



1989



Men's Soccer

Season Box-score

| Games Played | Win (2pts) | Loss | Draw | GF-GA | Standing |
|--------------|------------|------|------|-------|------------------------|
| 12 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 10-27 | 5 th (8pts) |

*No Playoffs – DNQ

Despite saying he was only “filling-in” in 1988, Ian Martin would stay on to become the full-time head coach for the 1989 season and beyond. It was an almost entirely new team with only newly named Captain David McFall, Tony Pantieras, Andreas Weber and Steve Ball returning (after a few years away from the scene). It was an exodus combined with a total rebuild. Ball would start in goal, but eventually gave way to standout, Gus Menna. Ball would leave the team at the half-way point, and third-string goalkeeper Tony Chan took over backing-up Menna.

Soccer roughs up Trent

By Oliver Bandza

Column text

In a game that might label the Ravens the "Benson Avenue Bullies", Carleton's men's soccer team defeated Trent 4-2 in Peterborough Sunday. The victory marked a rebound from a nail-biting 2-1 loss at home to York the day before.

The victory over Trent levelled the Ravens record at 1-1-1, in a game that Coach Ian Martin described as "hard fought."

This underlines a motto which saw the "red coats" handed out. A red card is an immediate ejection from the match as well as a one game suspension. As a result the Ravens Matt Vella, and Tony Georgiou will sit out the game next Saturday against the University of Toronto.

Tony Georgiou scored twice, with Robbie Saxberg and Tony Glibock adding singles in the win.

Saturday, bitter North winds blew across the chilled tundra of Carleton's soccer pitch. But as the mercury dropped, so did the Ravens.

Ten minutes into the game, York jumped on the board scoring off a free kick from about 30 yards out. Carleton responded with their first goal of the season on a play that showed great ball control and poise.

At the 25 minute mark they swung the ball in to the 18 yard box, where two players were then able to move around the goalie. Robbie Saxberg tripped it

home to even the score at 1-1. Pantieras headed for the lead the Ravens came close. In a goal-mouth scramble the ball hit the upright, rolled along the sideline, and the resulting scrum for the ball, another shot deflected off the crossbar.

The finished attack brought the cheering spectators alive, and the sparse crowd cheered their team's efforts. However, within minutes the fans spots were shoneered as Dario Gasperotto notched his second goal of the game for York.

Gasperotto's goal was the result of a penalty shot in the 35th minute of play, after he had been dragged down trying to break through the defence. Gasperotto made no mistake, hitting the spot post diving Carleton keeper, Steve Ball.

The Ravens came back strong in the second half and noted what they thought was the equalizer, until the goal was disallowed on an offside call. Team captain, David McFall, expressed his discontent with the controversial call.

"They (the treatment) are familiar with some of the goal players...and, it's unfortunate, they want to be the centre of attention."

Instrumental to Carleton's style on the weekend was a "kick-it-up-you" attitude. This rough and tumble style is affectionately known to players as "clat-tering". The Ravens will "clatter" U of T on Sept. 30.

until Sept. 5.

Coach Joe Powell of the Ravens' rugby team, is cautiously optimistic about his team's prospects for 1989.

After a successful year in division two play two years ago, the Ravens last year moved to division one and were winless. This year they return to division two, and are hoping for better results from their players both on and off the field.



"Last year the problem was commitment (from players), both training and throwing up," said Powell. "The

soccer team finished last year with a 6-1-3 record and ended up losing a playoff game in a tie breaker to eventual national champion U of T.

Unfortunately for head coach Ian Martin, who took over part way through last season, only one of last year's starters will be returning. Martin will have to fill out his roster with returning non-starters and incoaching first year recruits. "One can only be optimistic," said Martin.

"We would be satisfied to make the playoffs...I see no reason why with proper attitude we can't finish in the top two." Martin said he has spoken to many of the interested new players on the telephone, and is encouraged by their "soccer sense".

Carleton's fourth year increase team is looking to have a good year after finishing the regular season undefeated last year, before losing in the second game of the playoffs to Brock. Despite the loss of top scorers Mark Goodie, and Chris and Doug Taylor to graduation, the team has most of its players returning.

The team will look to attackmen Dave Stiel and Craig Smith to help keep up the teams strong scoring punch as of

Soccer gets thumped

by Oliver Bandza

Column text

Carleton soccer was forced to swallow another bitter pill in a quickly sounding season as they were blasted 8-0 in their Oct. 15 match against Laurentian University.

Raven Coach Ian Martin expressed his shock at the trouncing. "We were beaten badly. It was 3-0 after only 17 minutes, and that really took the wind out of our sails. Our team couldn't match their skill, size and strength on the ball."

"No team is six goals better than another," said Carleton's Tony Georgiou. "We just were not prepared for the small pitch, and their big guys were able to take the long diagonal crosses with perfect execution."

The Ravens continued to founder as they were completely inundated by the fluid attack of the larger, stronger, and unbeaten Laurentian squad.

"It was in a way, a treat to watch Laurentian and to know that this type of football is being played in Canada," reflected Martin.

Carleton was again plagued by an impotent offence.

"All the physical tools are there, but we are not mentally prepared," said Georgiou. "We are not thinking about making the right play and we are not playing with confidence. If we can score the first goal we will fill the rest of the net on for the win."

With few games remaining the Ravens' record stands at one win, two ties, and four losses.

The team have their backs against a wall as they are in a must-win situation Wednesday against Queen's. Carleton can still grab the last playoff berth if they beat Queen's twice and take advantage of games with the two weaker teams in the division, Trent and RMC.

Earl Cochrane was a rookie along with David Rowntree, Robbie Saxberg, Mark Melnyk, Steve Tomassi, Paul Shaw, Gus Menna, John Strang, Rohan Beebakhee, Tony Giorgiou, Tim Boville, Steven Ferguson, and quite a few other new players. Although Menna was a rookie at Carleton, he had previously played at university in Florida, and brought a very high level of play.

The season was hard-fought, but the growing pains of a new team led to the Ravens worst season in its brief history and second playoff miss in three years. They also set the dubious record of going 6 games without scoring a goal midway through the season and would finish with just 10 goals-for in total.

Men's soccer drops key games

by Oliver Benzosa

Carleton men's soccer playoff hopes slipped through their fingers like a wet bag of soap when they lost a crucial match 2-0 last Wednesday to Queen's.



The season did completely down the drain in a 3-0 tie to Laurier on Saturday, that fumbled the opening goalkeeper scoring from about 100 yards out.

Wednesday's game against Queen's was like many other losses that the Ravens have suffered this season. Although they worked hard, they ended up with nothing to show offensively.

After going on a penalty that goal early in the game, it was an up-hill battle.

"We are always playing for two goals, which is hard enough when we have trouble scoring one", said coach Ian Martin.

Queen's netted a late goal to make a 2-0 ending the Ravens' chances of a playoff position.

"Right now I feel really disappointed for the kids", reflected Martin.

Carleton's scheduled Laurier University game to be seen when the distance the Ravens had been allowed 3-0.

Ravens hope to finish the season positively this week with three home games.

Although the score does not reflect it, the game was one of Carleton's best all year, and was an improvement from a 4-0 loss a week earlier. Every ball was challenged, and there was really a Laurierian made left unopposed.

Laurierian scored two questionable saving eye goals, that bounced around the Raven's goal score before being

netted.

The icing on the cake was a goal that the Ravens keeper, Gus Morosa, will not soon forget. Laurierian's goalkeeper dropped a high flooding ball about 100 yards down the field. It seemed to catch Morosa by surprise, as he hopped over his head and into the back of the net.

The referee was kept busy handing out a total of seven yellow cards, including one to each bench. In the second half the referee had a conversation with Martin, telling him that he expected more of Martin as coach. Martin loudly replied that he expected more of him as a player.

To be fair this season the Ravens have been shutout seven times in nine games while being out scored 23-3. Carleton

has salvaged 4 points in league play with a 1-2-2 record.

Paul Shaw, a Raven's fullback, sums up the feeling of the team, "right now we are playing for pride, and we are going to finish on a good note."

The Ravens have three home games remaining against Trent, Queen's, and RMC, on Oct. 23, 28, 29, respectively.

"This game is quite possibly the best thing that could have happened to us because it may wake us up," he said.

Carleton's undeniably poor effort Sunday was augmented by a powerful back performance.

Rob Englebert felt "the team was intimidated from the start. They wanted to

Brock downs lacrosse

by Eric Francis

The Carleton field lacrosse team will meet its match on Saturday.

The Ravens travelled to Brock with their impressive 8-1 record but that was all they brought.

Intense men's soccer Ravens win two of three

by Oliver Benzosa

After being shutout for a little over 9 hours of playing time, in 6 games, Carleton's offense rediscovered the opportunity to score five goals while winning two out of three games.

Carleton has reasons to celebrate as the usually pessimistic manager Jim Martin said: "We were shutout when we scored," said Ravens captain David McCall after the Wednesday Oct. 25 victory over Trent University. Carleton turned the tables on the usually weaker Trent squad, stonewalling them 2-0. The Ravens were by no means masterful, or graceful in the victory.

"When you start questioning if you can win, you forget what it feels like to win," stated coach Ian Martin.

"It feels great, it really builds my confidence," said Tony Chen after his first full game in net for Carleton. Chen was stuck to give credit to his teammates.

"The defence played as really strong, solid game."

Raven's goals came from Karl Cochrane and David Rowntree. Tony Gonzalez set the table for the first goal as he hit a corner kick off the crossbar then Cochrane headed in for the score. Rowntree netted the second goal, scoring a winning drive from about 20 yards out.

Carleton won again Sunday, concluding their season with a 2-1 victory over the RMC Redmen. The Redmen showed their military training and fitness in the last ten minutes snatching the Ravens net, but only managing one goal.

Referee Saubring, a dominant player for the Ravens all year, scored a single and finished the season with three goals. Cochrane hammered home the winning goal, propelling the squad to their third victory of the year.

"It was a win," flirty stated McCall. On a positive note he added, "We've got a good nucleus of a team, and that will open the gates of scores for next year."

The only blurb on the Ravens "fairy tale" finish was a 3-1 loss to Queen's University. Carleton jumped on the scoreboard first with a goal from Paul Shaw.

"Scoring a goal against a real team was a high moment in this game," said McCall.

Cochrane dominated much of the first half, but the squad soon became rattled with what Martin described later as, "a flurry of mistakes which reflected the flow of the game."

Shaw was yellow-carded and Jake Robson (Brock) II, was ejected from the game with a red card. Queen's then set out to dominate play and took the next three goals.

There were two instances that prevented a Ravens comeback. One opportunity was faded by a brilliant save by the

Women end good season

by Rick Spaldone

THEY SCORED THAT TRICK TO UP THE SEASON.

Queen's goalie. The other was knocked down by what appeared to be a hand ball by the defence, but play continued.

Tony Huttons expressed his exasperation after the match: "I'm not enjoying the game anymore."

In the end, order trends prevailed and Queen's went on to victory.

The Ravens ended the season with a 17-2 record, fifth place out of seven teams with 8 points.



Ravens finish season stronger than they started.

This new bunch of players embraced the traditions of Carleton Soccer culture, however, and we begin to see the loose formations of an Alumni Association around this time as the established players from the first few years remained involved in the varsity scene.

Cochrane, Rowntree, Saxberg and Ball would eventually go on to form the early backbone of Sandy Mackie's first few teams. Ball wouldn't play again until 1992, under Sandy Mackie. A miserable 1989 season would end decently well as the Ravens won 2 of 3 before cleaning out their lockers for the year.

