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13th Ranked Emory Voted Preseason Number One for UAA Title

Emory University was voted first in the University Athletic Association Preseason rankings by the head coaches. The Eagles, who finished with just one loss in the UAA last season, are preseason ranked 13th in the nation according to the NSCAA/Adidas Division III Rankings. Emory also looks to clinch their fifth NCAA tournament berth this upcoming season, after making four of the last six.

Just four points separated Emory (47) and Washington University (43) in this year's poll. Washington is coming off a quarterfinal 2-1 loss to Trinity University in last year's NCAA Tournament. Both New York University and University of Rochester are predicted to finish third in the Association to close out the top four spots. Rounding out the remaining teams in the poll, in order, are Case Western Reserve (26 points), University of Chicago (23 points.), Carnegie Mellon University (16 points.) and Brandeis University (7 points).

Team	Pts.	2007 UAA (Overall)
1. Emory (5)	47	6-1-0 (16-3-0)
2. Washington (2)	43	4-1-2 (16-5-0)
3. Rochester (1)	31	6-0-1 (15-3-2)
3. NYU	31	4-3-0 (13-5-1)
5. Case	26	3-4-0 (12-5-1)
6. Chicago	23	1-4-2 (6-9-2)
7. Carnegie Mellon	16	0-5-2 (9-6-2)
8. Brandeis	9	0-6-1 (8-9-3)

This year's preseason rankings have four Association teams ranked nationally according to the NSCAA/Adidas Division III Rankings. The teams are as followed as they stand ranked this year – 6th Washington University, 10th University of Rochester, 13th Emory University, and 22nd Case Western Reserve. All four of these schools last year advanced to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

2008 UAA Men's Soccer Team Capsules

Brandeis University: The Brandeis men look to bounce back to their 2006 ECAC Division III New England Championship form after a 2007 in which they finished 8-9-3, 0-6-1 in the UAA. The Judges return much of their offense, with 80-percent of their goals back, paced by senior Alex Mithoefer's team-high five goals. Classmate Ben Premo, a two-time All-UAA selection, finished with two goals and five assists last season, drawing constant double-teams. Juniors Alex Zenerovitz and Corey Bradley anchor a young midfield unit, while coach Mike Coven will be in search of a defensive corps to replace three departed seniors in 2007 All-UAA selections Brett Fitzgerald and David Weinstein, as well as Joe Levitan. Junior Taylor Bracken, an All-UAA honorable mention as a rookie, returns in net after recording a league-high 86 saves overall and 45 in conference action.

Carnegie Mellon University: Under the direction of a new coaching staff, the Tartans will look to return to UAA prominence in 2008. With Jonathan Hall, Ryan Browne and Ricky Griffin in their junior year, a now experienced Tartan team will be on the field. Hall and Browne return

to the midfield after All-Region performances last year while Griffin will be the Tartans main attacker after scoring a team-high 12 goals in '07. The Tartans also return senior goalkeeper Matt Bazin along with juniors Austin Good and David Drochner in the back. Junior Patrick Lutz can add explosiveness to the front line if he can stay healthy, as three of his four goals were game winners last season. New head coach Arron Lujan will have an experienced youthful squad to work with in '08 and '09 as only two starters from 2007 will be seniors and a core of 16 newcomers to mesh with the existing Cardinal and Gray.

Case Western Reserve University: Case Western Reserve University senior forward/midfielder Matt Paglia, a third team Region honoree, scored a team-best eight goals for the No. 22 ranked Spartans (12-5-1) last season and had one assist. Paglia, who was a first-team NSCAA Great Lakes All- He was a first team All-UAA selection as he finished sixth in the UAA in goals. Also keep an eye on Case Western All-American selected by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA), and a host of other key

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second team honorees. Bigart was named a second-team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American and was a first-team All-*UAA* honoree last year. He scored six goals and handed out two assists. Schwen earned second-team All-*UAA* honors in 2007 and was a *UAA* All-Academic honoree and second-team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District IV selection. The Spartans, who return eight starters in 2008, won their first-ever *UAA* championship in 2006 and last year earned the school's highest ranking of No. 2 in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) /adidas poll.

Emory University: The Emory University Men's Soccer Team, which finished the 2007 season ranked 13th in the nation with a 16-3-0 record (6-1-0 *UAA*), will return a core group of players for the 2008 season, as the Eagles will try to qualify for the NCAA Tournament for the fourth time in the last six seasons. Highlighting the list of returnees for the Eagles will be 2007 *UAA* Player of the Year and NSCAA/Adidas All-America first team member Patrick Carver. Carver scored 16 goals and recorded nine assists for 41 points during his junior campaign. He will be complemented by fellow senior and 2007 second team all-*UAA* forward Patrick McFarland, who scored 12 goals and a team-leading 12 assists for 36 points last year. On the defensive front, the Eagles will be returning three all-*UAA* honorees, including defensive midfielder and second team all-*UAA* member Marc Del Marmol, second-team all-*UAA* defender Andre Jakubowski, and all-*UAA* honorable mention defender Jordan Edelman. Emory's biggest challenge will be replacing two-year starting goalkeeper Keith Meehan, who graduated after 2007 with a school record career 0.71 goals against average. Head Coach Sonny Travis (310-95-37) will begin his second season at the team's helm.

New York University: With the return of seven starters, including the leadership of senior co-captains Devin Freeman-Roche and Branden Neal, New York University (13-5-1, 4-3 *UAA* in 2007) will seek its third straight NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Championship invitation. The Violets will possess a potent pair of forwards with Neal (6-7-19) and fellow senior Adam Dhanens (7-6-20), both of whom are two-time All-Association selections. Neal also garnered Second Team All-Metropolitan Region accolades from d3kicks.com last season. In the midfield, NYU will rely upon four returning starters in senior Robert Keller (4-1-9), junior Christopher Wolf (2-0-4), and sophomores Samir Ibrahim (0-2-2) and Anthony Tumbiolo (1-8-10). Another sophomore, Michael Burke (1-0-2), excelled during the spring and should see his role expanded. Defensively, Freeman-Roche, a Second Team All-*UAA* and All-Metropolitan Region pick last fall, is the lone returnee along the backline. He will hope to make life easy for junior Marek Urbanski (4-0, 0.94 GAA), a part-time starter in 2007 who steps into a full-time role. Urbanski will be challenged by sophomore Matt Stieve, who enjoyed a strong spring.

University of Chicago: Chicago returns seven players who started 10 or more games a year ago as the Maroons finished 6-9-2 overall and 1-4-2 in *UAA* play – good for sixth place. Headlining the returnees is sophomore forward Alex Clifford, the 2007 *UAA* Rookie of the Year. An All-North Central Region selection, Clifford tallied six goals and added three assists in his debut campaign. Two other All-*UAA* picks – both honorable mention choices -- return in junior defender John Hughes and sophomore midfielder Ryan Fitzgerald (3-2-8). In goal, sophomore Steven Baron is back after notching a 5-6-2 mark as a starter with a 1.47 goals against average and four shutouts. Other key returnees include junior forward Edgar Friloux (4-2-10), junior midfielder Joseph Farias-Eisner (2-3-7), sophomore midfielder Kenzo Manners (1-2-4), and sophomore defender Michael Steinert. Senior forward Eric Floyd, who tallied 10 goals during his first two years before missing most of the 2007 campaign with an injury, also returns.

University of Rochester: Graduation took six starters and three reserves from a team that finished 15-3-2 and advanced to the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA Division III playoffs. It is the farthest the Yellowjackets have gone in NCAA tournament play. A number of players who had reserve roles last year may be counted upon for starters' minutes this season. In goal, Michael Peacock returns for his junior season. Peacock earned First Team All-*UAA* honors in 2007 with an overall 0.88 goals-against average and six solo shutouts. Four of his shutouts came against nationally-ranked foes. Jeremy Gaden and Phil Proud played a lot down the stretch. They could settle into starting defenders' roles along with Misha Carrel-Thomas who had a good spring training season. A good deal of offensive punch will come from midfield, led by Timmer McCarthy (2-2-6), Steve Welles (7-1-15), Sean Hantes (HM All-*UAA*, 6-1-13), Dominic Pellingra (0-3-3), and Jimmy Parrinello. Target men up front are Scott Cady (4-0-8) and J.J. Dennstedt (4-6-14). The top four scorers are back in Welles, Dennstedt, Hantes, and Cady. Welles and Dennstedt did not start last season. Five of Hantes' six goals were game-winners.

Washington University: Coming off of its first visit to the NCAA Sectional Finals since 1995, and the most successful campaign in head coach Joe Clarke's 11 years with the team, the Washington University men's soccer squad has high expectations heading into a new season. Washington University will return all of its top goal scorers from a year ago as it prepares for the 2008 season. Leading the Bears in scoring in 2007 was freshman Harry Beddo, who netted nine scores to go along with four assists leading to second-team all-*UAA* recognition. Aiding Beddo on the offensive attack will be junior midfielders John Hengel and Nat Zenner, who each tallied six goals a year ago. Overall, Washington University returns players who scored 41 of its 42 goals last season. Another key returnee for Washington U. will be junior goalkeeper John Smelcer. Smelcer is coming off a year in which he started all 23 games in net for WU, posting a 0.66 goals against average and was a second-team all-*UAA* selection. In his first two seasons on the

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Danforth Campus, Smelcer has posted the fourth and fifth best single-season GAA in Washington University history. The Bears will miss defenders Elie Zenner and Onyi Okoroafor, who were lost to graduation and anchored the

team's defense last year. However, Washington boasts several young players ready to step in and lead the defensive unit.