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## Chicago Selected as UAA Preseason Favorite in Women’s Soccer

The University of Chicago was selected to win the UAA title in a poll chosen by the Association head soccer coaches. This is the second straight season where the Maroons have been selected to finish first in the preseason poll. The Maroons finished third in 2008 with a 5-2 record in the UAA, behind Co-Champions Emory University and Washington University. Chicago enters the season ranked 16<sup>th</sup> by the NSCAA/adidas Division III Preseason Rankings.

Team (1st-Place Votes)	2008 UAA (Overall)
1. Chicago (4)	5-2-0 (13-6-2)
2. Washington (4)	6-1-0 (15-4-2)
3. Rochester	3-4-0 (11-6-2)
4. Emory	6-1-0 (16-4-1)
5. NYU	2-5-0 (11-9-1)
6. Brandeis	3-3-1 (13-7-2)
7. Carnegie Mellon	2-4-1 (8-6-3)
8. Case Western Reserve	0-7-0 (8-11-0)

Chicago earned four first-place votes en route to a top finish in the 2009 poll. Washington University received the remaining four first-place votes to finish second. The remaining teams in the poll, in order, are the University of Rochester, Emory University, New York University, Brandeis University, Carnegie Mellon University, and Case Western Reserve University.

Chicago looks to earn its eleventh straight NCAA Division III berth, and will rely on senior midfielder and All-UAA First Team honoree Claire Gill and senior forward Brooke Bontz, All-Association Second Team in 2008, to help them capture another UAA title. Gill led the team in points with 15 and tied for first in goals with six. Bontz ranked tenth in Association play with 48 shots and finished third in points with 13 among her teammates.

Six UAA women’s soccer teams open their respective seasons on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> with Rochester traveling to SUNY Brockport and NYU heading to The College of New Jersey. Washington will host Illinois Wesleyan College, Carnegie Mellon will Denison University at home. Brandeis opens the season at home against Massachusetts Institute of Technology while Chicago travels to DePauw University. Emory opens its season on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> when they travel to Lee University.

## 2009 UAA Women’s Soccer Team Capsules

**Brandeis University:** The Brandeis women's soccer team is coming off back-to-back ECAC New England titles, and now the Judges are looking to take the next step. Head coach Denise Dallamora, in her 30th season on the sidelines, loses just two starters from a squad that finished 13-7-2 overall, 3-3-1 in the UAA, good for fourth-place. Brandeis will be led by senior forward Melissa Gorenkoff, a two-time second team All-Association selection. She led the UAA with nine assists, was third with 25 points, and tied for sixth with eight goals in 2008. Gorenkoff enters her senior campaign 10th on the University's all-time scoring list and third in career assists. Teammate and All-UAA honorable mention Tiffany Pacheco also landed on the 2008 UAA scoring leader-board with eight goals (tied for 6th) and 20 points (8th). Fourteen different players scored goals for the Judges last season, so the team expects more balanced scoring in 2009. The Brandeis defense, which recorded a shutout in 11 of its 22 contests, will be anchored by All-UAA honorable mentions Taryn Martiniello, a junior, and Francesca Shin, a sophomore. Senior goalkeeper Hillary Rosenzweig ranked third in the Association in saves and save percentage and tied for the UAA lead with nine shutouts. The Judges open the 2009 season on Sept. 1 against MIT at home at 7 p.m.

**Carnegie Mellon University:** The Tartans are looking to advance in the UAA standings in 2009 after finishing sixth with two wins in conference play last season. Gone from last year’s team are Abby Coffin, Carnegie Mellon’s all-time goals- scored leader, and Sarah DeWath, a three-time All-UAA defensive back. The sophomore class is full of talent and ready to explode offensively as not one person will be looked upon to carry the load. Returning offensively are junior forward Valerie Corvino and sophomore midfielder Elsa Wu. Both were named All-UAA last season along with junior Emily Overstreet who returns to the back line. All-UAA keeper, Anya Rosen, will solidify the Tartans defense while six newcomers will vie for playing time and starting roles.

**Case Western Reserve University:** Coming off an eight win season, the program's best since 2003, the Case Western Reserve University women's soccer team is looking to take its game to the next level in 2009. Led by third-year head coach Tiffany Crooks, Case is returning an experienced squad which graduated only three seniors and two starters. Leading the Spartans are three players who have All-UAA honors in 2008. Junior forward Ana Arruda junior defender Amy Baumann, and sophomore defender Laura Gabster all were honorable mention All-UAA selections. Arruda led the team in points (23) and goals (9) last season. Sophomores Anna Kennedy and Jackie Guttman will both be fighting for playing time in net. Kennedy is the more experienced of the two, having seen action in 12 games during her freshman campaign. The Spartans are anticipating an influx of talent from two veteran All-UAA players who return to the team after missing last season. Senior forward Caroline Garber returns after taking the last season off to work a co-op and junior forward Amy Bishara transfers back to Case after spending last season at Miami of Ohio. Bishara started 14 games in 2007 and led the team with seven goals.

**Emory University:** The Emory University women's soccer team will look for its third consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament in 2009 after advancing to the second round of the tournament in 2008. The Eagles won the fifth UAA Championship in the program's history last season, tying Washington University for the crown and finishing with a 16-4-1 record overall. Emory will have to overcome the loss of nine seniors, including two-time all-American defender Grace Lam, and UAA Player of the Year Whitney Briggs. All-UAA Honorable Mention senior midfielder Talia Dweck returns for Emory, in addition to last year's leading scorer, senior Shayna Bryan (eight goals and three assists in 2008). Rising juniors Melanie Levy (midfield), Emily Rubin (defense), and Lauren Smith (forward), each played in every game for the Eagles last season, and will look to be major factors in the squad's success again in 2009. Head Coach Sue Patberg returns for her fifth season at the Eagles' helm, having led the team to three NCAA tournament appearances and a 54-14-7 record in her previous four seasons. Emory will begin the season ranked 22nd in the NSCAA National Pre-Season Division III Poll.

**New York University:** Under the guidance of third-year head coach Werner T. Dasbach, NYU (11-9-1, 2-5 UAA) made its second straight postseason appearance while earning its first playoff victory and reaching its first ECAC Division III Metro title game since 2001. With nine starters returning, the Violets will look to make their second NCAA Division III championships appearance ever, and their first since reaching the 2002 "Sweet 16." Five of NYU's top six offensive threats return, including a pair of two-time Honorable Mention All-UAA selections in junior forwards Filiz Kipcakli (10-3-23) and Laura Palumbo (6-6-18), as well as fellow junior forward Rebecca Assing (5-2-12), junior midfielder Emily Jenkinson (4-3-11) and senior midfielder Lucy Dolly Caires (3-3-9). Kipcakli's 10 goals and 23 points in 2008 each ranked third on the Violets' single-season charts. Two more Honorable Mention All-UAA selections in junior Katie Gaston (started all 21 games) and sophomore Erica Jones (0-4-4), as well as junior Cait Kilpatrick (21 games, 18 starts), will spark a talented defense in front of junior goalkeeper Alex Walters (11-8-1, 1.16 GAA, 5 SHO).

**University of Chicago:** Chicago features nine seniors and seven players who started at least 16 matches for last season's NCAA "Sweet Sixteen" team (13-6-2 overall). Among the returnees is two-time All-Central Region midfielder Claire Gill (6 goals, 3 assists). Senior forward Brooke Bontz (5 goals, 3 assists), an All-UAA First Team selection each of the past two years, is also back. Other key returning offensive contributors include junior midfielder Claire Denz (team-high 5 assists), junior forward Sarah Loh (3 goals, 1 assist), and junior midfielder Emily Benoit (1 goal, three assists). Defensively, the Maroons return three starters in seniors Katie Klamann and Kaitlin Meyer and sophomore Maggie Tobin. Sophomore goalkeeper Emma Gormely, who started 11 games in 2008 with a 1.26 goals against average and three shutouts, also returns for a Chicago team that allowed only one goal per match a year ago.

**University of Rochester:** Head coach Terry Gurnett ('77) needs three victories to earn his 400<sup>th</sup> career triumph. Rochester has the offensive firepower to help him get there. The Yellowjackets scored 47 goals in 19 matches and five of the top six scorers return. Bridgette Varin had a breakout season as a sophomore with 11 goals and four assists for 26 pts. Varin tied a UAA record by scoring four times in one game. Ellen Coleman was the UAA Rookie of the Year and tied Varin for point-scoring honors (9-8-26). Jessica Smith scored six goals (6-2-14) in nine appearances. Mae Butler (5-4-14) and Kirsten Ross (4-4-12) provided an offensive boost as well. Erin Carballo will play either on the front line or in midfield. Rochester's defense will revolve around Eileen Boylan, Stephanie Diebold, Lindsay Rood and goalkeeper Celeste Hornbach. Hornbach made 37 saves, had an 0.88 goals-against average (14 goals allowed in 17 matches), and posted five solo shutouts. Rochester competed in the NCAA Division III playoffs last year, marking its 26<sup>th</sup> consecutive post-season appearance.

**Washington University:** Second-year head coach Jim Conlon returns 18 letterwinners and five starters from last year's squad, which posted a 15-4 overall mark and advanced to the NCAA sectional semifinals. The Bears also won their third-straight UAA title and fifth in the last six years. Senior Libby Held, a first-team All-America and All-UAA honoree in 2008, started 20 games for the Bears in the center backfield. She was part of the Bears' defense that allowed just 19 goals all season, posting eight shutouts. Also returning for Washington is senior forward Caryn Rosoff, a first-team all-central region and All-UAA selection. Rosoff led the Bears with nine goals and 22 points. Joining her up front is sophomore Lee Ann Felder, an honorable mention All-UAA honoree who scored six goals in her rookie year. Senior Becca Heymann, a member of the all-Region second-team and the All-UAA First Team, played in all 21 games for the Bears at midfield. Heymann's seven assists led the team and combined with a pair of goals, gave her 11 points for the year. Senior midfielder Elyse Hanly started 17 games in the midfield a year ago, while senior forward Carter Schwarberg picked up Honorable Mention All-UAA after appearing in all 21 games for the Bears.