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Emory and Chicago Tied for First in UAA Women’s Preseason Poll

Emory University and the University of Chicago were selected to share the UAA title in a poll of Association head women’s soccer coaches. The Maroons claimed the 2010 UAA title and earned the automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Women’s Soccer Championship. They lost Wartburg College on penalty kicks in the first round. Emory, who finished second last season in the UAA, reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA championship. The Eagles only loss in UAA play was to Chicago, 1-0.

Team (1st-Place Votes)	2010 UAA	Overall
1. Chicago (4) Emory (4)	6-1-0	12-4-3
3. Rochester Washington	3-2-2	12-5-3
5. Brandeis	4-3-0	15-5-1
6. Carnegie Mellon	2-5-0	8-8-0
7. Case	1-6-0	9-8-1
8. NYU	2-5-0	7-10-2

Chicago and Emory both earned four first-place votes en route to a tie for top spot in the 2011 poll. The University of Rochester and Washington each finished tied for third. The remaining teams in the poll, by finish are; Brandeis University, Carnegie Mellon University, Case Western Reserve University and New York University.

The Maroons are looking for their 13th NCAA Division III berth, and will rely on senior goalkeeper and All-Association First Team honoree Emma Gormley. She is a three-year starter in net for Chicago and last season allowed just nine goals all year while earning All-Region honors. Emory will turn to defender and All-American Lauren Gorodetsky to help them earn its fourth NCAA berth in the last five years. Last season she was part of a defense recorded 10 shutouts for the Eagles. The sophomore earned All-Association First Team honors as she led a defense that held opponents to just 4.1 shots on goal per game and recorded a 0.56 goals-against average.

The 2011 women’s soccer season opens on Thursday, September 1 with UAA action starting on Saturday, October 1.

2011 UAA Women’s Soccer Previews

Brandeis University: The Judges look to build on one of their most successful seasons in school history. Coach Denise Dallamora’s squad earned an at-large berth to the NCAA tournament and reached the second round before bowing out. The Judges will have to replace their top two leading scorers and a key defender, but several important cogs are back as they look to claim their first UAA title. Senior forward/midfielder Mimi Theodore leads the returning scorers with five goals and nine assists for 19 points. Theodore was second in the UAA in assists and tied for fifth in points. Senior Alanna Torre, a second-team All-Association and third-team All-New England selection, who had three goals and three assists in 2010 also helps control the midfield, as does sophomore Mary Shimko, who led Brandeis rookies with 16 starts last season. The defense, which finished second in the Association with 10 shutouts, returns three seniors: 2009 All-Association honorable mention Fran Shin, Ali Maresca and Ali Theodore. Junior Francine Kofinas was terrific in goal as a rookie, finishing second in the UAA with 90 saves and posting a 0.82 goals against average. Brandeis led the Association in scoring in 2010 with 50 goals on the season, but 20 of those goals came from players who have graduated. A talented group of sophomores will look to step up their scoring, including Hilary Andrews, who scored the team’s game-winning goal against Castleton State in the opening round of the NCAA tournament, and Maddie Stein, who started four games. Both players had three goals and an assist in their first collegiate campaign. Brandeis opens the season on Sept. 1 at home against Clark University.

Carnegie Mellon University: The Tartans finished 8-8 in 2010 with a 2-5 record in UAA play. Senior Elsa Wu will be back in the midfield to captain the team after earning first-team UAA honors and first-team all-region honors in 2010. She was second on the team in scoring with five goals and three assists. She’ll be joined by leading goal scorer Alex Venegas and

another 17 returners. Twelve newcomers will also be in preseason camp looking to fill the voids left by midfielder Alice Mayfield and defensive back Caroline Danko. The Tartans will also have to solidify a goalkeeper with the graduation of three-time All-Association selection and 2007 Rookie of the Year, Anya Rosen. The team will begin the season at the Johns Hopkins tournament before hosting RIT and York in a home tournament. A mix of road and home non-conference games follow before traveling to St. Louis to open UAA play.

Case Western Reserve University: Building off of back-to-back nine-win seasons, the 2011 Case Western Reserve University women's soccer team features 18 letterwinners and 11 returning starters as the squad aims to earn the first UAA championship and NCAA tournament berth in program history. Last season, the Spartans finished at 9-8-1 overall and were ranked as high as seventh in the NCAA Great Lakes Region, while facing a competitive schedule that featured four top-25 opponents. All five of Case's All-Association selections are back, including three second-teamers in junior midfielders Deena Levey and Kendra Simmons and senior defender Kristina Vaci. Also back are a pair of honorable mention All-Association performers in senior goalkeeper Anna Kennedy and sophomore forward Leah Levey. Deena Levey, also an honorable mention All-Association pick in 2009, finished third on the team with 11 points on four goals and three assists. Leah Levey recorded six goals and an assist with a team-high three game-winners as a freshman. Simmons was the team-leader with 18 points and eight goals in 2010. Vaci helped lead the defense to eight shutouts en route to a second-straight All-Association season. Kennedy, a two-time All-Association pick, posted a 6-6 record with 48 saves, five shutouts and a 0.86 goals against average. Head Coach Tiffany Crooks' squad also returns six more starters from last year – three up front and three on the backline. Senior forward Rebecca Vaughan as well as junior midfielders Devyn Lee and Erica Sackett are all back for the Spartan offensive attack. Returning to the backline are seniors Sammy Sarett and Laura Gabster and junior Maeve Goede. Additional letterwinners that saw significant time last year are junior forward Ashley Debeljak, junior midfielder/forward Alyssa Lauzau and sophomore midfielder Rachel Bourque. Crooks also expects major contribution from senior midfielder Alexandra Litofsky and sophomore defender Katie Chapin.

Emory University: Returning most of the talented young squad that reached the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division III Championships last season for the first time in the program's history, the Emory University women's soccer team is poised for another successful season in 2011. The Eagles finished their 2010 campaign with an overall record of 16-2-4, marking the third time in the last four seasons that the team has reached the 16-win plateau and matching the second-best win total in the program's history. Emory's ranking of fifth in the final NSCAA poll was the best in the 25-year history of the program. Leading the Eagles' returners will be sophomore center back and second-team All-American Lauren Gorodetsky, who became the first Division III freshman to earn all-America honors in four years. She keyed an Eagles defense that recorded a 0.56 goals-against average (the 23rd-lowest mark among NCAA Division III teams), while holding opponents to just 4.1 shots on goal per game, including 11 games of three shots on goal or less. Emory will also be returning two junior goalkeepers, Kaele Leonard and Erica Stein, who split time between the pipes in 2010. Leonard finished the year ranked fourth in Division III with a 0.926 save percentage (the second-best mark in program history) and sixth with a school-record 0.329 goals-against average. Offensively, 2010 UAA Rookie of the Year Kelly Costopoulos is back for her sophomore season after leading all Eagles with eight goals and 17 points last season, including three during the NCAA tournament. Sophomore midfielder Clare Mullins (a team-high six assists) and junior midfielder Lee Bachouros (one goal and five assists) will return for Emory as well. Head Coach Sue Patberg, now 78-21-16 during her six seasons with the Eagles, will be joined by fourth-year assistant Rachel Moreland at the team's helm.

New York University: First-year head coach Michele Canning will look to help NYU continue its climb toward the top half of the UAA in 2011. After being held winless in UAA play in 2009, the Violets improved in 2010, going 2-5 and earning a huge victory over the University of Rochester. Overall, NYU went 7-10-2 while facing one of the toughest schedules in Division III, as nine of its 19 opponents went on to reach the NCAA championship. The Violets return three All-UAA honorees from a season ago. A Second Team All-Association honoree in 2010, Serra Tumay should again be one of the top scoring threats in the Association at forward. On defense, a pair of Honorable Mention All-Association selections from a year ago, defender Molly Henning and goalkeeper Rachael Ross, also return. Overall, five starters return from last year's senior-laden squad. Natalie Beach will again patrol the midfield after a strong rookie campaign, while Tara Kiernan will rejoin Henning on the backline. Erica Jones, an Honorable Mention All-Association selection as a sophomore in 2009, will also return after an injury-shortened junior season. With just two seniors, Ross and Jones, and many open starting positions, NYU will rely on its underclassmen and newcomers in its bid to move up the UAA table in 2011.

University of Chicago: Seven starters, including two All-Central Region performers, return for the defending UAA champion Maroons. En route to capturing the Association title with a 6-1 mark in league play, Chicago posted a 12-4-3 overall record in 2010. Senior goalkeeper Emma Gromley, an All-Central Region Second Team pick a year ago, returns after helping the Maroons hold their opponents to just nine goals in 19 matches in 2010. Gormley posted a 0.47 goals against average with 10 shutouts as she garnered All-Association First Team accolades. Three starting defenders are back as well in senior Maggie Tobin and sophomores Liz Doman and Katie Dana. A two-time All-Association pick (2nd team in 2010), Tobin has started 60 consecutive matches since arriving as a freshman. All-Central Region Third Team pick junior Brigitte

Kragie anchors the Chicago midfield. Kragie tallied five goals and a pair of assists last fall. Kragie will be joined by sophomore Micaela Harms, who started 17 of 19 matches in 2010. Sophomore forward Natalia Jovanovic was the Maroons' second-leading scorer a year ago with five goals and eight assists in 18 matches (17 starts). Senior Allison Hegel (6 goals, 3 assists) also returns. Other key returnees include sophomore midfielder Claire Mackevicius (3 goals, 3 assists), sophomore midfielder Kat Konstantinoff, and sophomore defender Bea Hobson.

University of Rochester: It is a changing of the guard for the Yellowjackets as longtime assistant coach Tom Dardaganis takes over. After the 2010 season, Terry Gurnett retired after 34 seasons and 422 victories at Rochester, which ranks him second all-time among all Division III soccer coaches in wins. In 2010, Rochester finished with a 12-5-3 record and made it into the second round of the NCAA Division III Soccer Tournament. The Yellowjackets were led by UAA Most Valuable Player, two-time All-American and three-time first team All-Association selection Ellen Coleman (15 goals, 4 assists, 34 goals). Coleman is back but three All-Association honorees graduated. For 2011, the need is there for a strike partner for Coleman. A potential replacement is senior Jessica Smith who has battled injuries the last two seasons. The midfield is strong, returning seniors Danielle Crean (19 starts, 3 assists), and Elizabeth Martens (19 starts, 4 points). The Rochester defense was its typical stingy self in 2010, holding 14 of 20 opponents to one goal or less and posting six shutouts. This core was led by junior goalkeeper Bridget Lang (Honorable Mention All-Association, 1.08 GAA), defender Alaina Wayland and midfielder Kathryn Rowe (Honorable Mention All-Association). Players looking to break into the starting line-up include junior forward Rachel Wesley, senior defender Jayne Gavrity, and sophomore midfielder Grace Van Der Ven.

Washington University: Fourth-year head coach Jim Conlon returns 23 letterwinners and 10 starters from last year's team, which advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division III Soccer Tournament. The Bears posted an 11-8-2 overall record, and tied for fourth in the UAA with a 3-2-2 mark. A pair of All-Central Region selections in seniors Emma Brown and Lee Ann Felder leads Washington into the 2011 season. Brown, a First Team All-Association honoree, led the team in scoring with five goals and four assists for 14 points. Felder, who joined Brown on the All-Association First Team, started all 21 games for the Bears in the midfield, scoring four goals with three assists for 11 points. Junior goalkeeper Clara Jaques and junior back Nicole Martin earned second-team All-UAA honors a year ago, and anchored a defense that allowed 18 goals in 21 games played. Sophomore midfielder Kate Doyle returns after starting 17 games as a freshman and earned Honorable mention All-Association honors. Also returning for the Bears are senior back Alyssa Marulli (21 starts), sophomore back Darcy Banco (19 starts), junior midfielder Emily Gosché (14 starts, three goals), sophomore forward Becky Berels (12 starts, three goals), and junior midfielder Lauren Clatch (11 starts).