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Rochester Voted Preseason Number-One for UAA Men’s Soccer Title

The University of Rochester was selected as the favorite to claim the University Athletic Association men’s soccer title by the head coaches. The Yellowjackets finished tied for first with Emory University to share the 2008 UAA title with a 6-1-0 record in Association play last year. Rochester enters the season ranked 18th in the nation according to the NSCAA/adidas Division III Rankings.

Rochester earned four first-place votes to win the 2009 coaches poll. Carnegie Mellon University finished second receiving two first-place votes. Emory University was picked to finish third and earned two first-place votes. Washington University in St. Louis was selected to finish fourth. Rounding out the remaining teams in the poll, in order, are Case Western Reserve University, New York University, the University of Chicago, and Brandeis University.

Team (1st-Place Votes)	2008 UAA (Overall)
1. Rochester (4)	6-1-0 (14-3-2)
2. Carnegie Mellon (2)	5-2-0 (15-3-1)
3. Emory (2)	6-1-0 (16-2-1)
4. Washington	4-3-0 (12-5-1)
5. Case	3-3-1 (13-5-1)
6. NYU	1-6-0 (6-9-3)
7. Chicago	1-5-1 (5-10-3)
8. Brandeis	0-5-2 (8-9-2)

The Yellowjackets, who earned their fourth straight NCAA Division III playoff berth last year, will look to All-UAA First Team senior forward J.J. Dennstedt and senior goalie Michael Peacock to help the Yellowjackets to another UAA title. Dennstedt ranked third in the Association last year in points with 26 and tied for third in goals with 11. Peacock, named All-American Third Team by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, led the UAA in shutouts with eight and was third in goals against average with .836 last year.

Carnegie Mellon will turn to senior forward and 2008 UAA Co-Player of the Year Griffin to lead the team. Griffin led the UAA in points (41) and goals (17) last season. Last year’s co-champions Emory have last year’s Rookie of the Year sophomore Ben Schlang returning to lead the Eagles in their quest to repeat as UAA Champions.

The 2009 NSCAA/adidas Division III preseason rankings include three Association teams, listing Emory at ninth, Rochester at 18th, and Carnegie Mellon at 21st. The 2009 season opens on Tuesday September 1st with Association play beginning on October 3rd.

2009 UAA Men’s Soccer Team Capsules

Brandeis University: The Brandeis men’s soccer team is looking to have a breakout season in 2009 after two seasons that have found them just missing out on tournament play. There will be some big shoes to fill with the departure of talented seniors, Ben Premo, and Kevin Murphy. Premo, a two time All UAA and All-New England performer, left Brandeis as the fifth leading scorer in program history and Murphy was a solid 4 year starter. Mike Coven will look to a diverse blend of returning players and freshmen as he builds his team for the upcoming year. A very talented group of freshmen should push the eight returning starters and 19 returning letterwinners for playing time both in the starting lineup and minutes off the bench. The team will be led by senior captains Corey Bradley and Adam Guttman, who will add some much needed leadership to a team that will count 18 underclassmen on its roster.

Carnegie Mellon University The Tartans return the core of their NCAA team from last year as only two members graduated from the 15-3-1 team. Offensively, the UAA Co-Player of the Year and leading goal scorer, Ricky Griffin, will be back for his senior season on the front line. Joining him in a leadership role will be defensive back Jon Hall and midfielder Keith Haselhoff. Also returning for his senior season is Ryan Browne in the midfield. Both Griffin and Browne were named All-Americans by the NSCAA last season. A spot to fill for the Tartans will be goalkeeper as All-Region honoree and three-time All-UAA selection Matt Bazin graduated after posting the most wins in school history for his career. There are seven freshmen entering camp that will be looked upon to add depth to the senior-laden team.

Case Western Reserve University: No team can easily replace 10 players, including six starters and five All-UAA

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players. That is the task faced by Case Western Reserve University's Dan Palmer in his sixth season as head men's soccer coach. Coming off of a 13-5-1 season, expectations are still high for the Spartans as they look to achieve a top-20 national ranking for the fourth straight season. Helping to speed up the learning curve for younger team members are two experienced veterans, senior midfielders Brian Evans and Jordan Cottington, who will serve as team captains. Sophomore defender Niro Wimalasena and Evans are back after earning All-UAA honorable mention in 2008. Sophomore forward Vinny Bell and junior Jordan Fox are the leading scorers among the 18 returning Spartans. Bell scored seven goals and 15 points, tied for third on the team in each category. Fox netted five goals and fourteen points. In goal, Case is expected to turn to sophomore Ben Yabrow. Yabrow saw action in eight games, including five starts, during his freshman campaign while posting a superb .828 save percentage.

Emory University: After reaching the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament in 2008, the Emory University men's soccer team will look to replicate its success from last season during its upcoming 2009 campaign. Coming off its first UAA Championship since the 1998 season and a 16-2-1 overall record, the Eagles will have to overcome the loss of 11 seniors, including NSCAA All-Americans Patrick Carver and Marc Del Marmol, and all-South Region goalkeeper Jonathan Laycock. Leading the group of returnees for Emory will be sophomore forward Ben Schlang, last season's UAA Rookie of the Year. Schlang led the UAA with three game-winning goals in conference play, and finished second on the squad with nine goals and 23 points. Juniors Christopher Howie, Michael Scannapieco, and Jake Graetz each played in every game last season, and will look to make an impact again in 2009. Leader of last year's UAA Coaching Staff of the Year, head coach Sonny Travis returns for his third year with the team after guiding the Eagles to back-to-back 16-win seasons for the first time in the program's history. Emory enters the season ranked ninth in the NSCAA National Pre-Season Division III Poll, the highest-ranking of any UAA team.

New York University: Thirteenth-year head coach Joe Behan returns seven starters from a Violets squad that went 6-9-3 (1-6-0 UAA) last season, but recorded seven shutouts and allowed one goal or fewer in 12 contests. Senior captain Christopher Wolf, a three-year starter and 2008 Honorable Mention All-UAA pick, will lead NYU's defensive effort in 2009. Although primarily used as a center back, Wolf could move forward and play in the midfield when needed. Junior back Nick Coulson, a starter in 15 games last year, enjoyed a strong spring season and will further fortify the defense. Offensively, senior midfielder Brandon Hintz' career-best seven assists last fall tied him for fifth among the UAA leaders. He will work to set up talented sophomore striker Badr Bevaart (4-0-8), the Violets' leading returning scorer. Meanwhile, sophomore midfielder Matt Newman will be counted upon to provide solid two-way play.

University of Chicago: Chicago looks to rebound from a disappointing 5-10-3 finish in 2008. Seven starters return

for the Maroons, including two-time All-Central Region forward, junior Alex Clifford. Clifford led the club in scoring a year ago with three goals and three assists, following a 2007 campaign in which he tallied six times en route to being named the UAA Rookie of the Year. Other key returning players include senior forward Edgar Friloux (3 goals), senior defenders Drew Marshall and Jon Hughes, junior midfielder Kenzo Manners (3 goals, 2 assists), junior midfielder Joseph Farias-Eisner, sophomore midfielder Stan Coville (team-high 4 goals), sophomore goalkeeper Chris Giusto (1.75 GAA, 2 ShO), and sophomore defender Rashad Masri. Head Coach Scott Wiercinski expects contributions from several other players who saw playing time as newcomers last fall.

University of Rochester: The Yellowjackets are coming off four straight NCAA playoff appearances and will rely on a veteran team to make a run at five in a row. Rochester was 14-3-2 last season and shared the UAA title with a 6-1 record. Forward J.J. Dennstedt (11 goals, 4 assts., 26 pts.) reaped awards nearly as quickly as he scored goals. Dennstedt was an NSCAA Third Team All-American, First Team All-Northeast Region, and First Team All-UAA. Goalkeeper Michael Peacock allowed a paltry nine goals in 1600 minutes played (0.51 goals-against average), and made 46 saves. He had eight solo shutouts and shared four others. Peacock was First Team All-UAA, Third Team All-Region. Midfielder Steve Welles was a Second Team All-UAA pick as well as Third Team All-Region after collecting four goals and three assists for 11 pts. Forward Scott Cady was accorded Honorable Mention All-UAA status after scoring three goals in nine matches. He missed 10 straight games after an injury suffered on opening night. Three starters return on the back line: Clif White, Phil Proud, and Misha Carrel-Thomas. Jimmy Parrinello and Timmer McCarthy anchor midfield.

Washington University: The Washington University men's soccer team enters the 2009 season with a great deal of optimism as the squad returns a number of key components that resulted in a 12-5-1 record a year ago. Head coach Joe Clarke brings back four of his top-five goal scorers from last season in addition to Honorable Mention All-University Athletic Association (UAA) goalkeeper John Smelcer. Senior John Hengel, junior Harry Beddo and sophomore Patrick McClean will pace the Washington University offense. Hengel enjoyed his best season at Washington with eight goals, four assists and six game-winning scores in 2008, earning honorable mention All-UAA honors. McClean was the Bears' second leading scorer with four goals and an assist, while Beddo notched four goals during his sophomore campaign. With Smelcer tending the nets for one final season, the Bears will feature one of the top goalkeepers in NCAA Division III, and it also returns two touted defensive specialists. Junior Alex Neumann and Randall Schoen both started in the Bears backfield for all 18 contests last season, as Washington gave up just 12 goals through the first 15 games of the year. Neumann went on to earn first-team NSCAA/adidas All-South Region honors, while Schoen was a Second Team All-UAA selection.