

Men's Soccer

Season Box-score

Games Played	Win (2pts)	Loss	Draw	GF-GA	Standing
12	6	5	1	30-15	4 th (13pts)
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*Playoffs - Lost in OUA East Semi-final

Known in Raven lore as the year of *The Coup*, the players and coach drifted from each other and into a bad way early in the season. The team would actually turn it around for the second half to become the hottest team in the league and bounce back from missing the playoffs the previous season. Former Captain, Sean Holmes, and former All-Canadian and Raven leading scorer, Mike Lanos, would both not return this season. That didn't necessarily mean a drop off in talent, however, as names like Vidovich, Lauter, McFall, Cinanni, Nera, and Stokes returned.



Assistant coach Arthur Grange took over as head coach from Bill Thomson in 1987 after Thomson's sudden resignation to pursue other opportunities. Early in the 1988 season however, the tension was growing between the coach and players. New Captain Andy Nera tried to mediate with Coach Grainge, but eventually the players went to Carleton Athletics and Varsity Team Coordinator, John Wilson, saying they would no longer play unless changes were made. Arthur Grainge eventually resigned. Recently retired former captain, Ian Martin, was approved by the players, asked, and installed as Interim head coach for the remainder of 1988.



The team would turn around a poor start and run off a series of victories under Martin's new leadership, to grab the final playoff spot in another tough OUAA East division. They would lose a tough away first-round playoff-game against U of T, in overtime, to end the season.

The scoring was pretty balanced on this team, which helped pull it out of a nosedive. German born rookie, Andreas Weber led the team in scoring with 8 goals. Fellow rookie Phil Cragg was next in scoring, along with veteran defender Marty Lauter, with 4 goals. The McFall brothers tallied 3 each and the Vidovich brothers, 3 apiece. Joe Cinanni and Mark McKenzie contributed with 2 goals each.



Amazingly, this team sported three brother combinations – Long serving John and Paul Vidovich; Richard and David McFall; and rookies, Oliver and Andreas Weber. Rookies, Phil Cragg, Tony Pantieras, Basil Phillips, Mark McKenzie and Julian Carr, also began their Raven careers this season. Other returning players were Joe Cinanni, Marty Lauter, Andy Nera, and goalkeepers Mark Stokes and James "Jazz" Armstrong. John Walsh, a former Laurentian player, also debuted in Red and Black. This was the final season for many veterans including Carleton's first ever starting goalkeeper and perennial team MVP, Mark Stokes, as well as the renowned Vidovich brothers.

"The next thing to what I might call a complaint was that some players don't get patted on the back enough... Well that's just me. I don't do that."

- Quote from Coach Arthur Grainge after he resigned (The Charlatan – October 13, 1988).

