



2002



Men's Soccer

Season Box-score

Table with 6 columns: Games Played, Win (3pts), Loss, Draw, GF - GA, Standing. Row 1: 12, 10, 0, 2, 33-8, 1st (32pts)

*Playoffs - Host & CIS National Finalists (Silver Medalists)

The excitement of 2002 is also one of the seminal moments in Carleton Men's Soccer history. Twenty years had passed since the first varsity team stepped onto Raven Field in September of 1982; the leadership group from the 1999 team remained largely intact; and alumni from the 1984 National Finalist team were also deservedly honoured this season during the Carleton's hosting of the CIS National Championships.



With the 1999 Nationals appearance seeming somewhat like a distant memory, some of that young Carleton back-bone was now in their 5th season with the likes of: Gord McDonald, Kwesi Loney and Mike Hoefler all in their graduating year. Marc Lapointe, Jason DaCosta, Ahmed Shalaby, Eric Lamoureux, Cam Dickson, Hanni El-Magraby, and the surprise return of former Co-Captain Drew Daily added depth. Knowing that Nationals was hosted at Carleton (an automatic berth), also saw local veteran and former Western player, Brian Jones (goalkeeper), along with previous Raven MVP/All-Star Declan Bonnar and former U of T/Carleton striker Willy Murray. Another good influx of young rookies also helped. Future stars Josh Dewar-Morris and John Legakis joined Piero Falcucci, Sergei Ko, Anthony Coscarella, Gabriel Manerio, Hersi Hujalah and goalkeeper Tyler Wallace.



Head Coach Sandy Mackie would naturally return for his 11th season and he would be joined by former Raven standout defender Kyle McHenry, in his first season as an assistant. It proved to be a formidable combination and the team came together quickly, fully realizing the opportunity that lay before them. They had a season for the ages, despite not needing to qualify through the playoffs, and posted the second undefeated regular season in team history.

Current Alumni President, Jason DaCosta summed up this time from a season to remember:

Many of the rookies impressed with John Legakis quickly earning a starting spot at left back pushing Mike Hoefler to the midfield – John went on to star at that position for 5 years and according to coach Mackie “in 5 years he never missed a training session.” Piero returning from his stint in Italy also added creative and a physical presence in the midfield and “Dewar” lit up the scoring leading the country in goals and breaking all sorts of scoring records in his rookie season. We had two strong keepers with Jonesy putting in a season of his life (and providing a key inspiration speech before the OUA Semi-final) and young Tyler Wallace not far behind. Kwesi and Drew Dailey also formed their renewed strong relationship at center back. We had loads of depth at every position.

The season started well with the team 3 wins and 2 draws in its first 5 matches as the team took a bit of time to gel. They then went on a 7 game winning streak to end the season with an unbeaten record to end the season with a division title. We were flying, ranked #1 in the national heading into the playoffs. We entered the final 4 of the OUA's (needing 1 win in the 2 games we play) to earn a place at Nationals. We were not satisfied with being given a place due to hosting. We were playing playoff nemesis York, and it started poorly going down 1-0. With less than 2 minutes to play Captain Kwesi Loney took the team on its shoulders, and scored to tie the game up. In golden goal extra time Kwesi would step up again and bury an absolute cracking left footed volley from outside the 18 to EARN a berth at Nationals. The celebrations started off immediately after the goal including our one travelling fan Danny Obaseki storming the pitch! The OUA final would go sour as we lost 2-1 to U of T - goal by Crazy Willy(Murray) to score against his old school.

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by MELISSA LOUIS
 (Staff writer)

It was another victorious weekend for the men's soccer team as they clinched the Queen's University Golden Cup and the Brock University Golden Cup.

On Oct. 18, the Ravens defeated the Golden Gables 1-0 in an intense match that featured a goal from the Red Devils in a team effort that kept them ahead.

Captain Kevyn Markie scored against the visitors Queen's, who Carleton had to beat to win.

Carleton's victory was a result of an excellent performance by the team, who were unbeaten in the regular season. The team's success was a result of their hard work and dedication throughout the season.

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Nationals at home on live TSN coverage – keep in mind this was before Carleton basketball went on their terror and we had the chance to give the school a first National Title. Our group consisted of McGill, UNB and us. The other group was U of T, Brock and UVIC. Here's how it went:

Carleton would rest day 1 and watch McGill play UNB. UNB would come out 1-0 winners. Carleton played McGill day 2 in an absolute snow storm where they had to shovel and plow the field before hand. We would lose a very poor match and match performance 1-0. We knew we still had a way in and needed to win the next game. We played UNB next. We would have to win 2-0 (or by 2 goals) to get to the national final. With a 1-0 win we would have to do a triple shootout. With a tie or a loss we would be out completely. Well, the fortunes turned for Carleton winning 2-0 on goals by Lapointe in the 46th and 83rd minute. Off to the final, against Brock who we had drawn 0-0 and beaten 3-0 during the season.

This match will haunt all that played in it for the rest of our lives. We completely dominated the first half with Brock hardly every entering our end. Kriss Brauns was superman-like with his long throws finding Declan at the back post every time. We had hit two crossbars and a post before half time. The second half started with us still in shock that we had not scored some line-up changes were made to switch things up with Igor given a go at center-mid for Brauns to team up with Declan and both Anto and Willy given minutes upfront to see if we could break the deadlock. The games ended 0-0 with us heading into extra-time golden goal. The first extra-time ended with us having 2 golden chances including Lapointe going off the post again – Jonsey also made a world class save at the other end to keep us alive. Another few changes for the second extra time including Gabe on for Gordie and then heart break as Brock scored with about 48 seconds left in extra time that would have taken us to PK's.

Carleton second best in Canada

The Charlatan's Nicola Martin recaps the mood after the big game

The pouring rain and dark skies said it all as the talented fans and players of the men's Ravens soccer team filed out of Smith Harris Stadium Sunday afternoon. Although the hundreds of enthusiastic fans were up, the UO's overtime loss against Brock University was even harder on the players, as for many this was their last chance of talking from the gold.

(Veteran players Michael Hoefler, James Zenger and Scott Macdonald are now all forced to say their goodbyes after five consecutive memorable years as Ravens.)

Reflecting on the five years they have grown and developed together, Hoefler says, "This would have been a dream ending. Myself, Kevin and Gordie all started here as bright young teenagers, straight out of high school. It would have been the best thing ever to win the Canadian championship."



Ravens rookie forward Joshua Dewar-Morris (centre) will be a big part of the team next season, as Carleton looks to return to the nationals.

When asked if he is going to continue playing soccer, Loney says, "I'm not even gonna think about that right now. I'm just gonna think about washing my car and getting on with my life."

Macdonald by his own admission shows he said, "I honestly thought that we had it. We had a couple goals and we didn't get that early goal that we needed so."

When reflecting on his last game as a Raven, Macdonald says, "Well, I'm ready to go. I've been doing this for a long time now. I guess a silver medal is the end of the world."

Senior goalkeeper Bryan Jones, who played the team this year as a special attraction, is also leaving the team.

For a locker like Jones, it is never easy to say goodbye.

"I'm excited... I thought that we'd win today... we deserved to win, but I guess that's soccer, right?" Jones says.

When asked if he was going to hang up his cleats, Loney says, "I don't know, I might play some summer soccer, but I'm not coming back next year."

Forward Will Murray, who is also leaving the team, says, "I really don't see how I could have played in a national. I had a wonderful year, but just thankful that I was playing with a great bunch of guys."

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So close, but no gold

Carleton loses heart breaker to Brock 1-0

The Ravens' loss to Brock University in overtime Sunday afternoon was a bitter pill to swallow for the players and fans alike. The game, which was held in the rain at Smith Harris Stadium, ended in a 1-0 victory for Brock. Carleton's goalkeeper, Bryan Jones, made a crucial save in the 110th minute, but Brock's forward scored the winning goal in the 115th minute.

The Ravens' coach, John Loney, said that his team played well but was out of sync in the final minutes of the game. He praised the players for their effort and resilience throughout the season.



Ravens senior goal keeper Bryan Jones (right) was a key player for the team this season.

It was absolutely heart-breaking to lose like that especially in front of our supporters, a (record-breaking) sold-out crowd of over 4000! We got back to our new (old football) change room to see it decorated with Congratulations banners and a massive bucket of champagne. Luck was not with us on this day. But what a season!

From a golden goal to a silver lining

Carleton defeats York in OT, loses to U of T in championship

ST. CATHARINES, ONT. — Carleton's men's soccer team secured a silver medal in the OUA championship after a dramatic overtime victory over York University. The game, held at the University of Toronto, ended in a 1-0 win for Carleton in the 110th minute.

Carleton entered into the championship game on a high note after team captain Shawn Loney scored the winning goal in overtime. The game was a tactical battle, with both teams showing defensive solidity. Carleton's goalkeeper, Bryan Jones, made several key saves throughout the match.

The Ravens' coach, John Loney, praised his team's resilience and teamwork. He noted that the players showed great character in the face of adversity. The silver medal is a testament to the team's hard work and dedication throughout the season.



OUA all stars this season were Kwesi Loney (1st Team), Declan Bonnar (1st Team), Marc Lapointe (1st Team) Josh Dewar Morris (2nd Team & OUA Rookie of the year OUA), Drew Dailey (2nd Team). Deservedly, Loney would be recognized as the Raven's 5th All Canadian in team history along with: Lanos (1983), Martin (1985), Vidovich (1986-87), and Cochrane (1991-92).



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