

One Last Thing: The Golden Snowball Award

It's not often that 'Cuse-ians can find a reason to celebrate the average ten feet of snow that hit the city every year, but thanks to the revival of the Golden Snowball Award in 2002, Syracuse has been awarded the statue for "most snowfall in a season" six years in a row. The award, which started as a friendly competition between National Weather Service offices in the north, pits Syracuse against other winter behemoths Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, and Rochester. The original trophy—a spray-painted tennis ball mounted to a trophy base—has since been upgraded to a crystal ball flecked with gold. In addition to the trophy and bragging rights for the year, the winning city in Upstate New York is given a \$100 donation to the local school's hat and mitten drive. Never let it be said that we here in the Blizzard Belt lack a sense of humor.