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## NYU Claims Top Spot In UAA Men’s Preseason Soccer Poll

NYU was selected by the head coaches to claim the University Athletic Association men’s soccer title. The Violets won the UAA title last year, their first in men’s soccer, with a 4-0-3 UAA record and earned the automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Men’s Soccer Championship. They lost 3-2 in overtime to SUNY Brockport in the opening round.

NYU received five first-place votes to finish as the 2011 preseason favorite. Emory University is predicted to finish second in the Association. The University of Rochester received one first-place vote to place third. Washington University was voted fourth, receiving the two remaining first-place votes. Rounding out the poll, in order, are Carnegie Mellon University, the University of Chicago, Case Western Reserve University, and Brandeis University.

Team (1st-Place Votes)	2010 UAA	Overall
1. NYU (5)	4-0-3	11-3-4
2. Emory	3-2-2	14-3-2
3. Rochester (1)	3-2-2	10-3-5
4. Washington (2)	4-1-2	14-1-5
5. Carnegie Mellon	2-4-1	11-4-1
6. Chicago	2-4-1	8-8-1
7. Case	3-4-0	10-6-3
8. Brandeis	1-5-1	12-7-1

The Violets will turn to senior midfielder Matt Newman and junior forward Kyle Green to help them defend the UAA title and return to the NCAA tournament this season. Newman, who earned All-Association Second Team honors, tallied two assists and a goal last year, as he was the key distributor for most of the Violets’ attacks. Green, who was an All-Region selection and earned All-Association Second Team honors, was the team’s second-leading scorer with seven goals and five assists. He also finished tied for second in game-winning goals with two.

The 2011 NSCAA/adidas Division III preseason rankings include two UAA teams, listing Emory 18<sup>th</sup> and Washington 19<sup>th</sup>. The 2011 season opens on Thursday, September 1 with UAA competition beginning on October 1.

### 2011 UAA Men’s Soccer Team Capsules

**Brandeis University:** The Judges look to build on the momentum that propelled them to their third ECAC New England title in 2010 as the tournament’s fourth seed. With 54 goals (first in the UAA) and 2.70 goals per game (second in the Association), the Judges will look to keep their offense buzzing and bolster their defense in the hopes of returning to the postseason. Brandeis had a balanced attack last season, with seven different players scoring at least four goals. Only two of their 54 tallies came from seniors. Junior Lee Russo was one of only two UAA players to score 10 goals last season, while senior Luke Teece, an All-Association Honorable Mention, finished with nine goals and two assists in just 15 games. Teece’s three goals in UAA play came in just five contests before he missed the final two games and the ECAC run due to injury. Junior Joe Eisenbies added eight goals out of the midfield and senior forward/midfield Alexander Farr had seven tallies in 18 games off the bench. Three other players had four goals. The Brandeis midfield will be led by senior Theo Terris, who had a team-high five assists and earned second-team All-Association honors, and sophomore Ben Applefield, one of only four Judges, and the only rookie, to start all 20

games. The sturdy back line will be anchored by seniors Ari Silver – a Second Team All-Association pick in 2010 - and David McCoy, who received All-Association Honorable Mention in 2009. In net, the Judges will look to junior Blake Minchoff to replace two-time All-Association selection Taylor Bracken. The Judges open the 2011 season the weekend of Sept. 3-4 at the Keene State Classic, with their home opener against WPI on Sept. 14.

**Carnegie Mellon University:** The Tartans will return 23 players to preseason camp with 11 newcomers vying for a spot on the team. The program once again had an undefeated non-conference season in 2010 but was unable to repeat as UAA champions after a 2-4-1 league season that started with four straight overtime games. The 2011 season starts at home with the Carnegie Mellon Invitational before the team heads back to Ohio Wesleyan University to face Capital and the host team in a two-day tournament. Last season the Tartans received goal-scoring production from the freshman class as Max Tassano and Joey Paladino led with seven and six, a piece.

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Five All-Association selections return including Moni Sallam in the midfield and Zach Stahl in goal. Sallam, senior Carmen Minella and sophomore Matt Sarett will lead the midfield while seniors Ian Epperson and Nick Gianopoulos will anchor the defense.

**Case Western Reserve University:** With 18 letterwinners and eight returning starters, team will aim to compete for a UAA Championship and a berth to the NCAA Tournament during the fall of 2011. The Spartans finished last season at 10-6-3 overall and 3-4 in UAA action. The team placed fifth in the UAA standings but was just one win shy of the league lead. The Spartans were also ranked as high as seventh in the NCAA Great Lakes Region and produced four All-Association selections and a National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-American. Three of last year's All-Association picks return, led by the reigning UAA Most Valuable Player in senior forward Vinny Bell. Bell led the team and ranked among the UAA leaders with nine goals and 20 points en route to earning third-team All-American honors. Bell is joined by Second Team All-Association senior defender Niro Wimalasena and Honorable Mention All-Association senior goalkeeper Ben Yabrow. Wimalasena, a team captain, helped lead the defense to six shutouts, while recording a goal and an assist from the backline. A two-time second-team All-Association pick, Wimalasena also earned Capital One Academic All-District IV honors. Yabrow was 9-6-3 in net with 67 saves, three shutouts and a 1.21 goals against average in more than 1,700 minutes between the pipes. Also returning from last year's starting lineup is senior midfielder Kyle Alsup, junior forward/midfielders Eric Erb and Rene Silva, junior midfielder Ross Twanmoh and junior back Sam Kuehnle. Alsup scored three goals with two game-winners. Erb scored twice with one game-winner and a team-high tying five assists. Silva scored twice with a game-winner and an assist. Twanmoh tallied a goal and an assist. Kuehnle started all 19 matches on the backline and recorded three assists.

**Emory University:** The Emory University men's soccer team will look to take another step forward during the 2011 season, following a 14-3-2 record and a trip to the second round of the NCAA Division III championships in 2010. The Eagles ended their 2010 campaign ranked 18th in the final NSCAA poll, setting program records with a 0.41 goals-against average (the fourth-best mark among NCAA Division III teams) and 13 shutouts. Emory was ranked second among Division III squads with a 0.918 save percentage, fifth with a 0.68 shutout percentage, 10th with 2.79 goals per game, 19th with a 0.789 winning percentage, and 20th with 53 goals scored. Among the team's leading returners will be junior outside back Andrew Natalino, who was named to the NSCAA All-America Third Team last year after pacing all Emory players with 11 goals and 26 points. Adding to the Eagles' offensive attack will be senior forwards Zach Samuels (an all-South Atlantic Region third team selection with six goals and eight assists) and Nao Masuda (an honorable mention to the All-Association team with eight goals and four assists). After setting school records with a .920 save percentage and a 0.40 goals-against

average (both top-seven marks among Division III goalkeepers last season), senior all-region first team selection Trenton Spindler will once again mind the net for the Eagles in 2011. Emory will face an early season test, opening on September 2<sup>nd</sup> against 2010 NCAA runner-up Lynchburg College at the Roanoke College Invitational, a rematch of last year's NCAA tournament second-round match. Emory will kick off its UAA schedule on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the University of Chicago. Head Coach Sonny Travis will begin his fifth season at Emory with a 58-12-5 record, and will be joined by third-year assistant Ben Buerger.

**New York University:** Fresh off capturing its first-ever UAA championship in 2010, the New York University men's soccer team will aim to repeat the feat in 2011. The Violets put together a record-breaking season in 2010 en route to claiming their first UAA crown. The squad became the first in the history of the UAA to go all seven Association games without allowing a goal and finished the season atop the standings with a 4-0-3 record in UAA play. Overall, NYU went 11-3-4 and climbed to as high as #20 in both national polls. The Violets broke school records for goals-against average (0.47) and consecutive shutout minutes (754:40) and tied the school record for shutouts (12). The squad was selected to host the first and second rounds of the NCAA championship, but fell 3-2 in heartbreaking fashion in overtime in its opening-round contest. A talented core will look to help the Violets return to the top of the UAA standings and make a deeper run in the NCAA Championship. Four of NYU's six All-Association honorees from last season return, including two of the top scoring threats in the UAA, forwards Kyle Green and Paolo Luciano. Both were Second Team All-Association selections in 2010, and Green also received NSCAA Second Team All-East Region honors. In the midfield, Second Team All-Association honoree Matt Newman is back and will serve as a team co-captain. Niki Chow, an Honorable Mention All-Association selection, and Colm Dillane, the UAA Rookie of the Year, will join Newman in the midfield. Two other starters are expected to return: defender Danny Weisbaum and midfielder Adam Fein, the other co-captain. Key role players from last season and a crop of newcomers will compete to fill the void left by the loss of five starters from the championship squad.

**University of Chicago:** Chicago returns seven starters from last year's 8-8-1 team (2-4-1 UAA). In goal, senior Chris Giusto and sophomore Mason Harless are both back. Giusto posted a 7-7-1 mark with a 0.90 goals against average and three shutouts a year ago, while Harless notched a 1-1 record with a 1.43 GAA and one shutout in two starts. In the back, seniors Rashad Masri and Ryan Tunstall return along with sophomore Adam Shamlian. Last year, the trio combined to start 50 matches. Masri is a three-time All-Association honorable mention selection. Three starting midfielders return in juniors Garrett Laird (2009 UAA Rookie of the Year), Steven Chase, and Danny Hahn. Chase and Hahn both earned All-Association honorable mention recognition in 2010. Chicago's top offensive threat is back

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in senior Stan Coville, who netted a team-high seven goals in 2010 and 20 during his career.

**University of Rochester:** The Yellowjackets graduated five seniors, four of which were key starters for a team that was 10-3-5 overall and earned its sixth straight NCAA playoff appearance. The big losses for Rochester will be defender Misha Carrel-Thomas (1<sup>st</sup> team All-Association, All Region), and midfielders Steve Welles (First team All-Association, All Region) and Jimmy Parrinello (Honorable Mentions All-Association). Rochester brings back both of its main goalkeepers who split time last year. Junior Scott Garfing (0.43 GAA, 3 shutouts) and sophomore Mike Moranz (0.93 GAA, 3 shutouts) lead a team that only allowed 13 goals in 2010. Rochester would like to boost its offense in 2011. Key players returning include midfielder/forward Max Eberhardt (Honorable Mentions All-Association, 2 goals, 3 assists, 7 points), M Tom Sorrentino (5 assists and 5 points), midfielder Sean Coyne (2 goals, 1 assists, 5 points), midfielder Josh Richards (2 goals, 5 assists, 9 points), and midfielder Max Fan (2 goals 1 assist 5 points). Anchoring the defense will be senior Jake Cargill (18 starts) and junior Andrew Roberts.

**Washington University:** Washington University returns six starters and 28 letterwinners to a squad that posted a 14-1-5

overall record in 2010, including a 4-1-2 mark in University Athletic Association (UAA) play. Washington advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament before falling to Loras College in penalty kicks. The Bears allowed just nine goals all season and ranked sixth in Division III with a 0.42 team goals against average while posting 12 shutouts in 20 games. The Bears welcome back their top six scorers from last season, including leading scorer Patrick McLean who tallied six goals and 15 points a year ago. Senior Cody Costakis returns to the Washington University midfield after accumulating a team-high six assists to go along with four scores. In addition to McLean and Costakis, sophomore back Nik Patel returns to anchor the defense. Patel was an honorable mention All-Association selection following his freshman season. Washington University saw Andrew Serio and Jonathan Jebson split time in the nets last year, but with Serio lost to graduation, Jebson is expected to become the full-time goalkeeper to start 2011. Jebson ranked fifth in Division III in goals against average (.343) and save percentage (0.90) last season. Bolstering the Bears' offensive attack will be junior Kenji Kobayashi (five goals), junior Zachary Query (three goals, three assists), senior Kevin Privalle (three goals, three assists) and sophomore Michael Flowers (two goals, four assists).