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## Chicago Women, Emory and Rochester Men Top Preseason Hoops Picks

Reigning UAA women’s basketball champion University of Chicago tops the 2011-12 preseason poll and Emory University and University of Rochester share the top spot in the men’s preseason rankings. Rochester captured the men’s title in 2010-11 with a 12-2 record and advanced to the “Sweet 16” on the automatic bid. Emory finished on the heels of the Yellowjackets with an 11-3 UAA record and posted its first 20-win season since 1989-90.

Chicago enters the season with a second-place ranking in the *Women’s D III News* preseason poll, after posting a 14-0 record in Association play and a 25-4 finish overall. The Maroons advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III Women’s Basketball Championship last year and were halted by UAA rival Washington University. The Bears placed second in the poll, coming off a season where they reached the championship final for the third consecutive season and finished second in the nation. Rochester was voted third after finishing third in the Association with a 10-4 record and registering a 21-6 overall slate. Case Western Reserve University took the fourth spot after earning its third winning season in four years. The remaining women’s teams, in order of finish, are Emory, Brandeis University, NYU, and Carnegie Mellon University.

Emory and Rochester each received four first-place votes to tie for top preseason honors. The Rochester men are coming off a 22-6 overall finish and start the season with a seventh-place preseason spot in the D3hoops.com Men’s Top-25 listing. The Eagles, appearing 13<sup>th</sup> in the D3hoops list, return 12 letterwinners including four key starters from a squad that finished 14<sup>th</sup> in Division III in scoring and posted a 20-5 record overall. Washington was selected third in the men’s poll after a .500 finish in Association competition and a 13-12 overall season. Chicago tied Washington for the number-three spot in the UAA standings with a 7-7 record last year. Rounding out the men’s preseason rankings, in order, are Brandeis, NYU, Case, and Carnegie Mellon

Women’s Results (1 <sup>st</sup> Place Votes)	2010-11 Records	
	UAA	Overall
1. Chicago (7)	14-0	25-4
2. Washington (1)	11-3	25-6
3. Rochester	10-4	21-6
4. Case	7-7	13-12
5. Emory	4-10	11-14
6. Brandeis	4-10	12-13
7. NYU	6-8	12-13
8. Carnegie Mellon	0-14	2-23

Men’s Results (1 <sup>st</sup> Place Votes)	2010-11 Records	
	UAA	Overall
1. Rochester (4)	12-2	22-6
Emory (4)	11-3	20-5
3. Washington	7-7	13-12
4. Chicago	7-7	10-15
5. Brandeis	6-8	19-9
6. NYU	4-10	16-11
7. Case	5-9	9-16
8. Carnegie Mellon	4-10	7-17

## 2011-12 UAA Women's Basketball Previews

**Brandeis University:** In head coach Carol Simon's 25<sup>th</sup> season at the helm, the Brandeis women are looking to bounce back from their first sub-.500 season in more than a decade after a 12-13 finish (4-10 UAA). They will have to do so without two of their three leading scorers and rebounders from a year ago. Their top returner is senior guard Morgan Kendrew, a Second Team All-Association and third-team All-New England selection by D3hoops.com. Kendrew averaged 12.9 points per game last season, fifth-best in the UAA. She also connected on a team-high 35 three-pointers and is within reach of 100 for her career, which would make her only the fifth woman in school history to reach that plateau. Kendrew also shot 82.8% from the free-throw line (4<sup>th</sup> in the UAA) and enters the season ranked second on the Judges' career list with an 80.9 FT%. Senior guard Kelly Ethier is the next top returning senior, having averaged 5.2 points per game, while junior forward/center Samantha Anderson is the top returning rebounder at 4.7 caroms per game, 19<sup>th</sup> in the league. The Judges will also benefit from the return of two players who missed all or most of 2010-11 to injury in guard Diana Cincotta and forward Shannon Hassan. Cincotta started 23 of 24 games in 2009-10 and averaged 6.8 points, 2.1 assists and 2.0 rebounds per game, leading the team with a 37.5 3FG%, fifth in the UAA. Hassan averaged 5.3 points and 4.3 boards in 20 contests as a sophomore, scoring in double figures three times, including twice in UAA contests. Sophomore forward Kasey Dean will look to continue her improvement after starting the final nine games of the season, when she averaged 4.4 points and 4.0 rebounds per game. Brandeis also hopes newcomers Mikaela Garvin, Hannah Cain and Erika Higginbottom can make splashes in their first campaigns.

**Carnegie Mellon University:** The Carnegie Mellon University women's basketball team welcomes new faces to lead the program in 2011-2012. Jacquie Hullah, a 12-year head coaching veteran, will take over the program with new assistant coaches Sarah Hayes and Tiffany Menhorn. Hullah's previous coaching experience includes five consecutive Ivy League titles at Dartmouth College and a three-year stint at Arizona State University. The first-year Carnegie Mellon coach packed a punch with assistants Hayes and Menhorn who both amassed 1,300 points for their career. Hayes was named the Ivy-League Rookie of the Year and Player of the Year before spending five years playing professionally in Germany. On the court, the Tartans return second-leading scorer Emily Peel, who averaged 10.9 points to go with 6.0 rebounds as a forward. The only player to start every game a year ago, the junior was named to the All Association Honorable Mention team after recording a field goal shooting percentage of .462 and a free throw percentage of .730. Also returning from the starting lineup are sophomore Jacquie Shaw and senior Jennifer Larsen. Shaw and Larsen each started half the season and averaged 6.9 and 5.7 points a game, respectively. Shaw was able to step up her game during the UAA season, averaging 7.6 points with a shooting percentage of .443. After an off shooting year for Larsen, the guard/forward expects to return to her second-year form when she shot over 40% from the field, including 31% from behind the arc. Senior point guard Alex Hansen also started about half the season in 2010-11 and will return as the only experienced point guard. The Tartans lose three important pieces from last year's team as would-be seniors Jacki Cortese and Nicole Vaccarella along with junior Britt Phillips will not return. Cortese led the team in scoring for the second year in 2010-11 with 11.7 points.

**Case Western Reserve University:** The Case Western Reserve University women's basketball team returns four starters, including two All-UAA selections, and eight letterwinners as the squad looks to compete for a UAA Championship this winter. The Spartans (13-12, 7-7 UAA) placed fourth in the Association in 2010-11 and have three winning seasons in four years under Head Coach Jennifer Reimer. Headlining Case's veteran roster is three-time All-UAA senior forward Erin Hollinger, who led the league at 16.8 points per game and 46 blocked shots last season. Hollinger was a finalist for the Jostens Trophy and was tabbed as a D3Hoops.com second-team All-North Region pick. She enters her senior season in seventh place on the CWRU career scoring list (1,093). Also back is Second Team All Association junior guard Evy Iacono. She finished second on the team at 12.4 ppg and ranked in the top 10 in the UAA in assists (4.6 apg), free throw percentage (.746), steals (51), three-pointers (47), assist-to-turnover ratio (1.2) and minutes (33.9 mpg). Two others return from the starting lineup – junior point guard Erica Iafelice and junior forward Marissa Miles. Iafelice led the UAA in minutes played per game (34.8) and ranked fifth in the league in assists per game (4.4), second in steals per game (2.3), fourth in three-point field goal percentage (.361) and fifth in assist-to-turnover ratio (1.5). Miles started all 25 games a year ago and averaged 4.8 points and 1.9 rebounds. Also back from last year's squad are senior forwards Chelsea Peck and Sarah Milligan, junior center Emily Mueller, sophomore guard Julie Mooney and sophomore forwards Lauren Elkin and Kathryn Huber. Peck averaged 3.4 points and 2.7 boards. Milligan checked in at 3.2 points and 1.1 rebounds. Mueller contributed 4.8 points, 4.3 rebounds and 13 blocked shots.

**Emory University:** The 2011-12 edition of the Emory women's basketball team looks to climb the University Athletic Association ladder a year older and wiser. Head Coach Christy Thomaskutty embarks upon her ninth campaign at the helm of the Eagles' program by welcoming back a total of 12 letterwinners, including four starters, from last year's team that finished with an overall record of 14-11, 4-10 in the conference. Despite starting a lineup that featured two freshmen, two sophomores and one senior the majority of last season, Emory managed to finish second in the UAA and 26<sup>th</sup> nationally in scoring with a 73.0 points per game average, and Thomaskutty hopes that trend continues with nine of the team's top 10 point producers back on the hardwood this year. Leading a strong backcourt will be sophomore Hannah Lilly, a Second Team All-UAA pick and Rookie of the Year in 2010-11. The D3hoops.com South Region Rookie of the Year, the 5-foot-8 Lilly started 22 of 25 games last season and tossed in a team-high 11.6 points per contest, good for 12<sup>th</sup> place in the UAA. Sophomore Savannah Morgan held down the majority of the point guard responsibilities last year, doling out 4.2 assists per game and tying for third on the team in scoring with an 8.4 per-game mark. In addition, she concluded the campaign with a No. 36 national ranking in assist/turnover ratio (1.8). Seniors Becca Feldman and Melissa Koike are game-tested vets who own good offensive skills. Feldman averaged 6.5 points and Koike 5.7 points per game last season. Sophomore Selena Castillo, who played in 24 contests last year, will make a serious bid for more court time at the point position. The junior tandem of Misha Jackson and Danielle Landry will anchor the frontline with both players coming off solid seasons. The 5-foot-11 Jackson started 21 of 25 games last year and captured second team All-UAA honors after ranking second on the squad in scoring (10.6 ppg) while finishing second on the team and fourth in the league in rebounding (6.7 rpg). In addition, she ranked ninth in the conference with a 1.9 steals-per-game average. The 6-foot Landry snagged a team-high 7.3 boards per contest, third among UAA cagers, and totaled six double-figure performances in that category while standing as the team's top rebounder on 14 occasions. Senior Emily Hyncik, 5-foot-11, will add depth and some scoring punch on the frontline after appearing in 21 games last season. Bolstering the fortunes up front could be the return of junior Brooke Thyng and sophomore Taylor Bruzzio, both of whom missed parts of the year with injuries.

**New York University:** The 2011-12 New York University women's basketball team looks to improve on its results and accomplishments from last season. The 2010-11 Violets finished 12-13 overall, 6-8 in the ultra-competitive University Athletic Association, defeated three teams that went on to reach the NCAA tournament, and set an Association record for free-throw accuracy (79.9%). This year's Violets will again be led by head coach, Stefano Trompeo, who is entering his fourth season. Senior guard Bianca Storts is the only returning starter for the Violets. She started all 25 games in 2010-11 and was the team's third leading scorer with 9.1 points per game. Storts will be flanked by fellow senior guards Tana Bertino and Cara Bonito, who will serve as co-captains this season. Bonito appeared in all 25 games last year and became a key member of the team's rotation down the stretch. She placed second on the team with 81 assists. Bertino also saw most of her action as a reserve, but made the most of her time. She finished third on the team in three-point field goals made (20) and was fifth in scoring (6.7 ppg). Other players who figure to play a prominent role on this year's squad include junior forward Makenzie Hirz. She averaged 3.8 rpg as one of the team's best rebounders and the Violets will rely on her to clean up the boards and provide a presence in the paint. Another player who should see an increase in playing time is sophomore forward Alexis Doherty. She also averaged 3.8 rpg and should be a good complement to Hirz on the front line. Though she only started one game as a freshman, Doherty may be called upon to play a bigger role this season. The Violets will also be counting on senior forwards Erica Franke (who played in all but one game last season and started eight), and Shelby Coon (who saw action in 18 games as a reserve), to provide veteran leadership.

**University of Chicago:** Head Coach Aaron Roussell's team enters the 2011-12 campaign with high expectations, including a #2 preseason ranking by Women's DIII News, as all five starters returns from last season's national quarterfinalist squad. Leading the way are preseason All-Americans, senior center Taylor Simpson and senior guard Meghan Herrick. Simpson earned inclusion on three All-America teams last winter as she helped lead the Maroons to the UAA title with a 14-0 league mark and their first trip to the Division III Elite Eight. The 2010-11 UAA Player of the Year, Simpson averaged 14.3 points and 10.2 rebounds per game while shooting 55.6% from the field and 78.6% from the free throw line. Herrick was a Women's Division III News honorable mention All-American last winter after she averaged 14.0 points, 5.3 rebounds, and 3.3 assists per game with a school-record 146 free throws made. She was the Maroons' leading scorer in NCAA tournament play with 19.5 points per contest. Other returning starters include senior guard Bryanne Halfhill (12.3 ppg, 62 3pt.FG), senior forward Morgan Herrick (11.0 ppg), and senior point guard Joann Torres (5.7 ppg).

**University of Rochester:** The quest for a seventh straight NCAA Division III playoff appearance will be built around a strong frontcourt. The Yellowjackets have five players with frontcourt experience, three with starters' minutes on their resumes. Rochester was 21-6 last season, 10-4 in the UAA, and reached the second round of the NCAA playoffs. Senior Jodie Luther is a two-time Second Team All-Association honoree. She was second in scoring last year (11.7 ppg.), hitting 49.6% from the floor and averaged 5.2 rpg. Senior Maddie Korber (honorable mention All-UAA) was third in scoring (7.5 ppg., 50.6% FG), blocked 23 shots, and grabbed 5.0 rpg. Junior Amy Woods started 14 games, contributed 6.6 ppg., and grabbed 4.2 rpg. Sophomore Danielle McNabb added 6.3 ppg. in less than 11 minutes a night and sophomore Loren Wagner scored at a 3.6 ppg. clip in less than 10 minutes a game. Four players have experience on the wings and bring a variety of options. Senior Michelle Ketcham led the team in steals (38) and was third in assists (59) while contributing 3.9 ppg. Junior Kristyn Wright scored 6.9 ppg. with 55 assists and 20 three-pointers. She earned honorable mention All-UAA accolades. Junior Jackie Walker started nine games (4.9 ppg., 13 blocks, 3.7 rpg.). Senior Kate Agan appeared in 26 of 27 games. Sophomore Laney Ming (honorable mention All-UAA) scored 7.0 ppg., shooting 81% from the line, and was second in assists with 62. She is one of 10 players returning who averaged 10 or more minutes a game.

**Washington University:** The Washington University in St. Louis women's basketball team returns two starters and 14 letterwinners from last year's team that finished the season with a 25-6 overall record and advanced to the Division III national championship game for the third-straight season and ninth time in program history. Senior guard Dani Hoover and junior forward Kristin Anda should lead the Bears on the court offensively. A 2011 honorable mention All-UAA selection last season, Hoover appeared in all 31 games making 23 starts. She averaged 6.6 points per game and ranked second on the team with 4.7 rebounds per game. Hoover also shot .391 from three-point range. Anda was also an honorable mention All-UAA selection a season ago after averaging 7.6 points and 4.5 rebounds per game, ranking third on the team in both categories. She played in 31 games and started four times. The Bears also return senior point guard Bethany Morrison, junior forward Annie Sayers, and sophomore forward Jordan Rettig, Morrison dished out 52 assists, playing in 31 games (nine starts) with an assist-to-turnover ratio of 1.2. Sayers played in 27 games, making 18 starts. She averaged 6.5 points and 4.3 rebounds per game, shooting a team-best .504 from the floor. Rettig finished the year ranked fourth on the team in scoring with 6.7 ppg, also pulling down 3.9 rebounds per contest. The Bears will see a number of other returning players continue to be key contributors this season while competing for positions in the starting lineup. Senior guard Claire Schaeperkoetter averaged 5.0 points per game last year and saw action in 30 games. Senior forward Brianne Monahan appeared in 27 contests, averaging 4.0 points and 2.4 rebounds per game while shooting 32.4 percent from long distance. Washington University head women's basketball coach Nancy Fahey enters the season with a career record of 596-106 (.849). She was tabbed as the 2011 WBCA Division III National Coach of the Year after guiding the Bears to a 25-6 overall record and a third straight trip to the Final Four.

## 2011-12 UAA Men's Basketball Previews

**Brandeis University:** The Brandeis men's basketball team looks to return to the NCAA's this season after capturing the ECAC Division III New England crown last March. The Judges lose just one significant player from 2010-11 in Christian Yemga, the team's leading rebounder. The Judges do return more than 90% of their scoring, more than 80% of their rebounding and the top scoring and FG% defense (63.9 ppg and 41.6%) from a squad that finished 19-9, 6-8 in the UAA. Coach Brian Meehan's squad will look to duplicate their school-record 10-0 start and extend it further into the conference slate. Leading the way among the returners are All-UAA honorees, senior guard Tyrone Hughes and sophomore forward/center Youri Dascy. Hughes finished second in the UAA in steals (1.8 spg) and fourth in assists (4.7 apg) while scoring 8.6 ppg and a career-high 3.4 rpg last season to earn second-team honors. He ranks seventh in career steals and 12<sup>th</sup> in career assists entering the season. Honorable mention Dascy was the team's leading scorer (10.7 ppg) and second-leading rebounder (5.0 rpg), and led the UAA with a 63.2% field goal percentage. Senior forward/guard Vytas Kriskus, the team's second-leading scorer at 9.7 points per game, is one of just nine players in school history with 100 career three-pointers and enters the season just under 300 points shy of 1000 for his career. Forward Ben Bartoldus, who was named the MVP of the ECAC tournament, matched Hughes in scoring at 8.6 ppg. Junior Anthony Trapasso stepped into the starting lineup for the Judges' final nine games of the season, averaging 6.6 ppg and shooting 46.5 percent from the field in that span. Sharpshooter Derek Retos returns to bring instant offense off the bench after connecting on 42.5% from downtown for the season. Sophomore Ruben Kanya started five games in the backcourt and averaged five points per game in conference action, while sophomore Alexis Schmidt and Stoye bring size and athleticism off the bench. Newcomers Myles Brilhante (Fall River, MA) and Ishmaela Kalilou (Wilton, CT) look to contribute at guard and forward, respectively.

**Carnegie Mellon University:** Although the 2011-2012 Carnegie Mellon University men's basketball team loses its two top scorers from a year ago, the team will return 12 letter winners including three starters and six others that saw action in more than two-thirds of the games last season. In addition to the 12 returners, head coach Tony Wingen, in his 22nd year at the helm, will bring in five newcomers. Carnegie Mellon will return all three of its starters in the backcourt. Senior John Duhring will be heavily relied on to lead the charge. Duhring, who has played in every game since his freshman year with 46 starts, brings the most experience to the court. The senior averaged 9.9 points per contest while grabbing 4.7 rebounds per game in 2010-11. Joining Duhring in the backcourt will be All Association Honorable Mention honoree and swingman, sophomore Christian Manoli. Manoli was the team's third leading scorer last season averaging 12.0 points per game. He also led the Cardinal and Gray with 56 assists and was the team's second leading rebounder, hauling in 5.1 boards per contest. The Tartans' third returning starter is sophomore Rashaun Riley. Riley, along with Duhring, were the only Tartans to start every game last season. The point guard averaged 6.0 points per game and handed out 38 assists. Riley led the team at the charity stripe shooting 82.1%. Senior Max Gordon along with junior Andre Moore and sophomores Asad Meghani and Marshall Massengale will add experience and depth at guard. In the frontcourt, senior Joe Kromka returns after seeing action in all 24 games. The senior averaged 3.6 points and 2.9 rebounds per game. Sophomore swingman Sean Brophy counters Kromka in the frontcourt. Brophy appeared in all 24 contests and started 11 games last season. His 38 steals a year ago led the team and ranked him fourth in the UAA. Brophy also averaged 3.7 rebounds and 2.6 points per game. Joining Kromka and Brophy will be sophomore Rob Mohen who played in 17 games a year ago.

**Case Western Reserve University:** With three of its top four scoring leaders back from last year's rotation, the Case Western Reserve University men's basketball team is poised to improve on last year's finish. Expected to lead the Spartans are a pair of All Association starting forwards in senior Tom Summers and junior Austin Fowler. In his first season with the team, Fowler led the squad and ranked fourth in the Association in scoring at 16.8 points per game en route to earning first-team All-UAA honors. He also tied for the team lead in rebounding at 6.8 rpg and connected on 40 three-pointers. Failing to reach double-figures just four times for the season, his four double-doubles led the Spartans and his 34-point performance versus nationally-ranked University of Rochester on February 20 was the highest total on the team. Fowler was also tabbed to the NABC All-District squad. Summers, a 2010 second-team All-UAA pick, was third on the squad in scoring (9.0 ppg) and tied for first in rebounding (6.8 rpg). He also led the Spartans with 20 steals. Returning from last year's rotation is six-foot, nine-inch sophomore center David Thompson and sophomore guard Tim Chung. Thompson averaged 4.1 points and 3.9 rebounds in 14.5 minutes per game, while finishing second on the team with 23 blocked shots. Chung averaged 8.0 points in 18.6 minutes per game and was the team's leading three-point shooter with 48 makes in 135 attempts (.356). Chung hit four 3-pointers in a game on four separate occasions and tied for second on the team with 19 steals. Also returning is junior guard Robert Scott who missed much of last season after averaging 4.8 ppg and leading the team in three-point shooting (.483) in 2009-10. Head Coach Sean McDonnell also welcomes an incoming class of 10 players with several expected to compete for key roles.

**Emory University:** The Emory men's basketball team looks to continue the momentum gained from last year's successful campaign that saw the Eagles post an overall record of 20-5 including an 11-3 slate in the UAA, good for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Fifth-year head coach Jason Zimmerman enters the 2011-12 campaign with an experienced cast that features 12 returning letterwinners including four starters. After leading the UAA and ranking 14<sup>th</sup> nationally in scoring last season (83.6 ppg), Emory looks to put out a potent attack with 90 percent of the scoring, 97 percent of the three-point field goals, and 95 percent of the assists returning from a year ago. Senior Austin Claunch headlines the backcourt after an outstanding season in which he posted team-high averages in scoring (16.5 ppg), assists (7.4 apg) and minutes (36.3 mpg). A First Team All Association pick for two straight seasons, Claunch ranked among the top-10 performers in the UAA in six statistical categories and paced the loop in assists, minutes, steals (1.9 spg), free throw percentage (.875), and assist/turnover ratio (3.0). Providing ample firepower among the guard corps will be 6-foot-3 junior Alex Greven, who garnered Second Team All-UAA acclaim after starting all 25 games and averaging 14.5 points and 3.4 rebounds per contest. Senior sharpshooter Alex Gulotta, an honorable mention All-UAA selection last season, promises to keep opponents honest after knocking down 71 triples in 2010-11, the third-highest mark in school annals. He paced the UAA and ranked 38<sup>th</sup> nationally with 2.8 treys per contest. Senior Justin Resnick, who averaged 17.6 minutes while seeing action in all 25 games, and junior Nash Oh, who played in 24 affairs, are tested players who will be looked to for significant contributions. Freshman Mike Florin is a talented rookie who will make his presence felt. On the frontline, Emory welcomes back 6-foot-5 sophomore Jake Davis, the 2010-11 UAA Rookie of the Year and 6-foot-6 Michael Friedberg, who led the squad and ranked second among UAA players in blocked shots (2.1 bpg). Davis, whose 13.3 per-game scoring average was third on the team and tops among UAA freshmen, grabbed a team-high 6.5 rebounds per stint en route to second team All-UAA recognition. Friedberg totaled 51 rejections of opponent shot attempts, the second-highest mark in school history, and led the Eagles while ranking second in the UAA with his 7.1 per-game rebounding mark in league outings. Juniors Ryan Peters and Ollie Carleton saw limited time last season and will be aiming to capture more game action. Freshman Alex Foster is an athletic 6-foot-7 player who could emerge as a consistent force.

**New York University:** The New York University men's basketball team is poised to build on last season's success as they head into the 2011-12 season. The Violets are led by the sage wisdom of long-time head coach, Joe Nesci, who is entering his 24<sup>th</sup> season. The team has three returning starters from last year's squad including stand-out senior center Andy Stein. Stein led the team in scoring (17.3 points per game) and field goal percentage (62 %). The Violets figure to have a very formidable front line as the 6-8 center is flanked by junior forward Carl Yaffe, also 6-8. Yaffe was the team's third-leading scorer and second-leading rebounder, averaging 11.4 points and 6.7 rebounds per game, respectively. The team's third returning starter is junior guard and captain, Kyle Stockmal. Stockmal started all 27 games for the Violets last year and was a key cog in the team's offensive attack. The 6-3 guard proved to be a threat from the perimeter, as he ranked second in the UAA in three-point field goal percentage (45.9%). Sophomore guard Ryan Tana, who saw limited action as a freshman, will be counted on to make a big leap in year two. Junior forward Max Wein looks to figure prominently into the Violets' plans coming off a very solid sophomore season in which he played in all 27 games. Wein is a defensive force and a formidable rebounder who figures to see increased playing time in 2011-12. The Violets' 2010-11 season was characterized by their team-oriented offensive attack that served as a catalyst for their 10-0 start. The team led Division III in assists per game, averaging 19.4, and set a school record for assists in a single season with 525.

**University of Chicago:** Head Coach Mike McGrath's team returns its entire roster from a year ago. Headlining the group is senior guard Matt Johnson, an All-Association First Team and All-Midwest Region Second Team performer in 2010-11. Johnson led the league in scoring during the regular season (17.7 ppg) and ranked second in free throw percentage (86.1%), third in three-point field goals (2.4 per game), and seventh in assists (3.2 per game). Johnson will be joined by another All-UAA pick in senior forward Tom Williams. Last year, Williams earned honorable mention accolades after averaging 9.4 points and 6.8 rebounds -- second-most in the UAA. He pulled down 10 or more boards on seven occasions. Other returning starters include senior guard Michael Sustarsic (5.5 ppg, 37 3pt.FG), senior guard Tommy Sotos (6.8 ppg, 42 3pt.FG), and junior forward Matt MacKenzie (7.5 ppg, 3.9 rpg). Senior forwards Steve Stefanou (8.5 ppg) and Stephen Palmtag (2.1 ppg) and senior guard Chase Davis (5.8 ppg) bolster an experienced corps of returning players. Chicago also features a solid sophomore class in guards Derrick Davis (4.4 ppg) and Charlie Hughes (2.0 ppg) and forward Sam Gage (5.1 ppg).

**University of Rochester:** Seven letterwinners return for the Yellowjackets who won the UAA title last season and reached the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA Division III playoffs. Rochester's veterans include three starters and four players who earned All-UAA honors in 2010-11. Rochester was 22-6 overall and won the UAA title with a 12-2 record. Head coach Luke Flockerzi has to replace his shooting guard and his small forward, both All-UAA players. He has two veterans who can step into those roles. A good recruiting season will add depth across the board. The backcourt will be directed by junior guard John DiBartolomeo, the reigning UAA Player of the Year and an NABC Third Team All-American. DiBartolomeo led Rochester in scoring (17.7 ppg.), shooting 47.7% from the floor, 36.1% outside the arc, and 81.6% from the line. He had 130 assists vs. 49 turnovers, averaged 4.6 rpg., and was second in steals with 35. Senior guard Chris 'Chip' Dende averaged 11.4 ppg. with 56 three-pointers. He led Rochester in steals with 38. Dende, who was an Honorable Mention All-Association player last year, could step into the shooting guard's role. Junior Dan Shapiro scored 38 points and had 22 assists last season, playing 10 minutes a game. He'll strengthen the backcourt. Senior forward Nate Novosel reaped first team All-UAA and Second Team All-Region honors in 2010-11. He averaged 13.5 ppg., 5.4 rpg., shooting 60.6% from the floor. He's joined by junior Rob Reid (7.8 ppg., 6.2 rpg., 56 assists) and senior Marcus Williams, who scored 42 points and grabbed 36 rebounds in 15 games. Sophomore Nate Vernon averaged 9.7 ppg., hitting 50% outside the arc (45-90) a year ago. Vernon started five games and played in 23. He could take the small forward spot.

**Washington University:** Washington University in St. Louis returns 16 letterwinners and four starters from last year's team, which posted a 13-12 overall record and tied for third in the UAA with a 7-7 mark. Senior guard/forward Dylan Richter averaged 15.3 points, 4.5 rebounds and 2.6 assists per game and earned Second Team All Association accolades. Richter scored in double figures in 17 of 22 games played, including seven games with over 20 points. He finished the season ranked third in the UAA in steals (1.6), fourth in three-pointers made (2.2), seventh in blocked shots (1.0) and scoring (15.3) and eighth in free-throw percentage (.790). Junior Ben Hoener picked up honorable mention All-UAA honors after averaging 7.7 points, 4.7 assists and 3.1 rebounds per game. Hoener ranked third in the league a year ago in assists (4.7), sixth in assist-to-turnover ratio (1.9) and seventh in free-throw percentage (.814). Washington U. also returns two starters in sophomore guard Tim Cooney (8.1 ppg, 4.0 rpg) and senior center Alex Toth (7.4 ppg, 4.9 rpg). Off the bench, the Bears return junior center Robert Burnett (3.8 rpg, 11.7 mpg), sophomore guard Alan Aboona (3.0 ppg, 11.9 mpg) and senior guard Max Needle (2.4 ppg, 12.7 mpg). Head coach Mark Edwards enters his 31<sup>st</sup> season on the Danforth Campus with an overall record of 542-251 (.683). The winningest coach in school history, Edwards has guided the Bears to a school-record 27 consecutive winning seasons and the 2008 and 2009 NCAA Division III national championship.