



BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY  
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**CARNEGIE MELLON TABBED AS UAA FOOTBALL PRESEASON FAVORITE**

Carnegie Mellon University, which posted a perfect 10-0 regular season record en route to a berth to the NCAA Division III Championship, will start the 2007 season as the favorite of the coaches to defend its University Athletic Association football championship. The Tartans, whose last top UAA preseason honor came during the 1998 season, collected three first-place votes in tallying 15 points.

Eight-time Association champion Washington University and Case Western Reserve University were the coaches pick to finish tied for second place, each totaling nine points with the Bears picking up the remaining first-place vote. The University of Chicago was chosen to finish fourth in this year’s standings, earning three points.

Last fall, Carnegie Mellon snapped a six-year Association draught by qualifying for the NCAA Division III playoffs. The Tartans opened with a 21-0 triumph over Millsaps College (another Association first), before dropping a 37-0 second-round defeat to eventual semifinalist Wesley College. The UAA schedule kicks off on October 13 with all four teams competing in annual rival series – Washington traveling to Chicago for the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Founders Trophy game, while Case plays at Carnegie Mellon in the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual “Academic Bowl” matchup.

Carnegie Mellon University (11-1, 3-0 UAA) is set to defend its UAA championship in search of its 33<sup>rd</sup> consecutive winning season. The Tartans return eight starters on offense, including seven who made the All-UAA Team. Senior fullbacks Travis Sivek and Robert Gimson, who both ran for over 1,000 yards last season, will head the offensive attack. Sivek, a preseason All-America and 2006 UAA Offensive Player of the Year, enters the season as the school’s all-time leading rusher with 3,067 yards. He finished the 2006 season with a school-record 1,326 yards to go with 14 touchdowns. Gimson also broke the 1,000-yard barrier a year ago, running for 1,059 yards and 11 touchdowns. A strong offensive line returns for the Tartans as they lose one starter. The Tartan defense returns a solid group of six starters, including five who made the All-UAA Team. Senior defensive lineman Michael Reggie, a preseason All-America, will look to head a powerful front. The 6-foot-2, 250-pound linemen finished 2006 with 11.5 tackles for a loss, including 4.5 sacks for 29 yards. The secondary will be led by senior corner Jon Scholl, who finished second on the team in tackles (88) last season while recording two interceptions. Senior punter Matt Adams returns to key special teams for the Tartans. Adams had 19 punts inside the 20-yard line and an average of 36.7 yards per punt a year ago earning first team All-UAA honors.

Washington University returns 62 letterwinners and 14 starters from a team that won four of its last five games to post a 6-4 overall record (2-1 UAA). The Bears have posted 14-consecutive winning seasons dating back to

1993, the 17<sup>th</sup> longest streak in all NCAA divisions. Washington returns five starters on offense, including first-team All-UAA offensive lineman Scott Reigle, who has started the last 16 games at right tackle. Senior center and two-year starter Kevin Brooks, an honorable mention All-UAA honoree in 2006, and junior right guard Dan Elliott also return on the line. Seniors Michael Casper (26 receptions, 287 yards, three touchdowns), Joe Lubelski (26 receptions, 239 yards), and Dan Cardone (25 receptions, 372 yards, three touchdowns) were the top three wide receivers last season for Washington. The Bears return six starters on a defense that ranked third in NCAA Division III last season in total defense and 10<sup>th</sup> in rushing defense. Senior linebacker Michael Elliott (51 tackles — 30 solo, seven tackles for loss), a preseason All-America and first team All-UAA selection last year, and fellow classmate and linebacker Tyler McSparin (49 tackles), a second team All-UAA honoree last season, lead the Bears’ defense. Senior Evan Mayer and junior Tommy Bawden, a second-team All-UAA honoree who has started 19 of the last 20 games, will start at defensive back, while senior Chris Rhodes and junior Brent Sensenich (22 tackles) will look to fill the void up front.

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POLL RESULTS	RANKING	Pts	2006 RECORD
Carnegie Mellon	1-1-1	15	11-1, 3-0
Washington	1-2-3	9	6-4, 2-1
Case	2-2-2	9	5-5, 1-2
Chicago	3-3-3	3	4-5, 0-3

Case Western Reserve University (5-5, 1-2 *UAA*) started off 2006 by winning their first three games and finished by winning two out of three contests. However, the close losses in between left the Spartans with a 5-5 record, a mark that head coach Greg Debeljak is the Spartans are looking to improve upon this season. Returning on defense is *UAA* Co-Defensive Player of the Year, Tom Brew, who started all 10 games at inside-linebacker for the Spartans last season, leading the team with 121 tackles (21 tackles for lost yardage), and three blocked kicks. He also registered seven sacks, which was second best on the team. Joining Brew on defense is senior defensive-back John Tiemeier, a first team All-*UAA* selection a year ago after leading the team with four interceptions. Also returning for the Spartans are seniors Mike Tuertscher and junior defensive lineman Brian Calderone. Reigning *UAA* Rookie of the Year Bobby Bott also returns to play cornerback for the Spartans this season. Bott led the team with eight pass-deflections last season and recorded 43 tackles and two interceptions in 10 games for the Spartans. On offense, the biggest key to improvement is the maturation of sophomore quarterback Dan Whalen. Twice named *UAA* Offensive Athlete of the Week in 2006, Whalen led the team and the *UAA* with 1,798 passing yards and 17 touchdowns, four of which came on the ground. The Spartans will depend on sophomore Greg Meyer and junior Corey Checkan to lead the running-attack this season.

The University of Chicago (4-5, 0-3 *UAA*) open the 2007 season with an experienced defensive corps and an

offensive unit that will feature a new starting quarterback and a revamped offensive line. Senior linebacker Tony Insalaco, who ranked fifth in NCAA Division III in forced fumbles a year ago (0.44 per game), leads the defense. He topped the Maroons with 9.5 tackles-for-loss and 6.5 sacks in 2006. He will be flanked by senior Gaby Fernandez (52 tackles) and junior Mike Denoma (32 tackles). Up front, senior nose guard Jon Carr (4.5 TFL, 2.0 sacks) and sophomore defensive end John Emerson (9.0 TFL, 5.0 sacks) return after enjoying productive 2006 campaigns. Chicago boasts a deep and experienced secondary, highlighted by junior safety Todd Young, the 2005 *UAA* Rookie of the Year, and senior safety John Ryle (three interceptions). Junior cornerback Frank Chor (two interceptions) and sophomore cornerback Chris Leamy (one interception) also return after seeing significant action last year. On offense, the Maroons will need to replace departed signal caller Matt Rinklin as well as four starting linemen. Junior John Kiernan, an All-*UAA* second-team wideout in 2006, senior Justin Fleming, and sophomore Mike Berman look to contend for the starting quarterback spot this fall. Senior tailback Mike Serio (285 yards) and senior fullback Kyle Cepeda return in the backfield, while seniors Mike Albian (39 receptions, four touchdowns) and Chase Pierson (20 receptions) are back at the wide receiver slot. Senior Matt Siedlecki and sophomore Bryan Dedeker are the Maroons' lone returning starters on the offensive line, having shared time at left guard last season.

## **UAA TEAMS AMONG FINAL 2007 NCAA DIVISION III RANKINGS** (Top 30 ranked teams & individuals – returning players only)

### **UAA TEAMS**

<b><u>TOTAL DEFENSE</u></b>	
3. Washington	196.9 yards pg
<b><u>RUSHING OFFENSE</u></b>	
8. Carnegie Mellon	260.6 ypg
<b><u>RUSHING DEFENSE</u></b>	
10. Washington	66.7 ypg
<b><u>SCORING DEFENSE</u></b>	
6. Carnegie Mellon	9.9 points pg
<b><u>TURNOVER MARGIN</u></b>	
12. Carnegie Mellon	1.2

### **UAA INDIVIDUALS**

<b><u>RUSHING YARDS PG</u></b>	
26. Travis Sivek (CMU)	110.5
<b><u>RECEPTIONS PG</u></b>	
22. Joe Brenner (Case)	6.3
<b><u>RECEIVING YARDS PG</u></b>	
27. Joseph Brenner (Case)	85.5
<b><u>TOTAL TACKLES</u></b>	
10. Tom Brew (Case)	10.0 pg
<b><u>PASS SACKS</u></b>	
21. Brian Calderone (Case)	0.9 pg

<b><u>PUNT RETURN DEFENSE</u></b>	
13. Carnegie Mellon	4.25 ypg
<b><u>KICKOFF RETURN DEFENSE</u></b>	
7. Case	13.59 ypg
<b><u>PASS SACKS</u></b>	
21. Washington	3.0
<b><u>FUMBLES RECOVERED</u></b>	
9. Chicago	15.0
<b><u>NET PUNTING</u></b>	
13. Carnegie Mellon	33.98

<b><u>FORCED FUMBLES</u></b>	
5. Tony Insalaco (UC)	0.44 pg
<b><u>RECEIVING YARDS</u></b>	
28. Joseph Brenner (Case)	855.0
<b><u>RUSHING YARDS</u></b>	
10. Travis Sivek (CMU)	1,326
<b><u>TACKLES FOR LOSS</u></b>	
7. Tom Brew (Case)	2.2
9. Brian Calderone (Case)	2.1

## 2007 UAA Composite Football Schedule

<b>Sept. 1</b>	Carnegie Mellon University	at	University of Rochester	12:00 p.m.
	Case Western Reserve University	at	Oberlin College	1:00 p.m.
	Lake Forest College	at	Washington University	6:00 p.m.
<b>Sept. 8</b>	Grove City College	at	Carnegie Mellon University	1:00 p.m.
	University of Chicago	at	Concordia University (IL)	1:00 p.m.
	Washington University	at	Westminster College (MO)	1:00 p.m.
	Denison University	at	Case Western Reserve University	7:00 p.m.
<b>Sept. 15</b>	Wheaton College (IL)	at	Washington University	12:00 p.m.
	Carnegie Mellon University	at	Hobart College	1:00 p.m.
	Case Western Reserve University	at	Kenyon College	1:00 p.m.
	Elmhurst College	at	University of Chicago	6:00 p.m.
<b>Sept. 22</b>	Macalester College	at	University of Chicago	12:00 p.m.
	Washington University	at	North Central College	6:00 p.m.
	Allegheny College	at	Carnegie Mellon University	7:00 p.m.
	College of Wooster	at	Case Western Reserve University	7:00 p.m.
<b>Sept. 29</b>	Lewis and Clark College (OR)	at	University of Chicago	12:00 p.m.
	Case Western Reserve University	at	Gallaudet University	1:00 p.m.
	Rhodes College	at	Washington University	1:00 p.m.
<b>Oct. 6</b>	Carnegie Mellon University	at	Randolph Macon College	1:00 p.m.
	LaGrange College	at	Washington University	1:00 p.m.
<b>Oct. 13</b>	• Case Western Reserve University	at	Carnegie Mellon University	12:00 p.m.
	• Washington University	at	University of Chicago	12:00 p.m.
<b>Oct. 20</b>	• Carnegie Mellon University	at	University of Chicago	1:00 p.m.
	• St. Vincent College	at	Case Western Reserve University	1:00 p.m.
<b>Oct. 27</b>	• Case Western Reserve University	at	University of Chicago	12:00 p.m.
	• Washington University	at	Carnegie Mellon University	12:30 p.m.
<b>Nov. 3</b>	• Washington University	at	Case Western Reserve University	12:00 p.m.
	• Carnegie Mellon University	at	Bethany College (WV)	1:00 p.m.
	• Northwestern College (MN)	at	University of Chicago	1:00 p.m.
<b>Nov. 10</b>	University of Chicago	at	Eureka College	12:00 p.m.
	Ohio Wesleyan University	at	Case Western Reserve University	1:00 p.m.
	Washington University	at	Greenville College	1:00 p.m.
	Washington and Lee University	at	Carnegie Mellon University	1:00 p.m.

• - UAA contest; all times local

## 2006 UAA Composite Football Results

<b>Sept. 2</b>	<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b>	at	Hiram College	27-6
	<b>Washington University</b>	at	Lake Forest College	21-6
	Oberlin College	at	<b>Case Western Reserve University</b>	29-23 (OT)
<b>Sept. 9</b>	Concordia University (IL)	at	<b>University of Chicago</b>	55-0
	<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b>	at	Grove City College	28-0
	<b>Case Western Reserve University</b>	at	Denison University	27-14
	Westminster College (MO)	at	<b>Washington University</b>	61-0
<b>Sept. 16</b>	Westminster College (PA)	at	<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b>	33-6
	University of Chicago	at	<b>Elmhurst College</b>	23-10
	Washington University	at	<b>Wheaton College (IL)</b>	48-7
	Kenyon College	at	<b>Case Western Reserve University</b>	43-13
<b>Sept. 23</b>	Case Western Reserve University	at	<b>College of Wooster</b>	21-7
	Franklin & Marshall College	at	<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b>	34-14
	Macalester College	at	<b>University of Chicago</b>	34-7
	<b>North Central College</b>	at	Washington University	34-15
<b>Sept. 30</b>	<b>DePauw University</b>	at	University of Chicago	31-6
	Washington University	at	<b>Rhodes College</b>	6-3 (OT)
	Colorado College	at	<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b>	50-26
<b>Oct. 7</b>	<b>Ursinus College</b>	at	Case Western Reserve University	16-7
	<b>Washington University</b>	at	LaGrange College	31-21
<b>Oct. 14</b>	• <b>Carnegie Mellon University</b>	at	Case Western Reserve University	20-10
	• <b>Washington University</b>	at	University of Chicago	26-7
<b>Oct. 21</b>	• Case Western Reserve University	at	<b>Washington University</b>	13-6
	• University of Chicago	at	<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b>	27-0
<b>Oct. 28</b>	• <b>Carnegie Mellon University</b>	at	Washington University	10-7 (OT)
	• University of Chicago	at	<b>Case Western Reserve University</b>	10-9
<b>Nov. 4</b>	Northwestern College (MN)	at	<b>University of Chicago</b>	28-20
	Bethany College (WV)	at	<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b>	44-6
	Case Western Reserve University	at	<b>Grove City College</b>	40-33
<b>Nov. 11</b>	<b>University of Chicago</b>	at	Eureka College	44-12
	<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b>	at	Thiel College	14-7
	Greenville College	at	<b>Washington University</b>	17-14
	Washington & Lee University	at	<b>Case Western Reserve University</b>	27-9
<b>Nov. 18</b>	# Millsaps College	at	<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b>	21-0
<b>Nov. 25</b>	# Carnegie Mellon University	at	<b>Wesley College</b>	37-0

• - UAA contest; # - NCAA Division III playoffs

## Past *UAA* Football Champions and Most Outstanding Performers

	<u>Team Champion</u>	<u>Most Outstanding Performers</u>
<b>2006</b>	Carnegie Mellon	Travis Sivek • Carnegie Mellon ( <i>Offense</i> ) Tom Brew • Case ( <i>Defense</i> ) Drew Wethington • Washington ( <i>Defense</i> ) Bobby Bott • Case ( <i>Rookie of the Year</i> )
<b>2005</b>	Chicago	Brad Duesing • Washington ( <i>Offense</i> ) Rob Tamillow • Chicago ( <i>Defense</i> ) Santo Maimone • Case ( <i>Special Teams</i> ) Todd Young • Chicago ( <i>Rookie of the Year</i> )
<b>2004</b>	Washington	Brad Duesing • Washington ( <i>Offense</i> ) David Kallevig • Case ( <i>Offense</i> ) Matt Armbruster • Chicago ( <i>Defense</i> ) Jon Kuerzi • Washington ( <i>Special Teams</i> ) Gabriel Fernandez • Chicago ( <i>Rookie of the Year</i> ) Travis Sivek • Carnegie Mellon ( <i>Rookie of the Year</i> )
<b>2003</b>	Washington	Brad Stanley • Carnegie Mellon ( <i>Offense</i> ) Rick Schmitz • Washington ( <i>Defense</i> ) Aaron Lewis • Carnegie Mellon ( <i>Rookie of the Year</i> )
<b>2002</b>	Washington	John Woock • Washington ( <i>Defense</i> ) Brandon McDowell • Case ( <i>Offense</i> ) Jason Cellura • Case ( <i>Rookie of the Year</i> )
<b>2001</b>	Washington	James Molnar • Washington ( <i>Defense</i> ) Bobby Collins, Jr. • Washington ( <i>Offense</i> ) Dave Kallevig • Case ( <i>Rookie of the Year</i> )
<b>2000</b>	Chicago	Dan Philips • Chicago ( <i>Defense</i> ) Josh Dunn • Chicago ( <i>Offense</i> ) Jonathan Feig • Washington ( <i>Rookie of the Year</i> ) John Savage • Rochester ( <i>Rookie of the Year</i> )
<b>1999</b>	Washington	Tim Runnalls • Washington ( <i>Defense</i> ) Mike Campie • Carnegie Mellon ( <i>Offense</i> )
<b>1998</b>	Chicago	Tom Courtad • Case ( <i>Defense</i> ) Brandon Way • Chicago ( <i>Offense</i> )
<b>1997</b>	Carnegie Mellon	Brad Klein • Washington ( <i>Defense</i> ) Vernon Butler • Washington ( <i>Offense</i> )
<b>1996</b>	Carnegie Mellon, Case, Washington	Aaron Boehm • Washington ( <i>Defense</i> ) Joe El-Etr • Washington ( <i>Offense</i> ) Brandon Way • Chicago ( <i>Offense</i> )
<b>1995</b>	Carnegie Mellon, Washington	Ray Ardire • Carnegie Mellon ( <i>Defense</i> ) Derrick Brooms • Chicago ( <i>Offense</i> )
<b>1994</b>	Carnegie Mellon, Washington	Matt Gomric • Washington ( <i>Defense</i> ) Derrick Brooms • Chicago ( <i>Offense</i> )

## Past *UAA* Football Champions and Most Outstanding Performers (*cont.*)

	<u>Team Champion</u>	<u>Most Outstanding Individual Performers</u>
1993	Carnegie Mellon	Rich Zdrojewski • Case ( <i>Defense</i> ) Chad Wilson • Carnegie Mellon ( <i>Defense</i> ) Geoffrey Long • Rochester ( <i>Defense</i> ) Frank Baker • Chicago ( <i>Offense</i> )
1992	Rochester	Brian Laudadio • Rochester ( <i>Defense</i> ) Jeremy Hurd • Rochester ( <i>Offense</i> ) Isaac Collins • Rochester ( <i>Offense</i> )
1991	Carnegie Mellon	Ed Trebets • Case ( <i>Defense</i> ) Greg Marmol • Carnegie Mellon ( <i>Offense</i> )
1990	Carnegie Mellon	Dennis Braniecki • Rochester ( <i>Defense</i> ) Scott Barnyak • Carnegie Mellon ( <i>Offense</i> )