



2012



Men's Soccer

Season Box-score

Games Played	Win	Loss	Draw	GF – GA	Standing
14	10	2	2	36-13	2 nd (32pts)

*Playoffs – OUA East Champions, 6th CIS Nationals

Time was running out for some Ravens as another shot at glory presented itself to this high-scoring, but balanced edition of the red and black. Kwesi Loney would return for his third season as an assistant, joined by former all-star goalkeeper Karl Wasslen in his first. Sandy Mackie entered his 21st season in charge and would celebrate his 20 successful years with an alumni dinner in his honour. Mackie has won over 70% of his regular season games, a boatload of Coach of the Year awards, and an OUA Championship, but was still seeking an elusive National title.



The boys would crack the national rankings in the first week at #8, dip a bit and then come into its own by the end of the year. The Ravens would win 10 games and finish second in the division setting up a dramatic playoff run.

This was Sam McHugh's final season and he lends his thought:

2012 was my last year and the year I was captain. We got two masters students in Christophe Perrault and Mintchev, plus some good Fury players like Julian and Theo too. We beat Ryerson in the quarters, tying it up towards the end. I remember we got a real questionable penalty late in the game that Joey missed but scored on the rebound and then we won like 4 or 5-2 in extra time. We beat York in the semis on their home field 1-0 in extra time when Joey scored off a cross that their goalie really messed up on. We lost in the final 5-0 to McMaster but, again, feel free to leave that out. Nationals were in Quebec City at Laval University and we lost in pks to Cape Breton in the quarters. We won the consolation semis against Alberta and then lost to McMaster in the consolation final. This was the year Latty was the OUA east MVP and I think a first-team all-Canadian too.



The 2012 team consisted of: Andrew Latty, Joey Kewin, Mekonen Lovemore-White, Christophe Laberge-Perrault, Alexksandar Despotovic, Mintcho Mintchev, Caki Simrooglu, Daud Dahir, Ryan Beckford, Michael Calof, Mark Krocko, Jackson Bruce, Julian Piccioli, Sam McHugh, Michael Reynolds, Theo Lopez de Castilla, Alexander Blades, Simon Brown, Brandon Guilmette, Halid Sefic, Philip Mogbock, Callum Ayre, Alex Cosovic



[The team started red hot, jumping out to 4-0, and then dropped a stinker to Queens 4-0. They would then run off three in a row to take command of the division, before settling for second place behind a surprisingly strong Ryerson Rams squad in the hard-fought OUA East.



Here is some of the press from this season:

http://oua.ca/sports/msoc/2012-13/releases/MSOC_0927124909.html

Queen's 0, Carleton 1

If revenge is a dish best served cold, then the Carleton Ravens men's soccer team picked the perfect night to play chef. On a chilly evening in the nation's capital, the men exacted some payback on the Queen's University Gaels, winning 1-0 in a hard-fought contest in front of a lively crowd at Ravens Field.

The Ravens suffered one of their worst ever defeats during the 20 year tenure of head coach Sandy Mackie when they were handily beaten 4-0 by these same Gaels back on Sept. 16th in Kingston. But a very early goal by defender Christophe Laberge Perrault was all the offence the home side needed to send the Gaels packing with nothing to show for their efforts. Assistant coach Kwesi Loney – who took over the responsibilities as head coach for the match with Mackie being forced to watch from the stands as part of his one-game ban for a red card – said the players were all very eager to get another chance at the Gaels following the heavy defeat in their most recent meeting.

“Players who compete at this level always want retribution when you come back and play on your home turf, and the guys really took that to heart in training and you can see the results today.” In that match just over one week ago, Queen's found the net three times in the first half, essentially putting the contest beyond doubt after 45 minutes. This time around, the Ravens made things much more difficult for the visitors, and managed to suppress a dangerous Gaels attack that came into the match having scored 16 goals in seven games this season. Aside from a few long-range efforts and the odd cross into the box, Ravens goalkeeper Mark Krocko had a comfortable evening between the posts.

“That was a big point for us in the last couple weeks. Just our defensive shape, everybody knowing their responsibilities and understanding that it's not an individual persons job,” Loney said following the match. “It takes all eleven guys on the field understanding where you need to be shape wise in order to make sure that they don't get through our lines...Hats off to them defensively tonight.”

The win not only gives the Ravens the retribution they were after, but it also means they leapfrog the Gaels into first place in the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) East division. With 21 points on the season so far, Mackie and his men now sit two points above the Kingston-based team, who are alone in second place. The Ravens will get a chance to stretch their winning streak to four games when they return to action on Sept. 29th against the Ryerson Rams in Toronto.

http://oua.ca/sports/msoc/2012-13/releases/MSOC_1015120754.html

October 27 OUA East Semi-Final – Ryerson 3, Carleton 6

One down, one to go. That's the scenario for the Carleton Ravens men's soccer team. As a result of their thrilling 6-3 win over the Ryerson Rams today in Ontario University Athletics (OUA) quarterfinal action, the men now need just one more victory to secure a place at the big dance: the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) national championship tournament. The wet, dreary conditions in the nation's capital kept some fans away, but it wasn't enough to dampen the spirits of those who did show up at Ravens Field, as they came out in full voice for the highly anticipated contest. And what a wild, back-and-forth affair they got to see. The Ravens nearly gave them something to cheer about very early in the match, as a header by rookie striker Mekonen Lovemore-White went just wide within the opening minute. After looking dangerous from set-pieces and long throw-ins throughout the half, it came as no surprise when the Ravens opened the scoring in the 28th minute. A long throw into the box by right-back Ryan Beckford wasn't dealt with by the Rams, who could only manage to partially clear the ball to midfielder Theodore Lopez de Castilla waiting at the edge of the penalty area.

Despite the rookie scuffing his attempted shot, it fell right to the feet of fellow midfielder Alexksandar Despotovic, who had plenty of time to turn and rifle a powerful shot into the roof of the net to give the home side the lead. But it didn't take long for the Rams to answer back off a set piece of their own. Leading scorer Milos Scepanovic got onto the end of a terrific ball from Alex Braletic and flicked a header beyond Ravens keeper Mark Krocko. The teams went into the interval tied at one apiece. And then the fun started.

Andrew Latty gave the home side the lead in the 60th minute, before the Rams came storming back with two quick goals. Braletic rifled a low shot that skipped off the wet turf and flew beyond Krocko in the 71st minute, before Scepanovic gave his team the lead in the 77th to silence the home crowd. “It was a good game, [Ryerson] is a good side,” Ravens head coach

Sandy Mackie said following the match. “At 2-1 up we dropped off and let them come onto us too much, even though it was a really nice strike to tie the game up.”

Less than two minutes after going behind, the Ravens were presented with a golden opportunity to find an equalizer. After the ball struck the arm of a Ryerson defender inside the penalty area, winger Joey Kewin stepped up to the spot amidst huge pressure to bring his team level. His penalty was stopped by Rams netminder Christian Maraldo, but Kewin managed to pounce on the rebound and smash the ball home. “I was about to cry to be honest [after missing the penalty], but I got the follow up,” Kewin said. “I saw him bobble it and I put it in the corner.” As a result of that goal, the two teams found themselves right back where they started over 90 minutes earlier. With the momentum in their favour following Kewin’s equalizer, the Ravens jumped on the visitors from the opening kick-off of extra-time, and would find the game winner nine minutes into the action to complete the comeback. Substitute Aleksandar Cosovic picked up a loose ball well outside the penalty area, and unleashed a low shot that seemed to be heading wide of the target until it took a wicked deflection off a Rams defender. Maraldo was completely wrong-footed, and was helpless as he watched the ball roll across the line to the delight of both the Ravens bench and the crowd. “We showed a lot of character to come back from 3-2 down. After that I thought we played well, we worked hard, defended well in extra time and I think we deserved to win,” Mackie said.

Kewin would put the game out of reach shortly after with his second of the contest. Cosovic added insult to injury with essentially the last kick of the match. For his part, Kewin says he was never in doubt that the team would be able to bounce back after falling behind in the second half. “That’s who we are, at Carleton we fight [until the final whistle],” he said. “We have the most heart in the league for sure, that’s who we are, so we never doubted it any bit.” The men now advance to the OUA Final Four tournament this upcoming weekend, where a victory in their first match – the OUA semi-final – will see them clinch that berth at nationals. With the OUA receiving two spots at the national championship tournament every year, the Ravens – along with the other semi-final winner – will qualify regardless of the outcome in the OUA final. One win, and you’re in. Seems simple enough, right? Unfortunately, it’s something the Ravens haven’t been able to do since 2005, when they beat York University 2-0 thanks to two second-half goals from Timothy Wakhanu Khaemba. (Carleton did appear at the tournament most recently in 2008, but on that occasion they qualified automatically as hosts).

In fact, the men have fallen at this upcoming hurdle in four of the past five seasons, including last year’s heartbreaking loss on penalties to the McMaster Marauders. Mackie and co. will be hoping to erase those memories this time around, but standing in their way will be – in all likelihood – either York or the Marauders, who will go into the contest as the first and fourth ranked teams in the nation, respectively.



The most valuable player in the east this season was second-year striker **Andrew Latty** (Ottawa). Latty had a remarkable sophomore campaign, tying for the OUA lead in goals with 17, and leading the Ravens to a 10-2-2 record. For his efforts, Latty was also named a first team all-star.

The Carleton Ravens have three players joining Latty as east division all-stars. Midfielder **Joey Kewin** (London, Ont.) becomes a first team all-star for the third consecutive season after collecting eight goals for the Ravens. Sophomore defender **Michael Calof** (Ottawa) was also named to the first team after a strong season on the backline. **Sam McHugh** (Russell, Ont.) rounds out the Ravens’ all-star contingent as he was named to the second team as a midfielder.

The boys would beat York in the OUA Semi Final before losing to nemesis McMaster in the OUA Final. Nevertheless, it was on to Nationals!



Second year forward and this year's OUA MVP Andrew Latty was named to the Canadian inter university sport (CIS) All Canadian first team. He joins an elite group of players who have earned the recognition playing in the Red and Black.

CIS National Championships – Laval University, Quebec City

Thursday, Nov. 8

11:00 Quarter-final 1: Cape Breton 1 Carleton 0 (4-3 kicks)

13:30 Quarter-final 2: UQTR 2 Alberta 1

16:00 Quarter-final 3: UBC 4 UNB 0

18:30 Quarter-final 4: Laval 1 McMaster 0

Friday, Nov. 9

11:00 Consolation 1: Carleton 2 Alberta 1

13:30 Consolation 2: McMaster 2 UNB 1

16:00 Semifinal 1: Cape Breton 2 UQTR 0

18:30 Semifinal 2: UBC 3 Laval 0

Saturday, Nov. 10

11:00 Fifth-place game: McMaster 1 Carleton 0





Head Coach Sandy Mackie enjoyed a celebration of his 20th year in charge with a surprise dinner in his honour on Alumni Weekend. Players from all of Sandy's teams attended with former player Naoki Ogasawra flying in from Tokyo, Japan for the event along with many others from faraway places. Nearly 100 were in attendance for our largest Alumni dinner ever!



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