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WASHINGTON MEN, WOMEN FAVORITES TO DEFEND UAA BASKETBALL TITLES

Washington University in St. Louis, coming off of a season that saw its men's and women's basketball teams reach the NCAA Division III Championship "final four", will enter the 2007-08 season as the favorites to defend their University Athletic Association basketball championships based on preseason polling of the Association coaches. Both teams earned seven of eight first-place votes in their respective rankings (with coaches not allowed to vote for their own teams) to tally the maximum 49 points.

The Washington women return two starters and 15 letterwinners from a team that finished 25-6 overall and 12-2 in UAA play, sharing the Association title with New York University, and reaching the NCAA Division III championship game in Springfield, MA, losing to DePauw University, 55-53.

The Washington men return four starters and 18 letterwinners from a team that finished 25-5 overall and 11-3 in UAA competition, sharing the Association title with the University of Chicago. Washington reached the Division III "final four" for the first time in school history, losing to eventual national runner-up Virginia Wesleyan College in the semifinal, 67-65, before defeating the College of Wooster, 92-84, for third-place.

New York University is the preseason pick to finish second in the women's standings. The Violets (27-4, 12-2 UAA), who also reached the NCAA Division III Championship "final four" (losing to Washington in the national semifinal), garnered the remaining first-place vote to total 43 points. The University of Rochester and Brandeis University, both NCAA playoff qualifiers a year ago, are picked to finish third and fourth, respectively, in the standings, totaling 32 and 31 points. Rounding out preseason rankings on the women's side, in order, were the University of Chicago (30 points), Emory University (18), Carnegie Mellon University (14) and Case Western Reserve University.

Brandeis University and the University of Rochester are tied for second place in the men's preseason rankings with 40 points each, with the Judges picking up the remaining first-place vote, while the University of Chicago is the coaches' picked to finish fourth, tallying 30 points. The trio joined Washington as UAA teams receiving NCAA Division III playoff berths last season. The remaining men's teams, in order, are Carnegie Mellon University (25), New York University (18), Case Western Reserve University (14), and Emory University (eight).

(UAA men's & women's preseason capsules follow on preceding pages)

WOMEN	Pts.	'06-07 Record (UAA)
1. Washington (7)	49	25-6 (12-2)
2. NYU (1)	43	27-4 (12-2)
3. Brandeis	31	20-6 (9-5)
4. Rochester	32	22-6 (9-5)
5. Chicago	30	18-7 (7-7)
6. Emory	18	10-15 (4-10)
7. Carnegie Mellon	14	8-17 (2-12)
8. Case	7	9-16 (1-13)

MEN	Pts.	'06-07 Record (UAA)
1. Washington (7)	49	25-5 (11-3)
2. Brandeis (1)	40	20-7 (9-5)
Rochester	40	18-8 (9-5)
4. Chicago	30	20-6 (11-3)
5. Carnegie Mellon	25	12-13 (5-9)
6. NYU (1)	18	22-6 (8-6)
7. Case	14	5-20 (1-13)
8. Emory	7	8-17(2-12)

2007-08 UAA Men's Basketball Team Previews

(As submitted by UAA Sports Information Directors)

Brandeis University: Brandeis is looking to capitalize on their most successful in nearly three decades. With all five starters returning, including three four-year starters, the Judges hope to move past the second round of the NCAA Division III tournament. They will be led by first-team All-UAA forward Steve DeLuca, a 1,000-point scorer who has been the squad's leader in scoring and rebounds in each of the past two seasons. Three-time honorable mention All-UAA point guard Kwame Graves-Fulgham has never missed a game and missed just one start in his career. He was third in the Association in assists and 54th in NCAA Division III as a junior. Backcourt teammate and former UAA Rookie of the Year Florian Rexhepi is the team's third four-year starter. Shooting guard Joe Coppens, who finished second on the team in three-pointers, and forward Stephen Hill, the squad's top offensive rebounder, also return to the starting line-up. Junior sharpshooter Kevin Olson made the most of four starts last season, scoring in double figures three times. Sophomore Rich Magee started the season in the starting line-up, and the Judges will also look forward to the return of classmate forward/center Terrell Hollins from a late-season injury.

Carnegie Mellon University: Carnegie Mellon University is coming off their third straight trip to post season play. Last season the Tartans dropped an 84-75 decision to Lebanon Valley in the quarterfinal game of the ECAC South Region Championship. Two years ago they made the NCAA Division III playoffs for the first time since the '77 campaign and the season prior competed in the ECAC Championships. This season junior Ryan Einwag, the team's leading scorer a year ago and an All-UAA selection, will lead the Tartans, keying a deep core of returning players. Besides Einwag, three-year starter Geoff Kozak will be looked upon to lead the backcourt, while fifth-year senior Greg Gonzalez returns after receiving a medical hardship last season. Gonzalez has led the Tartans in blocks in each of the three seasons he has played and currently ranks sixth all-time with 88. Junior guards Corey O'Rourke and Elliott Curtis along with sophomore guard Jack Anderson will play integral rolls in the Tartans' backcourt in 2007-08. O'Rourke has the most experience of the three, as he has played in every game since his freshman season. A deep talented force of inside depth returns from a year ago with juniors Rob Pearson, Terrance Bouldin-Johnson, Dan Martin and Jon Wolleben all having at least one start a year ago. Incoming freshman Drew Cole and sophomore transfer Dan Lavalley will compete for playing time in the backcourt. Lavalley joins the Tartans after playing a year at Dickinson College. The Tartans' inside game will improve, as newcomers Shane Rife, Matt Pettit and Sam Huebner will add scoring and rebounding to an already deep frontcourt.

Case Western Reserve University: An experienced roster highlights the 2007-08 outlook for the Spartans who return 11 players, including eight letter-winners, from last season. Leading the way are senior co-captains Mason Conrad and Brandon Bradford, and junior guard Steve Young. Both Conrad and Young earned honorable mention All-UAA honors in 2006-07. Conrad finished third in the UAA in scoring (15.7 points per game) and sixth in rebounding (6.5 per game) last season while Young finished tenth in scoring (14.2 ppg) and sixth in steals (35). Bradford finished fourth in the UAA in both assists (118) and steals (43). Along with Conrad, juniors Rob Skuski and Brad Sutton will be counted on heavily in the Spartan frontcourt this year. Skuski, at 6-8 the team's tallest player, led the team in both rebounding and field goal percentage in UAA contests while playing the entire season with a broken nose. Sutton, a 6-7 forward, missed last season due to a torn ACL, but as a freshman he shot 50 percent from the field and 40 percent from behind the three-point line. Joining them in the frontcourt are sophomore forwards Anthony Durr, Steve Martin, and Jon Radke. Sophomore guards Antwain Coward, Chris Deighan, and David Klink will compete for time in the backcourt. Another newcomer is sophomore guard Jason Ronyak, who spent his freshman year at the College of Wooster.

Emory University: There will be a new look to the 2007-08 Emory men's basketball team as Jason Zimmerman enters his first season as the Eagles' head coach. Zimmerman's previous stops prior to Emory include a four-year stint as an assistant coach at the University of Evansville and a seven-year stay as an assistant at Davidson College. While the Eagles will have a new face patrolling the sidelines, a look at the roster reveals of number of new faces that will look to join nine returning letterwinners in hopes of improving upon last year's 8-17 won-lost record. Leading the fortunes of this year's squad will be senior Spiros Ferderigos who garnered second team All-UAA acclaim last year after ranking as the team's leader in scoring (17.6 points pg), rebounding (5.9 pg), assists (4.5 pg) and steals (2.17 pg). Finding some other scoring threats besides Ferderigos will be something the Emory staff will be looking to do as the '06-07 team graduated five seniors who combined to average 44.5 of the team's 72.2 points per game. Two players who saw their seasons cut short by injuries could emerge as key offensive contributors. Senior guard Dan Smith established himself as a dynamic long-range threat and tossed in 10.0 points while connecting on 40.7 percent of his three-point attempts. A pair of newcomers to keep an eye on includes 6-foot-2 freshman Julien Williams and 6-foot-6 junior Malick Valliani.

New York University: New York University has one returning starter, several veterans playing expanded roles, and a handful of talented newcomers vying for key minutes after going 22-6 in 2006-07 and winning the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III Metropolitan Championship. Senior guard Charlie Parker (7.1 points pg, 5.2 assists pg, .410 three-point shooting percentage) became a starter halfway through last season and gave the Violets a dependable floor leader and three-point shooter. The 6-foot-1 Parker ranked second in the *UAA* in three-point shooting for a NYU team that hit 39.6 percent of its long-range tries in 2006-07. Parker will team with six-foot junior Omar Meziab in the backcourt. Meziab earned a call-up from the junior varsity midway through last season and, after learning the collegiate game last winter, enjoyed a strong off-season. Senior 6-9 center Michael Magee (4.2 ppg, 3.9 rebounds pg) will be the Violets' top low-post option after serving a key reserve role the past two seasons. John Mish (2.1 ppg, 2.2 rpg), a 6-5 junior, will also play in the pivot after playing sporadically as a sophomore. Other returnees who will see action in the frontcourt include a pair of sophomores, 6-3 Zachary Kuba (2.8 ppg) and 6-4 Keith Jensen (1.4 ppg). Both players have solid perimeter strokes. Among the newcomers, 20th-year head coach Joe Nesci is enamored with the potential of 6-8 forward Richie Polan, an inside-outside threat, as well as 6-3 sophomore forward Rowan Hardial. Andrew Baker, a 6-2 freshman, and Derek Becker and D.J. Glavan, a pair of 6-0 rookies, figure to be part of the backcourt rotation.

University of Rochester: With four starters back and 10 letterwinners overall, the University of Rochester will try to challenge for their sixth NCAA Division III playoff bid in the last seven years. The Yellowjackets were 18-8 last year (9-5 in the *UAA*, tied for third place), losing their opening round NCAA tournament game to Plattsburgh State, 61-60, on a buzzer-beating three-point goal from 40 feet out. A tough inside game will be led by 6-foot-7 senior Jon Onyiriuka and 6-6 classmate Uche Ndubizu. Onyiriuka has earned first team All-*UAA* honors for two straight years and earned All-Region first team accolades last season after averaging 12.3 points and 7.7 rebounds per game, and hitting 48 percent from the floor with 43 steals and 27 blocked shots. Ndubizu hit a team-best 58.7 percent from the field, averaging 9.8 points and 7.0 rebounds. Six-foot-six senior Dan Milbrand (3.2 ppg, 3.0 rpg) adds flexibility and mobility to the post. Derrick Fetzer, a 6-6 sophomore, appeared in 11 games last season with minimal stats. Mike Chmielowiec, a 6-3 junior, led the Yellowjackets in scoring (12.4 ppg.) and minutes played (30.8 per game) last year and knocked down 37 three pointers. Jeff Juron, a 6-1 senior, handles the point. He had a career-high 101 assists (vs. 56 turnovers) in 2006-07. Juron averaged 8.7 points, including 82.8 percent accuracy from the free-throw line. The only vacancy in the starting lineup is shooting guard, manned last year by Tim Brackney (10.5 ppg). Candidates challenging for the job are 6-3 senior Rob Dominiak (40 three pointers) and 6-2 sophomore Brad Runco (3.1 ppg). Juron will be spelled by 6-0 junior Max Kaplan (49 assists against 19 turnovers in 13 minutes pg) and 6-2 sophomore Colin Cubit (1.2 ppg. in 44 minutes).

University of Chicago: Led by senior forward Nate Hainje, a 2007-08 *Sporting News* preseason All-America selection, the Maroons look to build on last year's success when they shared the *UAA* title, finished 20-5 during the regular season, and earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Division III tournament. Last year, Hainje became the first player at Chicago in 20 years to lead his team in rebounding (6.0 per game) and assists (90) in addition to scoring 13.5 points per contest. Three other players who started at least eight games a year ago return. Senior post player Tim Reynolds, who was limited by an injury to eight starts in 2006-07, averaged 5.4 points and 4.9 boards per game as a junior. Sophomore point guard Jake Pancratz started five games and saw significant action. He averaged 6.2 points per game, most among Chicago reserves. Junior post player Tom Watson is also back. Watson collected 2.5 points per game in 20 games (10 starts). Other key returnees include senior guard Matt Corning (5.0 ppg, .596 field goal percentage) and junior swingman Adam Machones (3.2 ppg).

Washington University: Washington University, which comes into the 2007-08 season ranked number one by *DIII News*, *The Sporting News*, and *D3Hoops.com*, returns 17 letterwinners and four starters from last season's squad, which tied the school record for most wins in a season with a 25-5 overall record in 2006-07, captured its eighth *UAA* title, and advanced to the Final Four of the NCAA Division III Championship for the first time in school history, finishing third. Senior forward Troy Ruths, a first-team All-America honoree and the *UAA* Player of the Year in 2007, averaged 19.1 points and 7.9 rebounds last season. Also returning for the Bears are junior guard Sean Wallis, junior forward Tyler Nading and sophomore guard Aaron Thompson. Wallis averaged 13.5 points and a *UAA*-best 7.3 assists per game, while Nading was second on the team notching 15.3 points and 6.1 rebounds per game. Thompson, the *UAA* Rookie of the Year, averaged 7.2 points and led the team with 56 three-pointers made.

2007-08 UAA Women's Basketball Team Previews

(As submitted by UAA Sports Information Directors)

Brandeis University: Expectations are high for Brandeis University in 2007-08. The Judges produced their fourth-straight 20-win season in 2006-07, reaching the second round of the NCAA Division III tournament for the second time after securing an at-large berth after a third-place finish in the competitive UAA. The Judges finished the year ranked 21st in NCAA Division III, their fourth-straight top-25 finish, giving up only 52.5 points per game to their opponents, ranking 20th statistically among NCAA Division III teams. Coach Carol Simon's squad will have to deal with the departure of all-time leading scorer Caitlin Malcolm, but senior Jaime Capra picked up the scoring pace last season and should become the eighth 1,000-point scorer in school history. Capra was third in the UAA in scoring as a junior, earning Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) honorable mention All-America honors and first-team All-UAA kudos. Classmate Kiersten Holgash will return with a year of starting under her belt at point guard. She is the only returning player who started all 26 games for Brandeis last season. Junior forwards Cassidy Dadaos, the team's top returning rebounder, Amanda Wells, and Lauren Orlando look to fill Malcolm's role in the post, while sophomore guards Jessica Chapin and Lauren Rashford look to play a more pronounced role with the departure of Alison Chase. Four new rookies (Leah Lehrer, Diana Cincotta, Mia DePalo and Amber Strodtthoff) will all push the returnees for playing time.

Carnegie Mellon University: The 2007-08 season brings with it high expectations for Carnegie Mellon University as four starters return from last year's team which finished 8-17 overall. The Tartans will look to senior forward Leah Feola and an experienced group of juniors for leadership and strong play on the court. The lone senior on this year's team, Feola started every game last season, and led the team in scoring with 11.3 points per game. An honorable mention All-UAA selection, Feola was second on the team in rebounds, assists, and steals. Junior forward Ashley Rothwell, also an honorable mention All-UAA selection last season, led the team with 6.4 rebounds per game and finished second on the team in scoring. Junior point guard Stacie Aleski is being relied upon as the leader of the floor for this year's team. Aleski started every game last year and finished third on the team in scoring. She also led the team in assists, steals, and three-pointers made. Along with Aleski, fellow junior guard Colleen Light also started all 25 games at the three-guard spot last year finishing fourth on the team in scoring. Sophomore forward Rachel Roll returns after missing last season due to injury. Roll was an honorable mention All-UAA selection her freshman year when she started every game and led the team in rebounding. Junior forward Jeannette Schilling gives the Tartans a fourth presence in the post after leading the team in blocked shots a year ago. Sophomore Paige Williamson and juniors Corey Innes and Meghan Macguire all are vying for playing time at the guard spot. Williamson, a three-point threat, came off the bench last season and finished third on the team in three-pointers made. This year's newcomers will add depth to the squad and are expected to play important roles. Guard Jessica Buranovsky is a solid athlete that will compete for playing time as well as forward Meredith Rottler at post.

Case Western Reserve University: With a new head coach at the helm and many experienced players returning, Case Western Reserve University heads into the 2007-08 season with extreme potential. First year head coach Jennifer Reimer, who joins the Spartans after a ten-year stint at Allegheny College, takes over a program that boasts several upperclassmen, while a mixture of newcomers are ready to make instant contributions. Leading the way for the Spartans will be seniors Ashley Horton, an honorable mention All-UAA pick last season, and Mary Herendeen. Horton averaged 9.0 points and 7.5 rebounds-per-game last season, while leading the UAA in offensive rebounds. She recorded seven "double-doubles" on the year, including a season-high 14 rebounds against Carnegie Mellon. Horton reached double figures in scoring a total of 13 times and in rebounds nine times. Herendeen, who averaged 7.1 points per game, will bring her three-point shooting and impressive speed to the table. Herendeen nailed 35 three-pointers for the Spartans last season and hit double figures in scoring six times, scoring a season-high 16 points at the University of Rochester. Also returning to the frontcourt is junior Colleen Martin and sophomore forward/center Krysten Atkins. The 5-foot-11 Martin averaged 6.6 points and 5.1 rebounds per game. Atkins, a talented 5-10 free throw shooter, played in 22 games last year, tallying 14 steals on defense. A highly talented group of freshman will join the Spartans this season, which includes Austin Howell, Julia Gorski, Caitlin Henry, and Beth Andrasik.

Emory University: Head Coach Christy Thomaskutty enters her fifth season at the helm at Emory University, possessing a squad that figures to have more depth and offensive firepower than last season's unit that finished with a 10-15 overall record. The Eagles welcome back 11 letterwinners, including four returning starters, from a year ago, led by junior Lora Turner, who averaged team highs in both points (13.1 per game) and rebounds (6.5 per game) en route to second team All-UAA honors. While the 5-foot-11 Turner headlines the front court, Thomaskutty will be eyeing significant contributions from returnees such as sophomore Whitney Martin (4.0 points pg, 4.3 rebounds pg), juniors Kerry Madison (4.2 points pg, 3.7 rebounds pg) and Jenny Kraus (6.3 points pg, 2.6 rebounds pg), and senior newcomer Kristen Brown, who owns NCAA Division I experience after two seasons at Providence College. In the backcourt, Emory will miss the services of the graduated Beth Bergman, the team's second-leading point producer (11.7 ppg), but the position should still be strong at both ends of the floor. Leading the contingent will be junior Erica Kaplan (11.0 ppg) who used a strong flurry down the stretch to finish third on the team in scoring and first in three-point percentage (.372). A pair of juniors, Kendall Boyd and Kate Corkle will look to provide an offensive spark as well. At the point guard slot, junior Lauren Bugg appeared in 23 games last season and has the most experience, however she will be challenged by freshman Melinh Rozen and sophomore LeShondra Lillard, a transfer from Division I Mercer University.

New York University: Despite the loss of three starters from last year's 27-4 (12-2 UAA) NCAA Division III Championship final four and UAA co-championship team, NYU should again be a contender for both the UAA and the NCAA national title. The Violets' main strength lies in the return of All-American forward Jessica McEntee. Named UAA and *d3hoops.com* East Region Player of the Year in 2006-07, McEntee became the first Violet in 15 years to average a "double-double", finishing with 16.9 points, and 12.5 rebounds per game. She also set team records for most free throws made in a game (17) and season (217), as well as consecutive free throws made (24). In fact, McEntee enters her junior season as NYU's most accurate free throw shooter of all time (.811 percentage – 287 of 354). Fortunately, there will be solid support on the frontline for McEntee, as fellow juniors Megan Fox (4.4 ppg, 5.7 rpg) and Sarah McDevitt (3.2 ppg, 2.0 rpg) vie for starting roles after gaining valuable experience by playing in 31 and 29 games, respectively, last season. The other returning starter for NYU is junior Gena Brown, who had a career-best season in the backcourt for the Violets in averaging 8.5 points and 2.0 rebounds per game. Depth should not be a problem for the Violets as head coach Janice Quinn (439-116, .791 winning percentage) heads into her 21st season with a 21-player roster. Among the returnees, the Violets' lone senior, Chelsea Trout (5.4 ppg, .888 free-throw shooting pct.), will look to crack the starting lineup, as will sophomore Jen Hum-Traverso (2.7 ppg, .818 free-throw pct.), who played in all 31 games as the team's back-up point guard last season. Among the newcomers looking to contribute is junior Chelsea Seabron, who played two seasons at NCAA Division I Mercer University, as well as a talented 10-person-deep freshman class.

University of Rochester: Graduation may have taken three starters among four regulars, but the University of Rochester Yellowjackets still have a cast of 10 talented veterans and six promising newcomers as the 2007-08 season dawns. Rochester, who are ranked 15th in the *USA TODAY/ESPN* NCAA Division III preseason poll, finished 22-6 last season and reached the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Division III Championships for the second straight season. The Yellowjackets finished tied for third in the UAA with a 9-5 record. The frontcourt will be led by 5-11 junior center Julie Marriott, a second team All-UAA selection last year. She averaged 9.9 points and 5.6 rebounds per game, shot 44 percent from the floor, and compiled 13 blocked shots and 60 assists. Marriott will be joined on the low block by 5-10 junior forward Alex Porter and 6-1 senior Jessica Waddell. Porter averaged 8.5 points and 8.6 rebounds last season, hitting 45.7 percent from the floor. In two years, Porter has cracked the Top 20 in career rebounding and has posted back-to-back seasons of 73 and 69 steals. Waddell averaged 3.8 points and 3.0 rebounds in 13 minutes a game last year. She led the team in blocked shots for the last two seasons. Marlena Fisher, a 5-9 junior, will look to use her defensive skills to earn playing time. Five-foot-11 junior Helen Baroody (4.9 ppg, 28 three pointers), 5-6 sophomore Jessica Mastronardi (2.3 ppg, 11 three pointers in eight minutes per game), or 5-8 junior Johanna McNelis (4.0 ppg, 26 three pointers) will challenge to fill the wing positions. Lindsay Dakin, a 5-7 junior, saw limited time in a shooter's role last year (nine games played). McNelis (36 assists) and 5-1 junior Rachel Stern (12 assists in limited minutes before a season-ending injury) will divide ball-handling chores.

University of Chicago: The University of Chicago returns four starters from last year's 18-7 team. Leading the group of returnees is senior guard Nofi Mojidi, who averaged 16.4 points and 4.7 rebounds per game a year ago en route to earning *D3hoops.com* All-Central Region honors. She will be joined by senior forward Nicaya Rapier, the Maroons' leading rebounder with 8.6 boards per game. Sophomore forward Molly Hackney, the 2007 UAA Rookie of the Year, returns after a debut season that saw her lead all Association first-year players in scoring (9.3), rebounding (6.2), and blocked shots (1.7). Junior guard Alex Leach (8.3 ppg) and sophomore guard Jaime Stinson (3.8 ppg) also return after sharing a starting assignment last year. Other key returnees include senior guard Lori Tanaka (2.7 ppg, 11 three-pointers), sophomore forward Jill DiNucci (4.9 ppg, .472 field goal shooting percentage), sophomore forward Anna Woods (3.3 ppg, 4.1 rebounds pg, 1.2 blocks pg), and sophomore guard Kaitlin Devaney.

Washington University: The Washington University will open the 2007-08 campaign as the top ranked team in the country, earning the number one preseason ranking in the *USA TODAY/ESPN* NCAA Division III women's basketball poll. The Bears return two starters from a team that finished the 2006-07 season with a 25-6 overall record, captured their 17th *UAA* title with a 12-2 mark, and advanced to the final four of the NCAA Division III Championship for the seventh time in school history, finishing second. Junior forward Jaimie McFarlin earned first team All-*UAA* honors last season, averaging a "double-double" with 10.2 points and 10.2 rebounds per game, while junior guard Jill Brandt averaged 8.1 points per game a year ago. The Red and Green will also welcome back junior guard Shanna-Lei Dacanay, who started seven of the team's first nine games last season, averaging 10.7 points per game, before suffering a season-ending injury. Dacanay was a 2006 *DIII News* Freshman All-America selection and earned *UAA* Rookie of the Year honors.