TODAY'S GAME
The Ithaca College men's soccer team (4-3-0, 1-0-0 Empire 8) hosts the Utica College Pioneers (3-3-2, 1-2-0 Empire 8) in an Empire 8 contest.

ABOUT THE BOMBERS
The Bombers are currently ranked eighth in the NSCAA Northeast Regional Poll. Ithaca is unbeaten in its last 22 regular-season conference matches, a streak that dates back to 2001. The Bombers won the 2004 Empire 8 regular season crown after posting a perfect 6-0-0 record. Sophomore Eric Ferguson has not allowed a goal in more than 315 minutes of play. He has posted four shutouts and has a goals against average of 0.32. Sophomore Ryan Cole leads the team with eight points and four goals.

LAST TIME OUT
Ithaca defeated 21st-ranked Hamilton 2-0, on Tuesday. Senior Shigeru Aoe scored the first two goals of his career, one of which was scored on a penalty kick. Ferguson made four saves and recorded his third-straight shutout.

ABOUT THE PIONEERS
The Pioneers are 3-2-2 on the season and are coming off an 8-0 win over Southern Vermont this past Wednesday. Junior Henry Bick (two goals, one assist), sophomore Evan Dufault (two goals, two assists) and freshman Jose Castro (one goal, three assists) led the Utica attack. Dufault leads the team with eight goals and 18 points on the season, while Bick is a close second with six goals and 14 points. Junior Anthony Desarre is 2-2-2 in goal on the season with a pair of shutouts and a 1.72 goals against average.

ABOUT THE SERIES
The Bombers have won all five meetings between the two schools, including a 2-0 victory last season. Ithaca has outscored the Pioneers 19-0 during the series.

NEXT UP
The Bombers play at Rochester Institute of Technology in an Empire 8 contest on Saturday, October 8 at noon.

EMPIRE 8 SPORTSMANSHIP
The Empire 8 Student Athlete Sportsmanship Statement will be read by Ithaca’s Sam Oliver and Utica’s Nick Alibandia.

Ithaca College vs. Utica College
Carp Wood Field
Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005 - 1 p.m.

ITHACA RESULTS (4-3-0, 1-0-0 E8)
Sept.  2 Fri. St. Joseph's (N.Y.)  a W, 3-0
      3 Sat. at Rowan  a W, 1-2
      10 Sat. at Cortland L, 1-2 (2 OT)
      13 Tues. Brockport L, 0-1
      17 Sat. Nazareth  W, 2-0
      21 Wed. Misericordia W, 1-0 (OT)
      27 Tues. #21 Hamilton W, 2-0
Oct.  1 Sat. Utica  * 1 p.m.
      8 Sat. at Rochester Institute of Technology  a Noon
      11 Tues. Hobart  4 p.m.
      15 Sat. at Alfred  a 7 p.m.
      19 Wed. Elmira  a 3 p.m.
      22 Sat. at St. John Fisher  a 1 p.m.
      26 Wed. at Geneseo 3 p.m.
      29 Sat. Cortland  1 p.m.
Nov.  2 Wed. Empire 8 Semifinal ~ TBA
      5 Sat. Empire 8 Final ~ TBA

a Rowan University Invitational
* Empire 8 game
~ Empire 8 Championship Tournament
(top four teams qualify; sites and times TBA)

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