD, Eric	A/M	6-1	205	Jr.	Webster	Webster
10	VANDER ELS, Alex	G	5-10	185	Sr.	W.T. Woodson	Fairfax, VA
11	BEDNAZR, Zach	M	5-9	175	Sr.	Webster	Webster
12	ADAM, Wes	M	6-3	185	Jr.	Lafayette	Lafayette
13	DURING, George	M	6-1	170	Fr.	Skaneateles	Skaneateles
14	CANNAN, Jake	M	5-11	180	Sr.	Irondequoit	Irondequoit
15	RUOCCO, Andy	A	5-10	180	So.	Corning East	Corning
17	PAPA, Stephen	M	6-1	175	Jr.	Niskayuna	Niskayuna
18	TRESIDER, Mike	D	6-1	200	Jr.	Oswego	Oswego
20	FRUSTACI, Rob	M	5-9	160	Jr.	Rush-Henrietta	W. Henrietta
21	ARKHIPOV, Gene	M	5-8	155	Fr.	Cumberland Valley	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
22	BRUNNER, Jacob	M	6-1	215	So.	Lafayette	Lafayette
23	GRIFFIN, Tim	M	5-8	130	Fr.	West Genesee	Camillus
24	DALTON, Nick	M	5-8	170	So.	Webster Thomas	Webster
25	LIWOSZ, Tim	A	6-1	170	Fr.	Pennington	Pennington, N.J.
26	MATHES, Nick	D	6-3	210	So.	Oswego	Oswego
29	DEMUTH, Dave	A	5-8	180	Jr.	Jordan-Elbridge	Jordan
30	THERING, David	A	5-11	170	Sr.	Fairport	Fairport
31	YANTOMASI, Travis	A	5-10	185	Jr.	Amherst	Amherst
32	MIZELLE, Rob	D	5-9	190	Rf.	Pittsford	Pittsford
33	BULUWA, Chris	D	6-1	195	So.	West Genesee	Camillus
34	NYSTROM, Kris	D	6-0	200	So.	Webster	Webster
36	ROYLANCE, John	D	6-1	180	Fr.	Colonie	Albany
37	RAGONESE, Jerry	M	5-10	185	Fr.	Govenor Livingston	Berkeley Heights, N.J.
38	DAVENPORT, Phil	D	6-0	180	So.	Linganore	Linganore, Md.
41	BRAY, Matt	D	5-10	195	Fr.	Seton Hall Prep	Parsippany, N.J.
42	LAKNESS, Mark	M	5-11	196	Fr.	Concord-Carlisle	Carlisle, Mass.
43	SNYDER, Steven	M	5-11	180	Jr.	Amherst	Amherst
44	JOHNSON, Garrett	M	6-0	185	So.	Fairfield	Fairfield
45	MULCAHEY, Ryan	D	6-2	180	Fr.	Honeoye Falls-Lima	Honeoye Falls
48	BAUMGARTNER, Adam	D	6-2	190	Rf.	Canisius	Tonawanda
49	JEISIEN, Colin	M	6-2	190	Sr.	Cambridge-S. Dorchester	Cambridge, Md.

Head Coach: Gene Puluso

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

Captains: Joe Argese, Zach Bednarz, Dave Thering, Jacob Tuller, Alex Vander Els



2006 RESULTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
2/25	Stevens Tech	W, 10-9
3/4	Eastern Connecticut	W, 24-3
3/8	vs. Muhlenberg (Orlando, Fla.)	W, 17-4
3/11	at Union	W, 21-8
3/18	Oswego St.	W, 14-4
3/22	Brockport St.	W, 18-2
3/25	at Cortland St.	L, 6-14
3/29	Elmira *	W, 16-5
4/1	Alfred *	W, 18-1
4/5	Clarkson	W, 15-10
4/8	at St. John Fisher *	W, 18-5
4/12	at Ithaca *	L, 10-11
4/15	at Nazareth *	W, 12-11
4/19	Utica *	W, 14-4
4/22	Hartwick *	W, 22-5
4/28	Nazareth - E8 Semifinal	W, 18-13

* indicates Empire 8 contest

ABOUT ITHACA: The Bombers, who are ranked 12th in the latest USILA poll, own a record of 11-3. They captured their second-consecutive regular-season Empire 8 title after posting a 7-0 record in conference play.

Ithaca is coming off a 13-6 semifinal victory over St. John Fisher on Friday. Senior **Brandon Geluso** and sophomore **Matt Nelligan** led the Bombers offense with three goals each. Junior **Dennis Butler** made eight saves in goal.

Nelligan, a two-time Empire 8 Player of the Week, leads the team in scoring with 44 goals and seven assists for 51 points. He has scored at least one goal in each of the Bombers' 14 games this season and has tallied at least three goals in nine contests. Freshman **Mike Cintineo**, the current Empire 8 Player of the Week, is second on the team in scoring with 34 goals and six assists for 40 points.

Senior **Doug Lumb** is third on the team with 27 points on 10 goals and a team-leading 17 assists. **Geluso** ranks fourth with 14 goals and 11 assists for 25 points.

Junior **Matt Hammes** and freshman **Matthew Ruhnke** have 83 and 70 faceoff wins, respectively.

Butler, who has earned Empire 8 Goalie of the Week honors the last two weeks, is 11-3 on the season with a 8.12 goals against average and a .612 save percentage.

The Bombers are searching for the first conference title since 2002. This is their second appearance in the Empire 8 Championship final, their first since falling to Nazareth in 2004.

ABOUT RIT: The Tigers are ranked sixth in the latest USILA poll and enter the game with an overall record of 14-2. RIT finished second in the Empire 8 during the regular season with a conference record of 6-1.

The Tigers defeated three-time defending Empire 8 champion Nazareth 18-13 on Friday to advance to the championship game. Senior **Colin Jesien** and junior **Scott Farress** tallied four goals to help lead RIT to the victory. Senior **David Thering** and junior **Eric Pritchard** each added three goals. Senior **John Foley** stopped 10 shots in earning the victory.

Thering, the school's all-time leader in points, leads the team and the Empire 8 in scoring with 32 goals and 55 assists for 87 points this season. **Thering** shared the Empire 8 Player of the Week award with **Cintineo** this past week. **Pritchard** leads the conference with 47 goals. He has added 19 assists for a total of 66 points.

Two other RIT players have totaled at least 50 points on the season. Sophomore **Andrew Ruocco** has recorded 31 goals and 29 assists for 60 points and **Farress** has scored 30 goals to go along with 20 assists for 50 points.

Sophomore **Jacob Brunner** and senior **Jacob Cannon** have 128 and 124 faceoff wins, respectively.

FINAL EMPIRE 8 STANDINGS

<u>Team</u>	<u>Conf.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Ithaca ^{^*}	7-0	1.000	11-3	.786
RIT [^]	6-1	.857	14-2	.875
Nazareth [^]	5-2	.714	10-4	.714
St. John Fisher [^]	3-4	.429	9-7	.563
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: #1 Ithaca 13, #4 St. John Fisher 6

Semifinal 2: #2 RIT 18, #3 Nazareth 13

Sunday, April 30

Championship: #2 RIT vs. #1 Ithaca - 1 p.m.

Foley, a two-time recipient of the Empire 8 Goalie of the Week, has compiled a 14-2 record on the season with a 7.06 goals against average and a save percentage of .537.

The Tigers are looking to win their first Empire 8 title. They are also making their first appearance in the Empire 8 Championship final.

LAST TIME THEY MET: Ithaca defeated then seventh-ranked RIT 11-10 back on April 12. The Bombers trailed 3-0 after the first quarter, but answered with five goals in the second quarter to take a 5-3 halftime lead. Ithaca held a 9-4 lead in the closing minutes of the third quarter, but the Tigers scored the next five goals to tie the game with 7:24 remaining in the game. The Bombers quickly answered as **Logan Bobzien** scored 14 seconds later to give Ithaca the lead for good. **Brandon Geluso** scored what proved to be the game-winner just over a minutes later, giving Ithaca an 11-9 lead. **Pritchard** scored for RIT at the 4:44 mark for the 11-10 final. **Nelligan** scored a game-high five goals, while **Butler** made 14 saves. **Pritchard** finished with four goals and two assists, while **Foley** made 13 saves.

SERIES RECORD: In a series that dates back to the 1967 season, the Bombers hold a 27-13 all-time advantage over the Tigers. Ithaca has not lost to RIT since 2000, winning the last six contests between the two schools.



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.