

Men's Soccer

Season Box-score

Games Played	Win (2pts)	Loss	Draw	GF-GA	Standing
12	8	1	3	26-13	1 st (19pts)

*Playoffs – Lost in OUAA Final

In a year that saw U of T go undefeated in the regular season – 6 wins and 6 draws – and still not make the playoffs, the young Ravens did well to finish first in the division. After a strong showing in their inaugural season, the core of the team returned and with a few new pieces the team climbed as high as #6 in the Canadian university rankings and was a whisker away from winning their first OUAA banner and a shot at National glory.



Glen Shirtliffe, one of the founders of the modern day Carleton Men's Soccer program along with first coach Brian Burns (1981), moved out of a coaching and into the role of team Manager. Bill Thomson, Technical Director for the Canadian Soccer Association and future Head coach of Ottawa's first professional club, The Pioneers, moved into the Head coaching role. The Scotsman also brought Arthur Grainge into the team primarily as a specialized goalkeeper coach.

The 1983 team core was made up of players like: Claudio Mirella, Ian Martin, Mike Lanos, Don Mezei, Fausto Plescia, Sean Holmes, Armando Peschard, Rob Delbello, Dennis Shermeto, Siva Ananmalay, Mike Tardioli, Jeff Clarke, Jeff Charlebois, Andy Saranchuck and Gordie Smith to name most. Goalkeepers Mark Stokes, David Bonk, John Keuper and (rookie) James "Jazz" Armstrong further defended the realm.

So, for a team with little pedigree, but solid coaching, young, committed and talented players with a strong work ethic, the sky was the limit for these Ravens – and it couldn't have started worse.

Carleton would give up 7 goals to U of T in their season opener and eventually lose 7-2; an inauspicious start indeed. Like all quality teams, however, they would battle through it and amazingly not lose again until the playoffs – including a six game winning streak and defeating Laurentian on the final day to clinch first place and one of only two available play-off spots. That shocking loss on opening day was a distant memory come play-off time!



This team peaked at the right time, found its game and was a *wall* at the back, which included a fantastic goalkeeper in returning veteran Mark Stokes. Future Hall of Famer Mike Lanos would also run off an incredible 10 goals in four games to help his side turn around the dodgy start. Smith, Tardioli, Mirella, Clarke, Martin and Ananmalay all provided additional scoring support as the year progressed. In a storybook breakout rookie season, Lanos would be the first Carleton Ravens soccer player ever to be named to the CIAU All – Canadian team.



The playoffs would pit the Ravens against McMaster and they would win 2-1, but then lose on penalty kicks in the Ontario Final to OUAA East Division arch-rival Laurentian - who would go on to win its first National Championship.