Hunter’s Richard Wong Named Player of the Year
Baruch’s Evan Brown Tabbed Rookie of the Year &
York’s Ramon Smart Selected Coach of the Year

Bronx, NY - - - Hunter’s Richard Wong (Lehman/Bronx, NY) has been named the 2006 CUNYAC Men’s Tennis Player of the Year, in a vote that was conducted by the league’s head coaches. In addition, Baruch junior Evan Brown (New Rochelle/New Rochelle, NY) was tabbed the Rookie of the Year, and Ramon Smart of York was selected as the Coach of the Year.

Wong, who played in the top singles position, finished the 2006 campaign with an overall record of 11-3 for the Hawks. The sophomore was sensational in conference play, recording a 7-1 regular-season record. He also won both of his matches in the CUNYAC Tournament. Wong went a combined 12-2 at No. 1 singles.

“After playing at No. 3 singles last year, Richard really picked up his intensity and level of play to compete at No. 1 singles this season,” said Hawks’ head coach Mel Kerper. “He stepped up to the challenge and pressure of being the team leader and he did a great job. He worked hard during the off-season and it really showed.”

Brown played No. 4 and No. 5 for the Bearcats, who won their third straight conference championship this past spring. The junior went a combined 9-2 overall and a perfect 7-0 in the league. He also won all ten of his double matches at No. 2 and No. 3 doubles. He won all three of his singles matches during the CUNYAC Championships and turned in a 2-1 doubles mark.

“Evan is very deserving of this award,” said Baruch head coach Florin Giuglescu. “He possesses a great deal of talent, but his work ethic is what enabled him to have a great season. He was clutch for us this past year and I hope he continues to dedicate himself in the future.”

Smart was recognized after he guided York to a tie for third-place in the CUNYAC standings. The Cardinals went 5-3 in the league and were 7-5 overall. York advanced to the CUNYAC semifinals before falling to eventual champion Baruch by a score of 6-3. The Cardinals gave the Bearcats quite a scare by winning two of three doubles battles to open the match.

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