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New Paltz holds off Geneseo, repeats as SUNYAC tennis champ
Brockport's Ed Gonzalez named Coach of the Year

MANLIUS, N.Y. – The New Paltz Hawks won the 2007 State University of New York Athletic Conference Women's Tennis Championship – their second straight – at the Eastside Racquet Club. They finished with 32 team points to outperform the Geneseo Blue Knights, who had 29. Brockport coach Ed Gonzalez was honored by his peers as the SUNYAC Coach of the Year.

Five of the six singles finals matches featured a Hawk-Knight matchup. Each team won three singles titles apiece. New Paltz's doubles teams claimed the edge, winning all three finals matches, to secure the repeat.

New Paltz's **Dana Lim** (New City/Clarkstown), who was the 2005 second singles and 2006 first singles champ, won her third consecutive crown by defeating Geneseo's **Erika Pumple** (Holland Landing, Ont./Huron Heights), 6-3, 6-1, at first singles. **Laura-Elizabeth Beirne** (Moriches/Shoreham Wading River) and **Lyndsey Lovinger** (Miller Place/Miller Place) also won singles titles for the Hawks. Beirne defeated Geneseo's **Vivian Cheung** (Douglaston/Benjamin Cardozo), 6-2, 6-1, and Lovinger fought off Knight **Caitlin Sternberg** (Schenectady/Mohonasen), 6-4, 7-5.

In doubles competition, Lim and **Eri Yamakawa** (Cortlandt Manor/Eastchester) swept Plattsburgh's **Tiarra Garrow** (Plattsburgh/Lake Placid NSA) and **Valerie Papi** (Washingtonville/Washington), 6-0, 6-0 in the first doubles final. Beirne and Lovinger, last year's third doubles champs, won the second doubles final over Cheung and Sternberg, 7-6 (5), 6-2. At third doubles, New Paltz's **Stephanie Schara** (Huntington/Kellenberg Memorial) and **Lindsay Trifiletti** (Mamaroneck/Rye Neck) defeated **Allison Kornblatt** (Queens Village/Townsend Harris) and **Anna Lehet** (Queensbury/Queensbury), 6-3, 6-4.

For Geneseo, **Kristen Greiner** (Manlius/Fayetteville-Manlius) won the second singles title, defeating Brockport's **Ashley Balling** (East Aurora/East Aurora), 6-2, 6-2. Lehet won her second consecutive fifth singles crown, defeating Trifiletti, 6-3, 7-6 (2). **Molly Dingley** (Rexford/Shenendehowa) beat New Paltz's **Kerri Serkes** (Massapequa/Massapequa) at sixth singles, 7-5, 6-3. Serkes was the defending sixth singles champ.

New Paltz and Geneseo dominated the tournament, combining to go undefeated against the other seven schools. Yamakawa missed the second singles final by losing to Greiner in the semifinals, 6-4, 6-2. Yamakawa returned the favor by teaming with Lim to eliminate Greiner and Pumple in the first doubles semifinals, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7).

Gonzalez's Eagles (6-6, 6-2 SUNYAC) placed third with 16 points, just one year after they finished eighth. Through 16 years of coaching, Gonzalez is 96-77-1. He is a 1976 Brockport graduate.