



1984



Men's Soccer

Season Box-score

| Games Played | Win (2pts) | Loss | Draw | GF-GA | Standing |
|--------------|------------|------|------|-------|-------------------------|
| 12 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 27-11 | 2 nd (15pts) |

*Playoffs – OUAA Champions, CIAU National Finalists (Silver Medal)

This is the team that people still talk about. The team that put Carleton on the university sports map! It became a team defined by its character, organization, determination, and clutch performances. The team that had a November to remember and laid a foundation of tradition still felt today. Young, fit, and hard-working, this team caught fire and believed in itself. Some timely scoring, stingy defending, and brilliant net-minding all led these Ravens down a path to something special.



Head Coach Bill Thomson and Assistant, Arthur Grainge, returned for their second season together and added new assistant Jaime Marulanda. The roster featured: Mike Lanos, Co-Captains – Claudio Mirella and Ian Martin, Fausto Plescia, Don Mezei, Sean Holmes, Kevin Johnston, Jeff Clarke, Armando Pleschard, Jeff Charlebois, Andrew Saranchuck, John Hemm, Steve Tambling, Milan Krauthaker, John Roumelis, Siva Ananmalay, Dennis Shermeto, Joe Cinanni, Mike Tardioli. Laurentian transfer, Rob Gallo, also added some depth. Mark Stokes, Ian Sadler and James “Jazz” Armstrong were the goalkeeping crew. Lanos and Roumelis lead the team in regular season scoring with 7 goals each. Rookie striker, Cinanni scored 3 as did Shermeto and Mirella; Ananmalay had one two. Mark Stokes would keep six clean sheets through the season and three more in the playoffs for another standout year from the undersized giant!

This team had a roller coaster ride throughout the regular season. They would beat U of T handily and even tied the #1 ranked defending National Champion Laurentian Voyageurs. Then, shockingly lost mid-season to Trent (2-1) and tied RMC (2-2). Things did not look good. But after winning their final three games (all by shut-out) and receiving a little help on the last day, when Laurentian beat Queens, to give the Ravens second spot and a berth in the OUA Semi-Final. They were literally waiting for a phone call to see if they were in. And then off to Windsor for the OUAA Finals. They would defeat the hosts 3-0, before eventually beating Western 2-1, handing the favoured Mustangs their first defeat of the season. Lanos scored both goals and Mirella and Martin had the helpers, while goalkeeper Mark Stokes was nearly unbeatable. The 1984 Ravens were OUAA Champions! It was the first OUAA banner for the university in 9 years.



As it was the OUAA's turn to host the games for the CIAU National Championships, Carleton hosted UPEI in the semi-final match. UPEI were ranked #1 in Canada at the time and hadn't lost a match all season, outscoring their opposition 48-5. Over 800 people were in attendance at Raven Field and lined the field and the hill overlooking the pitch (Pre - Keith Harris Stadium). Mike Lanos would score his 12th goal of the year (5th in the playoffs), Claudio Mirella (from Lanos) put one away late and goalkeeper, Mark Stokes, stopped shot after shot to give the boys a 2-0 win and on to the National Final!



The Ravens historic first trip to the CIAU National Final was a special occasion for this group of players because many were homegrown Ottawa boys. Legend has it 2000 people showed up that cold November day, but it was probably more like 1200. All told, it was

an implausible crowd and an incredible event for this still fledgling program and its young stars. It was a special moment, win or lose. As the Charlatan wrote: “They lost, they were outplayed, but they were not beaten”



They matched up against a strong UBC Thunderbirds side brimming with skill and ability. Mark Stokes was unbeatable in regulation time (as he often was) and it went to penalty kicks. Carleton did not have a reputation for losing on penalty kicks (yet) although the previous year’s loss to Laurentian for the OUA A Championship came on penalty kicks and was still fresh. For Stokes, it was his 9th shutout in 16 games. UBC would bury their first three penalty shots, and while Holmes and Cinanni replied for Carleton, Roumelis and Martin would be denied and it was all over. It was a complete team performance, but Lanos’ career year and clutch goal scoring, coupled with his 1983 All-Canadian recognition, put a spotlight on his abilities and Carleton University Athletics recognized him as the Co-Athlete of the Year.



Members of the **1984 National Finalist Raven Team**
2002 at the CIS National Championships – Carleton University

1984 – A gritty, typical Raven performance for the ages with an unlucky ending, but what a year! They were Carleton University’s first National Finalists in anything!