



2009



# Men's Soccer

## Season Box-score

Games Played	Win	Loss	Draw	GF – GA	Standing
14	7	5	2	26-17	3 <sup>rd</sup> (23pts)

\*Playoffs – Lost in OUA Semi-final



Change was coming over the Ravens once again as some talented new players entered the program, a few key veterans returned to finish out their careers and the leadership changed from Gutierrez, Persichino (injured) and Park to McHugh, Kewin, Manginas and Simrooglu. Leading scorer Matt D'Angelo was playing on a final year of eligibility in 2008 and also did not return. It was another potential Nationals hangover year, but the boys were determined to return and understood that peaking at the right time would be the key.

Sam McHugh, in his second season with the team, recalls:

*2009 was a rough year. We lost a ton of graduating players from last year's team plus Nick Persichino had to miss the year through injury and Karl Wasslen got a concussion in a pre-season game that made him miss most of the regular season as well. Luckily this was Joey's (Kewin) rookie year which helped a lot. I think we finished the regular season around .500 but we began coming together around playoff time. I remember we needed overtime to beat Nipissing in the first round of playoff and then beat Queens in a shootout in the quarters in Kingston. We ended losing to McMaster in the Final Fours and then to Western in the bronze medal games, both in shootouts and both after scoreless games. When Karl returned we went on a crazy streak of over 3 extra-time playoff games without letting in a goal. Unfortunately, though we couldn't score either.*



The team consisted of: Jonni Okai, Joey Kewin, Caki Simrooglu, Samuel Mchugh, Alex Vieira, Justin Campos, Aghiles Abdesselam, Peter Manginas, Eric Bagirulwira, Esteban Rivera Karl Wasslen, Tobi Ajila, Marc-Anthony Viscosi, Stefano Vieira, James Davidson, Milan Arsenault-Verrelli, Mitch Houlahan, Halid Sefic, James Sharrif, Oscar Arrieta, Samuel Hincks and Tyler Morgenson



The Carleton Ravens would close out an up-and-down 2009 OUA East regular season campaign with a highlight 4-1 victory over their Kingston rivals, the No. 10 nationally-ranked Queen's Gaels (8-2-4). The Ravens played one of their strongest matches of the entire campaign after spotting Queen's an early goal. The Ravens dominated the remaining 83 minutes scoring four unanswered goals and veteran goalkeeper Karl Wasslen (Ottawa) also saved a Queen's penalty. Carleton's Caki Simrooglu (Izmir, Turkey) tied the match at the 25th minute of play and Joey Kewin (London, Ont.) scored his sixth goal of his rookie season at the 39th minute to give Carleton a 2-1 halftime lead. Carleton midfielder Jonni Okai (Ottawa) scored his team leading seventh goal of the season Simrooglu made no mistake for his second of the game from the spot to end the regular season on a high. The Ravens would make the playoffs and eventually lose in the OUA semi-final to McMaster and look to 2010 for more success.

