

## Men's Soccer

## **Season Box-score**

Games Played	Win (3pts)	Loss	Draw	GF-GA	Standing
14	10	3	1	38-12	1 <sup>st</sup> (31pts)

(Advanced to National Championship) \*Playoffs – OUA Finalists, 5<sup>th</sup> CIS Nationals

It was time for a winner. The Ravens had endured back to back losing seasons, but with a rookie-laden 1998 squad returning most of its key players and adding some impactful high-performing rookies in key positions, they were building in confidence. Determined to turn the ship around, coach Mackie returned for his 9<sup>th</sup> season, with Assistant Marty Lauter in his 7<sup>th</sup>.



The team got off to a great start winning its first four games and entering the CIS National Top-ten rankings. Rookies Lapointe and Brewster quickly began having a massive impact on a team that was starting to believe in itself.





The boys would not only finish atop the OUA East division for only the 6<sup>th</sup> time and make the playoffs; they would lose in the OUA Final and book a trip to Victoria for the CIS Nationals! Fifteen years after the program's last appearance; this team had put the Ravens back in the mix for a National title for only the second time in their history. They also became the first Raven team to win 10 games in a regular season (14 games). A playoff legend was born in hard-working Raven Cam Dickson, who scored all 5 goals in the two playoff games leading up to the OUA Championships, including a hat-trick against York to send the team through.

After losing to Western 3-1 at home in the OUA Final, the team still felt good about their chances at Nationals. Like the 1984 Ravens, this team was still fairly young, had a lot of 1-3 year players and a few old veterans along with strong defenders, a great goalkeeper, an engine-like midfield, and a goal-scorer.



The notorious Ravens "#1 with balls" Charlatan cover just before their trip to B.C. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ravens Men's Soccer cover in team history.

The team would go on to finish 5<sup>th</sup> at a rain-soaked CIS National Championships at the University of Victoria's impressive facilities. A gut-wrenching 1-0 loss to McGill

coupled with a 1-1 tie with Alberta bumped the boys from title contention. Still a very young team with a good looking future and a program back on the map!.



The team was: Captain Drew Daily. Veterans, Dan Deganutti, Alic Edgar, Tariq Khan, Dimitri Koutras, Mike Hoefler, Jason DaCosta, Kwesi Loney, Gordie McDonald, Matt Edwards, Cam Dixon, Kriss Brauns, John McCullough, McKewin and Danny Obaseki. Goalkeepers, Paul McCallum and Ian Rosso returned, joined by Gary McKay. Rookies Marc Lapointe, Matt Edwards, Anson Brewster, Peter Giambardino, David Giambardino, Brian Rojic, Abdj Bedaki, John McCullough, and yet another brother combination Peter and David Giambardino, all played big roles on this team.



