



1995



Men's Soccer

Season Box-score

Games Played	Win (2pts)	Loss	Draw	GF-GA	Standing
12	6	3	3	16-11	3 rd (21 pts)

*Playoffs – Lost in OUA East Semi-final

The fourth year under Sandy Mackie, and the 14th season as a varsity program presented an even younger and more inexperienced team than the previous campaign. Marty Lauter would again return as assistant coach. After nearly missing the playoffs in 1994, this team certainly did feel the pressure of making the post-season, like every Carleton Men's Soccer team.

Ravens gain share of first with pair of wins

by RYAN WARD
Carleton Staff



The nation's capital has become an unfriendly place to visit for the Trent and Queen's men's soccer teams. The Excelsior and Golden Gaels made the hike to Raven Field to come out empty-handed.

On Sept. 23, Queen's attempted to break the strong Carleton defence but came up empty, losing 1-0.

The Ravens win, combined with Carleton's 3-0 victory over the Trent Excelsior Sept. 24, leaves Carleton tied with Laurentian atop the Ontario Universities Athletic Association standings with a 3-1 record.

"We had two big victories this weekend, especially against Queen's," says assistant coach Marty Lauter. "The reason for our success this year is that we have a better defence. But the greatest change is our offence."

The win against Queen's was their first win against their Kingston rivals in two years. According to co-captain and goaltender Stephen Ball, any win is important against a team like Queen's, who finished last year in third place in the OUA east with a record of 6-4-2.

"We dominated in the first half, (forward) Greg (Gallo) scored early in the second, then (Queen's) kept coming and coming," says Ball. "There was a lot of confidence with the win there because it's extremely important to finish strong."

In the game against Trent, Carleton carried the momentum they had against Queen's as they played a good defensive first half. At halftime, the two teams were deadlocked at zero.

In the second half, the Ravens were fired up and were rewarded with goals by forward John Louro and midfielder Anthony Martin, each with their first of the season. Cameron Barr kicked in his third of the year as the team buried the Excelsior.

"We came out hard in the second half against Trent," says Gallo. "I think we showed a lot of character with the wins this weekend."

Ball was again a key factor as he has been throughout the season.

"He has the experience and shows a lot of leadership," says Gallo.

In his last year of eligibility in the league, many of these games will be Ball's last against other OUA schools.

"Not that I don't take every year seriously," says Ball, "but this year I have stayed more focused because this is my last chance at being victorious."

The Ravens travel to Peterborough, Ont., on Sept. 30 for a rematch against the Excelsior.

OUAA SOCCER East division Final standings

	W	L	T	F	A	TP
Laurentian	8	0	4	19	7	28
Queen's	7	2	3	29	9	24
Toronto	6	3	3	21	14	21
Carleton	6	3	3	16	11	21
Ryerson	3	7	2	17	16	11
York	3	7	2	15	18	11
Trent	0	11	1	3	45	1

Veteran striker, Phil Cragg, resumed his Raven career after a long lay-off. The regular season was a pretty successful one, all things considered. The team got off to a great start, but faded as the season wore on and injuries piled up, and finished in a tie with U of T for third place - but were bumped down to fourth on goal differential. A second consecutive fourth place finish meant a road playoff game in Sudbury, however, which they would lose at Laurentian 3-1. This was the third playoff loss to Laurentian in four years.

Soccer Ravens KO'd by old foes

by MARK KINNON
Carleton Staff

In a surprising twist, the Ravens soccer team was eliminated from the playoffs by the Laurentian Voyageurs.

Actually, the Ravens should be used to that feeling by now, having been eliminated from the Ontario Universities Athletic Association by the Voyageurs three times in the last four years. The Ravens lost to them in the finals in 1992 and again in the East Division semi-finals in 1994. This year, the team continued the trend, dropping a 3-0 decision on Oct. 28.

"I hate them," said veteran Ravens midfielder Greg Gallo of the Voyageurs after the loss. "We're not losers, but we haven't gotten to the show since 1992" when the Ravens lost 2-1 to Laurentian in the final.

Actually, the Ravens dominated this game throughout the first half, their 10 corner kicks in the opening 20 minutes being an obvious indication.

Unfortunately, the Ravens couldn't capitalize on any of those chances — the closest they got was a shot that rang off the crossbar in the early going. That led to the two teams heading into halftime in a scoreless tie.

Ravens coach Sandy Mackie says the Ravens inability to score cost them the game.

"The game was there to be won, we just didn't capitalize. Over the course of the game the Voyageurs made the best of their chances."

Early in the second half, at about the 75-minute mark, the Voyageurs scored on a mad scramble in what proved to be both the game's turning point and the winning goal.

The Voyageurs added two more markers before the game was out, but Mackie described these as "silly goals" that came after the game was decided.

"We had a chance to win this game," says Mackie. "We could have been up by three goals at halftime if things had gone differently."

This, however, was no consolation to Gallo.

"I personally feel, and some other players do too, that I kind of failed. I just keep replaying the game in my mind — I hate to lose."

Mackie wasn't quite as downcast in reflecting on the team's season.

"I was pleased with the way the season went — the kids played really well all year — we made the playoffs but I'm disappointed with the way the year ended."

Playoff-clinching weekend costly for Ravens

Star sweeper and team leader Mike Zaborski separates shoulder and may be out for the season

by BRAN AARON

University of Toronto's Mike Zaborski was a star player for the Ravens last year. He was named MVP and was a key player in the team's success. However, in a playoff game against Laurentian, he suffered a serious injury to his shoulder.

The injury occurred during a game on Oct. 28, when Zaborski was playing as a sweeper. He was tackled by a Laurentian player, which caused him to fall and separate his shoulder.

Doctors say Zaborski will be out of action for several weeks, and may be out for the season.

"I was over to the red and said to him, 'I can't believe you didn't let a player...'"

Mike Zaborski and Stevie Ball were again Co-Captains. Lee Powell, Greg Gallo, Noaki Ogasawara, Phil Cragg, Rob Norcross, Kyle McHnery, Frank DeCaria, Greg Aiken and John Louro returned. Alex Zaslavsky, Jeff Claus, Dan Deganutti, Mark Tencate, Bryan Luck, Anthony Martin, and goalkeeper Shane de Hartog were rookies of note this year. Mike Zaborski, would separate his shoulder late in the season dampening hopes of a successful playoff run.



This was the second year of the Carleton Invitational Indoor Soccer tournament at the original Coliseum in Ottawa. The tournament featured 16 teams and was won by Wilfred Laurier Alumni. 1996 was Stevie Ball's 6th and final year as a player in the program. Stevie would continue on as an assistant coach and Alumni president staying involved in the program.

Goalie looks back on five years between the pipes

Stephen Ball reflects on a career of keeping the soccer Ravens opponents off the scoreboard

by RYAN WARD
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Many athletes come and go through the Carleton system every year, but only a select few maintain the commitment for five scholastic years.

Stephen Ball, goalkeeper for the Carleton men's soccer team, is one of those individuals.

His dedication towards soccer and athletics in general is demonstrated regularly while he still maintains that same commitment to school.

"I've been around Carleton for a long time," says Ball. "I was in and out of school since 1986 but I started to concentrate in 1991."

Ball is currently completing his transfer of arts in Middle Eastern religions.

Some of the ways he contributes to athletics are through the athletics board, where he sits as a student representative, and by working in the Tuck Shop. A lot of the athletes know Ball as a result of these endeavors.

"He is like an ambassador to soccer," says Ravens midfielder and Ball's roommate Greg Gallo. "Every one knows him and respects him at athletics."

Gallo also says Ball contributes not only for the present team but for future teams at Carleton with his involvement on the Soccer Alumni Association.

"He is looking beyond the current players," says Gallo. "He's looking out for the players who are coming down the line so they will get even more than what we're getting."

Many of these activities take time and

commitment but Ball feels he owes that to soccer.

"Without the aspect of soccer at Carleton I don't know if I would have gone on to do a master's," says Ball. "It really motivates me to get involved with the school and it's more than just a successful career, I have friends for life because of soccer."

He compares the bond between himself and his teammates to that between war veterans.

"My friendship with some of the guys is a bond we will always share," says Ball. "It's like going to war together when we play against Laurentian — pretty intense."

including indoor soccer, looks after the rookies and goes out of his way to help others. If you ask him to do something for the team, he'll do it."

Ball's commitment to

Above: Ball in action in 1994. He has three shutouts already this year.

Right: Reflecting on life after Carleton. "I have friends for life because of soccer."