

# Erie Community College Lady Kats Claim 25th National Title

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Buffalo, NY – The Erie Community College women's bowling team continued their domination of the NJCAA Women's bowling scene as they claimed their 25th national championship at AMF Lancaster Lanes on March 11th.

The Lady Kats entered Saturday's second 5-man team block with a 254-pin lead over second-place Hudson Valley Community College and would hold their lead into the Baker portion. In the nine-game Baker portion the team finished with a total of 1621, second only to Suffolk Community College's 1624.

Erie finished with a grand total of 11,957 and a winning margin of 353 pins over Hudson Valley Community College (11,604). Suffolk Community College finished in third with 11,580.

In the individual events, Bethan McGerry from CCAC-South claimed the prestigious Kerm Helmer award as the all-events champion with a total pinfall of 2,280. McGerry was followed by fellow All-Americans Kristina Jenkins (Hudson Valley) 2,200, Jonnae Purnell (Suffolk) 2,170, Heather McGee (Suffolk) 2,162, and Amanda Fogarty (Erie) 2,159. Fogarty claimed the last All-American spot on her last ball in the tenth frame. Third place through eighth place were separated by only 14 pins in a very close race.

The double event was captured by Amanda Fogarty and Kristen Nielsen from Erie Community College with a total of 1,109. Nielsen was last year's Kerm Helmer award winner as the all-events champion. They were followed by Jonnae Purnell and Heather McGee from Suffolk with 1,085 and Mary Beth Snyder and Bethan McGerry from CCAC-South with 1,069.

The singles competition was won by Kristina Jenkins from Hudson Valley Community College with 630. She was followed by teammate Kristen Koenig and Bethan McGerry with 576 and 550 respectively.

Erie Community College coach Tom Ruggiero was named the NJCAA Women's Coach of the Year.

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## Women's Overall Team Standings

Rank	College	Doubles & Singles Total	5 Man Total	Block 1	Baker Block 2	Block 3	Overall Total	Gms.
1	Erie Community College, N.Y.	5075	5261	616	537	468	11957	21
2	Hudson Valley Community College, N.Y.	5000	5112	480	503	509	11604	21
3	Suffolk County Community College-Grant, N.Y.	4772	5184	573	559	492	11580	21
4	Mohawk Valley Community College, N.Y.	4722	5124	507	485	540	11378	21
5	CCAC-South, Pa.	4812	4907	456	507	510	11192	21
6	Westchester Community College, N.Y.	4409	4029	404	444	386	9672	21
7	Mesa Community College, Ariz.	4132	4209	352	424	502	9619	21
8	Dutchess Community College, N.Y.	2755	2881	0	0	0	5636	9
9	CCAC-North, Pa.	2623	2496	0	0	0	5119	9

## Women's All Events Standings (Top 10)

Rank	Name	College	Doubles Total	Singles Total	Gms. 1-3	Gms. 4-6	Total	Gms.	Avg.
1	Bethan McGerry	CCAC-South	530	550	549	651	2280	12	190.0
2	Kristina Jenkins	Hudson Valley	532	630	492	546	2200	12	183.3
3	Jonnae Purnell	Suffolk	537	478	551	604	2170	12	180.8
4	Heather McGee	Suffolk	548	504	529	581	2162	12	180.2
5	Amanda Fogarty	Erie	551	437	607	564	2159	12	179.9
6	Joyann Graebner	Suffolk	424	500	603	630	2157	12	179.8
7	Kristen Nielsen	Erie	558	515	577	506	2156	12	179.7
8	Christa Rawald	Dutchess	551	542	535	508	2136	12	178.0
9	Shannon Hicks	Mohawk Valley	518	511	530	564	2123	12	176.9
10	Mary Beth Snyder	CCAC-South	539	473	518	558	2088	12	174.0

## Women's Doubles Standings (Top 3)

Rank	Name	College	Gm. 1	Gm. 2	Gm. 3	Ind. Total	Doubles Total
1	Amanda Fogarty	Erie	233	128	190	551	1109
	Kristen Nielsen		158	188	212	558	
2	Jonnae Purnell	Suffolk	199	139	199	537	1085
	Heather McGee		167	191	190	548	
3	Mary Beth Snyder	CCAC-South	200	190	149	539	1069
	Bethan McGerry		187	197	146	530	

## Women's Singles Standings (Top 3)

Rank	Name	College	Gm. 1	Gm. 2	Gm. 3	Total
1	Kristina Jenkins	Hudson Valley	206	214	210	630
2	Kristen Koenig	Hudson Valley	147	173	256	576
3	Bethan McGerry	CCAC-South	181	202	167	550

## Women's All-Americans

Name	College, State	Score
Bethan McGerry **	CCAC-South, Pa.	2280 (190.0)
Kristina Jenkins	Hudson Valley Community College, N.Y.	2200 (183.3)
Jonnae Purnell	Suffolk County Community College-Grant, N.Y.	2170 (180.8)
Heather McGee	Suffolk County Community College-Grant, N.Y.	2162 (180.2)
Amanda Fogarty	Erie Community College, N.Y.	2159 (179.9)

\*\* Kerm Helmer Award Winner



2005-2006 NJCAA Women's Bowling Kerm Helmer Award Winner Bethan McGerry, CCAC-South (Pa.) and NJCAA Bowling Chairperson Rudy Curry

## Coach of the Year Tom Ruggiero

Erie Community College, N.Y.

