



2011



Men's Soccer

Season Box-score

Games Played	Win	Loss	Draw	GF – GA	Standing
14	11	3	0	41-14	1 st (33pts)

*Playoffs – Lost in OUA East Semi-final

Josh Dewar-Morris would return to close out a prolific career that saw him go to Nationals in his rookie year (2002) and win an OUA title (2005) unfortunately breaking his femur along the way. He would recover and return to play in 2010 with an entirely new team, and while the goal scoring touch had diminished somewhat, his presence hadn't.



The Ravens would have a stellar regular season with impact rookies Andrew Latty and Michael Calof contributing to an already solid starting eleven including the likes of Kewin, McHugh, Manginas, Simrooglu and Campos. Raven mythological figure Mark Stokes would join the coaching staff as an assistant primarily to train the goalkeepers and bring his experience and professionalism to the team. Mark is an original Raven and in fact played on the legendary 1981 club team coached by Burns and Shirliffe.



This was Sam McHugh's fourth season and he recalls:

In 2011 we've got Mark Krocko to take over in goal, plus some quality rookies like Michael Calof, Latty and Despotovic. Pano was captain but he ended up breaking his foot maybe half way through the year and missing the rest. We had a good regular season and I think we needed to only win one of our last two games versus Toronto or Ryerson on the last weekend of the season to clinch first and host the Final Fours. We lost to Toronto on the

Saturday and were 2-0 down to Ryerson I think on the Sunday before coming back and winning 3-2. We ended up losing to McMaster in the semis; they tied it up in the last minute and then we lost in shootouts. I missed our first shot and I think they won 5-4 but feel free to leave that part out...



Team included: Caki Simrooglu, Andrew Latty, Samuel Mchugh, Joey Kewin, Josh Dewar-Morris, Danny Gutierrez, Michael Calof, Alex Vieira, Justin Campos, Olutobi Oluwole, Stefano Vieira, Alex Despotovic, Ryan Beckford, Mark Krocko, Alex Pelchat, Kristian Quosdorf, Halid Sefic, Peter Manginas, Simon Brown, Jackson Bruce, Yasser El Dabea, Michael Reynolds

An eleven-win regular season saw them clinch first place in the OUA East for the first time since 2008 and 13th time in history. They would defeat Laurentian in the first round of the playoffs before yet another disappointing loss at the OUA Final Four tournament in the semi-final round, this time to McMaster, *and wait for it*, on penalty kicks.



It was a young, high scoring team returning most of its players so the future looked good, but playoff success had eluded the program since 2005 and this team was good enough to do something about that. Carleton's offence tied their highest ever goals-for total and finished tied for the league lead with 41, much improved from the 16 they scored a year ago. The Ravens were led by strikers Caki Simrooglu and Andrew Latty. Simrooglu, a 2011 second-team all-star, led the Ravens with nine goals while Latty was right behind with eight of his own. The midfield of the Ravens also got in on the scoring action, as first-team all-stars Sam McHugh and Joey Kewin had seven and five goals, respectively. Oddly, Ravens second all-time leading scorer Josh Dewar-Morris failed to tally in his final season in Red and Black.

Here are some of the Carleton University Athletics Department press releases about the Ravens during Head Coach Sandy Mackie's 20th year that sum up this eventful season:

November 10, 2011 | [Men's Soccer](#) Kewin named second team All Canadian

Carleton University Ravens men's soccer player, Joey Kewin (London, Ont.), was honoured as a member of the second all-Canadian team, the CIS announced Nov. 9. A third year midfielder, Kewin made a big impact offensively for the Ravens. He



was 4th in team scoring with five goals and earned a spot on the OUA East first all-star team for the second consecutive year.

“It’s always gratifying for a Carleton soccer player to make an all-Canadian team,” says Ravens head coach Sandy Mackie. “It’s indicative of how the team played and [Kewin] was an integral part of the team.”

With Kewin’s help, the Ravens finished the 2011-12 season with an 11-3 record for first in the OUA East and were ranked in six of the eight CIS top 10 polls, peaking at the No. 3 position. <http://goravens.ca/news/mens-soccer/2011/11/kewin-named-second-team-all-canadian/>

October 15, 2011 | [Men's Soccer](#) – Simrooglu shines in Ravens’7th straight win – *Story by: Marcus Guido*



The No. 4 nationally ranked Carleton University Ravens men’s soccer team outplayed the Trent University Excalibur Saturday afternoon, picking up a 4-1 victory and extending their win streak to seven games. The dominant play of Caki Simrooglu (Ismir, Turkey) sealed the three points early in the game for the Ravens. It was obvious early on that he was the best player on the pitch. He won numerous balls, effectively pressured his man and set up his teammates for quality scoring chances. His efforts were quickly rewarded, as he was left unmarked at the left side of the net and calmly headed in the game’s first goal from a cross in the fifth minute. Simrooglu quickly completed the hat trick in the 25th minute by beating the keeper to a loose ball and lightly chipping it over him, sending the Ravens into the break with a 3-0 advantage. The second half opened with more offence from Carleton, as the Ravens continuously pressed to extend their lead. The fourth goal was tallied by Alexksandar Despotovic (Waterloo, Ont.), who capitalized on a free kick in the 80th minute. Two minutes later, midfielder Brian Turton (Toronto) put the Excalibur on the board after accepting a clean through ball and beating Carleton keeper Simon Brown (Kanata, Ont.). Though the momentum then swung in Trent’s favour, it was not enough to add another goal. The win improves Carleton’s record to 10-2 for 30 points and first place in the OUA East.

<http://goravens.ca/news/mens-soccer/2011/10/simrooglu-shines-in-ravens-seventh-straight-win/>

October 20, 2011 | [Men's Soccer](#) Alumni Super Cup

It was a great day for football, but then again – everyday is a great day for football! There were 17 Alumni players representing the 80’s, 90’s, and 2000’s line-up against the No. 3 Nationally ranked Carleton Ravens squad. The alumni as expected did well to hold on to possession and showed their class throughout match. Karl Wasslen was key in the Alumni

net and made a number of big saves in the first and second half. The alumni had many great opportunities, most notably Jorge's swing and miss break-away opportunity and a good save off a solid shot from former Ravens sniper Kofi. Dimitri "D-Tron" Koutras also mistook the match for a track meet as he often "jumped" the gun and was found to be offside. The game ended 0-0 and with Varsity fatigued and begging to go right to penalty kicks, which Alumni kindly accepted. Alumni's 5 shooters were: Tim Khaemba, Milan Krauthaker, Dan Deganutti, Alex "AZ" Zaslavsky and Basil Phillips. It was all tied up with Tim and AZ calmly finishing their opportunities while Karl saved trash talking varsity player Joey Kewin's shot. Keeper Marko Krocko saved Milan's low left corner shot. Deganutti absolutely buried his kick, but in the end Varsity keeper Krocko came up with another stop on Basil's kick and the Varsity boys took home the Super Cup for 2011 with a 4-3 win in PK's.



*Special mention to the great performance put in from: Milan Krauthaker, Denis Silva, John McAngus and Basil Phillips.

Super Cup MVP Awards

Sam "Rooney" McHugh (Varsity)

Tim Khaemba (Alumni)

Alumni/Mike Lanos Award

Stefano Vieira

<http://goravens.ca/news/mens-soccer/2011/10/alumni-super-cup/>

October 28, 2011 | [Men's Soccer](#) Ravens honoured with OUA East award and all-star nods

After a strong season that saw the Carleton University Ravens men's soccer team finish first in the OUA East, three players were honoured with spots on all-star teams, while head coach Sandy Mackie was honoured as the East coach of the year. Ravens midfielders Joey Kewin (London, Ont.) and Sam McHugh (Russell, Ont.) were named to the OUA East first all-star team, while striker Caki Simrooglu (Ismir, Turkey) was given the nod as a member of the second team.

"It's really nice to be recognized by your peers, but it's indicative of the performance of the team," says Mackie. "The two midfielders, with their dedication and commitment in every game, were named first team all-stars and [Simrooglu] played well up front all season. It's unfortunate he was injured, otherwise I'm sure his goal scoring tally would have been significantly higher. Overall, it's been a very positive season for the players and the team."

All three athletes made a big impact offensively for Carleton. Simrooglu finished eighth in conference scoring with nine goals, while McHugh netted seven. In his second consecutive year as a member of the first-all star team, Kewin recorded five goals. In his 19th year at the helm of the men's soccer program, Mackie was honoured as coach of the year after leading his team to an 11-3 record and a national ranking in six of the eight polls, peaking at the No. 3 position. This marks the fifth time in his coaching career with Carleton that he has received this honour.

"This year's success is remarkable given the team's youth," said Jennifer Brenning, Carleton's director of recreation and athletics. "It is a tribute to [Mackie], as this young team has adapted quickly to his style of play and strong work ethic. We are very proud of our men's soccer team and wish them the very best heading into playoffs."

<http://goravens.ca/news/mens-soccer/2011/10/ravens-honoured-with-oua-east-award-and-all-star-nods/>

October 30, 2011 | [Men's Soccer](#) Ravens sweep aside Voyageurs in quarter-finals – by: *Nick Wells*

The Carleton University Ravens men's soccer team has advanced to the OUA Final Four after defeating the Laurentian University Voyageurs 4-1 at Ravens' Field in quarter-final action on Sunday afternoon. The Ravens, having earned a first-round bye, dominated the opening proceedings with the majority of the play in the Voyageurs' half. Carleton broke the deadlock in the 23rd minute, with Andrew Latty (Ottawa) grabbing the goal.

The second half started slowly but took a dramatic turn when Laurentian's Davor Alisic (Charlottetown) was sent off after a late challenge on Ravens goalkeeper Mark Krocko (Ashton, Ont.) in the 50th minute. Laurentian's troubles were made worse when their head coach was ejected shortly afterwards. But it was the Voyageurs who scored next, after a cross into the box wasn't properly dealt with and Andrew Prostrcaro (Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.) buried the shot in the 65th minute.

Carleton responded instantly, retaking the lead through Sam McHugh (Russell, Ont.). His low placed shot beat the Voyageurs' keeper to put the Ravens back on top. It was all one-way traffic from there as the Ravens looked to wrap up the game in style. Joey Kewin (London, Ont.) cut in from the right wing and his blocked shot fell to Caki Simrooglu (Ismir, Turkey) who bundled the ball past the Voyageurs' net minder in the 80th minute. The Ravens sealed the win in the 85th minute as Simrooglu grabbed his second of the game when his low shot was fumbled over the line by the goalie. Carleton will now host the OUA Final Four on Nov. 5 and 6. The York Lions have already booked their ticket with a victory over the Windsor Lancers, while the Toronto Varsity Blues defeated the Ryerson Rams to advance. The winner of tonight's quarter-final matchup between Guelph and McMaster will also visit Ravens' Field next weekend.

<http://goravens.ca/news/mens-soccer/2011/10/ravens-sweep-aside-voyageurs-in-quarter-finals/>



Penalty kicks down Ravens by Gianluca Nesci - The Charlatan



Only feet away from the celebrating McMaster Marauders, members of the Carleton Ravens men's soccer team crumbled to the turf. Many of them were unable to hold back their emotions after seeing their hopes of advancing to the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) national championships shattered.

"This is [CIS soccer] and anything can happen in these games," said Ravens assistant coach Kwesi Loney. "We've been on the winning side of games like this before, and now we're on the losing side, that's just kind of how it goes sometimes."

The Ravens suffered a heartbreaking 3-2 defeat in the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) semifinal Nov. 5 at Keith Harris Stadium, giving up a 90th minute equalizer before ultimately falling on penalty kicks. It was a case of déjà vu for the Ravens, who lost in the exact same fashion back in 2009 when the Marauders ended their championship dream. "You never want to go to [penalty kicks] and lose a game, ever, but that's the way the game is and there needs to be a winner," Loney said.

The game couldn't have started any worse for the home team. McMaster took the lead only seven minutes after the opening kick-off, when star striker Mark Reilly silenced a rowdy Ravens crowd. The Hamilton native took a perfectly weighted through-ball inside the Ravens' area and beat goalkeeper Mark Krocko at the near post. It was a dream start for the visitors, who built upon the early momentum following the goal. But the Ravens did eventually manage to claw their way back into the contest after striker Josh Dewar-Morris put Carleton on even terms with the Marauders in the 31st minute. The 6'0" forward picked up a loose ball nearly 25 yards out, and unleashed a vicious left-footed strike that found the top corner of the Marauders goal. Keeper Matthew Grant could only get a hand on the powerful shot, as the home team was back in the contest and went into the interval on level terms.

After a slow start to the second half, fans were treated to one of the more exciting sequences of the season in the 63rd minute. The Marauders looked to have snatched the lead when Reilly tapped a low, driven cross past Krocko, only to see the linesman's flag raised for offside. As the visitors began to celebrate, the Ravens immediately resumed play from the free kick. A long ball down the field fell to striker Caki Simrooglu, who was inches away from the target with a low shot. When the crowd finally exhaled, the score was still knotted at one apiece. Only two minutes later, the Ravens found the go-ahead marker through captain Sam McHugh. On his weaker left foot, the OUA all-star curled the ball over the head of Grant from 25 yards out.

As time began to tick away, Carleton, the fourth-ranked team in the nation, looked set for its first appearance at nationals since 2005. But it was not meant to be. With the Ravens clinging to a 2-1 lead in the 90th minute, and the hometown crowd eagerly awaiting the final whistle, McMaster found a last-gasp equalizer. A long, hopeful ball was played into the Ravens penalty area, and Reilly leapt above the nearest defender to get his head onto it. The ball seemed to travel in slow motion, before bouncing off the post and beyond Krocko. The striker was a game-time decision coming into the weekend, having not practiced with the team for two weeks following a hamstring injury. "It was one of those cases where he could have lasted five minutes, but he lasted the whole game and scored two big goals for us. I would have liked for him to score on the three chances he missed though," McMaster head coach Dino Perri said with a laugh.

As celebrations ensued on the field for McMaster, the Ravens crowd sat quietly, almost in shock of what they had just seen. "It's an awful feeling, to be three minutes away from nationals and to come up short," McHugh said. Two uneventful halves of extra time followed, forcing the teams to regroup and prepare for what was next: a penalty shootout to decide it all. The Marauders scored on each of their penalty kicks, finally besting the Ravens and securing themselves a berth in the OUA final Nov. 6 against the University of Toronto Varsity Blues and a trip to the CIS championship in Victoria, B.C. The loss not only put an end to the Ravens CIS championship aspirations for another year, but also signaled the end of the university careers of two influential players. Midfield duo Peter Manginas and Justin Campos will both be graduating this year. They each spent five seasons with the Ravens squad. "It seems like we have a curse since I've been here. My first year the same fucking thing happened," said Campos, visibly disappointed after the match. "It's tough; it's not fair, especially because we had the team to go to nationals this year." But the skillful midfielder was still willing to look back at the positive side of his tenure with the Ravens.

"Every year it's been amazing, it's like a family here," Campos said. "Even if we get eliminated here and there, the good things always outweigh the bad and I wouldn't trade it for anything."



Veteran players confident in team's future

Five-year veteran and former Carleton Ravens team captain Peter Manginas warmed up with the men's soccer team before the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) bronze medal game Nov. 6 at Keith Harris Stadium. He hobbled around in a cast due to a fractured foot that has sidelined him since the beginning of October. Yet, he still laughed and joked around with his teammates.

After witnessing the exuberance with which he was kicking the ball around, few would guess that this would be the last time Manginas stepped onto the field as a Raven. The veteran midfielder was forced to watch from the sidelines as the Ravens gave up a 2-1 lead to the McMaster Marauders Nov. 5 in the OUA semifinal, eliminating the team's hopes of a trip to the national championships. The team also fell 2-0 to the York Lions in the bronze medal match the following afternoon. Since winning the OUA championship in 2005-06, the Ravens have been eliminated six straight times in the final four. Four of those losses came in overtime or penalty kicks. "It's agonizing," Manginas said following the Ravens' loss in the bronze medal game. "It's terrible, especially with the group of guys that we have. Obviously I want to be out there and help them." Manginas has played 64 games with the Ravens through five seasons – a time in his life he said he won't forget any time soon.

"It makes me want to cry," Manginas said. "It's the best years of your life. [Coaches Sandy Mackie and Kwesi Loney] tell us all the time. You realize it when you're done now, and the next couple days you start thinking about it. "They are the best years of your life, especially with all these guys," he continued. "You'll know these guys for the rest of your life. It's just an amazing experience."

Loney, the team's assistant coach, admitted the bronze medal match wasn't something the men really cared for. "Playing in a game like today, it's a little bit deflated for both sides just in terms of getting up for it," Loney said. He also said it was difficult for the men to find motivation after such a crushing loss in the semifinal.

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After losing to York in the OUA Bronze medal game, the young Ravens turned their focus toward 2012 and hopefully something special.

