



1997



Men's Soccer

Season Box-score

Games Played	Win (2pts)	Loss	Draw	GF-GA	Standing
12	5	7	0	28-20	5 th (15pts)

*No Playoffs – DNQ

A season full of promise unfortunately turned to misery and no playoffs for only the fourth time in Carleton Men's Soccer sixteen season history. After a strong start, a 2-1 away win at Laurentian, the Ravens were feeling optimistic. It was all downhill after that. Changes in leadership happened as Andrew Wooldridge began the year as captain and then Ian Thornton/Andrew Glascott took over as co-captains during the season – the team just never clicked.

Men's soccer team wins season opener

by JEFFREY PARENT
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In a hard-fought season opener, Carleton's men's soccer team won on the road, beating the Laurentian Voyageurs 2-1 on Sept. 7.

Steve Ball, assistant coach and former Ravens goalie, says the game was a tremendous way to kick off the season, especially against such a powerful adversary.

"It always is a test, they are physical and tough, and even coming out with a tie would have been positive," says Ball.

In the impressive match-up, Laurentian took an early lead, scoring three minutes into the game on a breakaway.

For the next 20 minutes, things looked grim for Carleton as the Voyageurs controlled the play, forcing the normally offensive Ravens into a defensive posture. But true to their 12-game undefeated streak in regular season play, the Ravens refused to go quietly. Minutes before the end of the first half, forward Greg Gallo ripped the ball with an overhead kick past a stunned Laurentian goalkeeper to tie the game.

Gallo's goal took a visiting halftime pep talk from head coach Sandy Mackie, some all the motivation the Ravens needed to dominate the second half.

"The Voyageurs didn't look like the same team that came out in the first half," says Ball, commenting on the demoralized and soon-defeated Voyageurs squad.

Quickly running into the second half, Ravens mid-fielder Dominic Rose headed the Voyageurs' last with a hard shot from

ahead for goal.

"It was a tough win, and the goal was a boost to my own confidence," says Mackie.

Another key to the Ravens' success was veteran defender Eric Peters, who denied Voyageur strikers time and again and held on to save the win.

"If Laurentian is a bomber, then Sandor was an indicator that the season looks hopeful," says Gallo, who was also named the game's most valuable player for his performance.

Ravens players and coaches are optimistic about the season as they look to oust their first round playoff loss against the University of Toronto last year.

Utilizing an effective strategy of feeding the ball to their general offense, led by striker Cam Barr, the Ravens are aiming for yet another division win and even a championship.

"I am really happy with our performance and optimism for the season," Mackie says.

With the loss of goalkeeper and captain Mike Zaboraki, who graduated last year, Andrew Wooldridge has stepped in to grasp the reins of leadership. Wooldridge says he is confident in his team's ability to achieve the goals they have set for themselves.

"We have good kinds of guys, who show a lot of character," says Wooldridge.

The demoralized Ravens have already set their sights for the next big game. The team plays Queen's University Sept. 13 and York University Sept. 18. Both games are at home. (MTHB, A-1 p. 12)

The Ravens showed their fire from against Laurentian and extended their regular season undefeated streak to 12 games.

Greg Gallo, Andrew Wooldridge, Kyle McHenry, Cam Barr, Dan Deganutti, Andrew Glascott, Ian Thornton, Stephen Rose, James Aire, Jeff Claus, Alex Zaslavsky and goalkeeper Eric Peters returned. Local established players Dom Rochon, Justin Varney and goalkeeper Mike Moorlag joined Alic Edgar, Dimitri Koutras, Kyle Kraglund, Jamie Niebergall, and Rick Pais as rookies of note this season.

Two consecutive losses for men's soccer team

by SCOTT CLARKE
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After having Laurentian University in history just completed, the Ravens men's soccer team opened the home portion of their schedule with high expectations.

However, two losses suffered at the hands of Queen's and York have suddenly brought them back down to earth.

On Sept. 14, Carleton played an unimpressive home game. The Ravens came out of the dressing room flying, but failed to convert several early scoring chances.

"After the first 10 minutes, we just seemed very flat and then gave up a half goal," says assistant coach Steve Ball.

The "half goal" came in the 30th minute of play, as a ball headed over the crossbar of Carleton's goal.

Ball went on to say that his team's lack of physical play contributed to the final outcome of the game.

Carleton's Scott Blanchette entered the game in the second half to face the Ravens. He challenged the York defense with several hard tackles.

The increased intensity supplied by Blanchette gave his teammates a lift in the last few minutes, but York held the 1-0 lead and won.

The Sept. 15 contest was scheduled only for Carleton and Queen's, so when the match proved to be a shambol



The Ravens' would also stretch at 1-2.

Ravens soccer succumbs to Toronto and Queen's

by SCOTT CLARKE
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If you haven't heard any good clichés lately, maybe you should talk to a member of the Carleton men's soccer team.

"It's do or die," says assistant coach Steve Ball. "All we need now is Lady Luck on our side," says team veteran Greg Gallo.

Two losses on Sept. 28 and Sept. 29 have left the Ravens with very little left to say and a whole lot of work to do. The team's record is now 2-5.

On Sept. 29, Carleton hosted the University of Toronto Varsity Blues squad that beat the Ravens 2-1 in O.U.T.'s second victory over the Ravens this season.

The home side, badly in need of a win, began the game with some very spirited play. Only some great saves by the Toronto goalkeeper kept the game scoreless in the

early part of the game.

Restarted that way for nearly 30 minutes until U of T forward Joe Demple slipped through the Carleton defense and put the ball in the back of the net.

The Blues seemed to pick up their level of play after the goal and were awarded just before halftime when again Demple put a deflected pass over the fingertips of Ravens keeper Eric Peters.

With a two-goal deficit and facing the wind, Carleton played the second half like a team that had already been defeated.

"We cannot play like we did and expect to come back and win," says Gallo.

"It was very frustrating to watch," says assistant coach Ball. "I felt like putting on a jersey and running out to the field."

The Varsity Blues shut down Carleton

Season over for men's soccer

by KARINA GRIFFITH
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You could hardly see the red and blue jerseys for all the yellow cards that were flying around during the Carleton men's soccer team's final win against Ryerson 3-1 Oct. 18.

Sometimes, things were high as the Ravens showed everyone once and for all that they were out, but not down. Carleton players received three of the four yellow cards, and Ryerson's goalie was sent out midway through the second half with a red card for making a false save.

Another team was playing for a playoff position, but spectators wouldn't have known it, searching for Carleton's determination and hard play.

"We were just trying to finish the season on a winning note," says Carleton's goaltender Mike Moudlag, after the decisive win which saw Carleton with a 3-7 record. Moudlag was responsible for one of the best plays of the game, scoring a penalty shot late in the second half.

The team relied heavily on veteran forward Greg Gallo, constantly feeding him

the ball, setting up his trademark crosses.

Carleton goals were scored by Dan Deegan, Greg Gallo, and two by Dom Reardon. An own-goal put in by one of Ryerson's defenders was also credited to Carleton.

"A bit anti-climatic," says Gallo. "It didn't mean much in terms of standing, but we'll play together. I probably won't see a lot of these guys for the rest of my life."

The team also beat Trent 6-0 on Oct. 15. Goalkeeper Eric Peters reached the shutout.

Assistant coach Steve Ball is optimistic that next year the team will come out on top.

"It was a good way to end the season," Ball says. "We've got to look for next year. It was a disappointing season, but I think we end 2-1... at least we ended on an up note. If we had won 1-0, these wouldn't have been as good a feeling."

"It just wasn't in the script," says Gallo of Carleton's disappointing season. "The supporting cast just wasn't with it. We're the hardest working team at Carleton."

The team, unfortunately, never really found its identity and lost too many close games to pull out of mid-season slump. Assistant coach, Stevie Ball, would step down at the end of the season to teach overseas; and the Ravens looked forward to the next season with change in the air

Quoth the Raven

Men's soccer team out of playoffs

For the first time since 1991, Carleton's men's soccer team has been eliminated from the post-season with a 1-0 loss to Laurentian University Oct. 12. The team's record stands at 3-7 with two matches left.

Their next game is against Ryerson Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. at Keith Harris Stadium.

Carleton athletes national soccer champions

The Nepean United Spirits of the Ottawa-Carleton Soccer League beat Team Alberta 1-0 and won the 1997 Canadian National Championships for senior women's soccer in Calgary Oct. 12.

Blanchette and Lynn Lapiere were participating players, while Carleton assistant coach Andy Nera co-coached the Spirits.

Field hockey team in hunt for playoff position

After a 1-0 loss to McGill and a 1-0 win against Trent Oct. 11, the Ravens field hockey team are still in the hunt for the sixth and final playoff spot in the Ontario Women's Interuniversity Athletic Association.

Sarah Brown scored her second match-winning goal of the season against Trent, earning her the honor of Carleton's female athlete of the week.

Carleton's record now stands at 3-4-1, tying the team with Queen's.



ALUMNI

Dan Deganutti (Treasurer) and Alex Zaslavsky become involved in the CSAA. Thoughts of formalizing the Alumni-Varsity game and annual dinners begin around this time as the association continues to grow in order to establish culture and traditions. There are initial talks of formalizing the Alumni-Varsity game, having a trophy or cup, and making it an annual event. Up until this point it had largely been an informal kick-about/game taking place on Alumni Weekend.

