



2016



# Men's Soccer

## Season Box-score

| Games Played | Win | Loss | Draw | GF – GA | Standing    |
|--------------|-----|------|------|---------|-------------|
| 16           | 10  | 2    | 4    | 42-15   | 3rd (34pts) |

\*Playoffs – Lost in the OUA East semi-final

It was a slight improvement in the standings for a new coaching regime led by former Raven assistant coach, captain and All-Canadian – Kwesi Loney. He would become the 6<sup>th</sup> coach in Raven history. It was also a different style of play and a focus on recruitment of the best local players in the region. It was also big shoes to fill, as former head coach Sandy Mackie stepped down after 24 seasons, 191 regular season wins, numerous awards and a .709 winning percentage! And although the old classic Raven logo was still used on the uniforms, the new sharp updated Raven logo was being used to represent varsity sports at Carleton and coach Loney would begin to phase it into the team's culture.



The Ravens were featured in the U Sports Top-10 for several weeks during the campaign with Toronto and Ryerson finishing slightly ahead them in the always competitive OUA East.

After defeating a surprisingly good Trent team in the OUA East quarter-finals, the Ravens would face off with the Toronto Varsity Blues in the semi-final, but were eliminated from the OUA playoffs on a Sunday afternoon, dropping a difficult conference playoff encounter to a bitter rival, 2-1.



## GAME SUMMARY

Carleton appeared to get off to a dream start in the 2<sup>nd</sup> minute, as Weber Bourjolly (Ottawa, ON) headed Julian Piccioli's (Ottawa, ON) free kick past Toronto keeper Mark Rogal, but the assistant referee deemed the play to be offside. Toronto responded by pressing for the game's opening goal, but a sure-handed David Monk (Oakville, ON) kept the Varsity Blues at bay with several interceptions of dangerous crosses into the box, leaving little to separate the two teams. However, on the brink of halftime, Weber Bourjolly received Carleton's third yellow card of the opening half when he took down Varsity Blues player Jack Wadden just outside of the Ravens' box. On the ensuing free kick, Toronto's David Colelli headed the ball past Monk after connecting on a 20-yard set piece delivery from Nikolay Saveliev to put the Varsity Blues up 1-0 in the 44<sup>th</sup> minute. Toronto would lead by a goal at halftime.

Carleton held possession for long stretches to start the second half, but they were unable to create any threatening scoring opportunities against the Varsity Blues. The Ravens nearly conceded a second goal in the 67<sup>th</sup> minute when Toronto's Devon Bowyer and Carleton's David Monk both challenged for a loose ball in the Ravens 18-yard box. The play resulted in a collision of the two players that sent the ball just wide of open goal.

Once Carleton settled down following the close call, they tied the game in the 73<sup>rd</sup> minute thanks to a goal from Alex De Couvreur (Ottawa, ON). Defender Piccioli sent a great ball down the line to Daud Dahir (Ottawa, ON) who kept the ball alive on the end line before sending a cross into the box past several Varsity Blues defenders where De Couvreur half volleyed it past Mark Rogal to make it 1-1.

The intensity of the playoff fixture spiked just a minute later when Toronto's keeper Mark Rogal got caught out handling the ball outside of the 18-yard box. Despite pleas from the Carleton bench for an automatic ejection; the referee only brandished a yellow card instead of a straight red. With another free kick in Varsity Blues territory, Julian Piccioli nearly gave the Ravens the 2-1 advantage, but his effort went just high over the crossbar.

The turning point in the match came in the 80<sup>th</sup> minute when defender Weber Bourjolly received a red card after picking up his second yellow card of the day. With a free kick just outside of the 18-yard box, Varsity Blue Nikolay Saveliev sent a swerving free kick into the top right corner past a diving David Monk to give Toronto the 2-1 edge over Carleton. The Ravens were desperate for an equalizer, but their last attempts to force extra time were denied by the stifling Toronto defence.



A solid season resulted in four Ravens being named 2016 OUA All-Stars:

**Julian Piccioli – Defence – 5th year – Ottawa, ON**

*2016 OUA First-Team All-Star*



Carleton’s rock-steady defender Julian Piccioli has been named a First-Team All-Star following a terrific season at the heart of the Ravens’ defence. The 5-foot-9 centre back helped the Ravens finish the season with the 5th fewest goals against during the regular season with 15. Piccioli, the Ravens’ 2016 team captain, was also one of the top set-piece specialists on Carleton, collecting 4 assists to go along with a career-high 5 goals. Julian was one of only three Ravens to start all 16 games during the regular season. The fifth-year player was also named an OUA First-Team All-Star in 2013 and 2014.

**Daud Dahir – Forward – 5th year – Ottawa, ON**

*2016 OUA Second-Team All-Star*



Talented fifth-year forward Daud Dahir has earned a Second-Team All-Star award from the conference after burying a team-high 8 goals during the regular season. Dahir finished the season ranked 10th in the OUA in goals, his best individual single-season scoring record. The Commerce student won CIS Athlete of the Week (September 18, 2016) earlier in the season after scoring five goals during a three-game stretch. Daud was named an OUA First-Team All-Star back in 2014.

**Mekonen Lovemore – Forward – 4th year – Ottawa, ON**

*2016 OUA Second-Team All-Star*



Lovemore, a 5-foot-10 forward, has been named an OUA Second-Team All-Star in 2016. The powerful striker was an influential figure up front for the Ravens this season, sniping 6 goals to finish with the second-highest total on the team. Lovemore had his way with defenders all season, using a blend of physicality and speed to get past markers. Lovemore started 12 out of 16 games and had a team-high 33 shots on goal during the regular season. This is Mekonen’s first OUA award.

**Weber Bourjolly – Defence – 1st year – Ottawa, ON**

*2016 OUA Second-Team All-Star*



The Ravens may have their next central defender of the future in unsuspecting first-year rookie Weber Bourjolly, who captures OUA Second-Team honours in his debut season. Bourjolly, an imposing figure in the middle of Carleton’s backline, scored 2 goals in the 13 games he suited up for in the regular season. Bourjolly also had a memorable goal in the 4-1 playoff win over Trent, coming up with the crucial game-winning tally in the 94th minute of extra time to help Carleton move into the the OUA East semifinals. This is Bourjolly’s first OUA award.



# The 2016 Carleton Raven's Roster



|                      |                   |                      |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Daud Dahir           | Tim Campos        | Alex Decouvrer       |
| Julian Piccioli      | Weber Bourjolly   | David Monk           |
| Mekonen Lovemore-Whi | Tristan St.pierre | Soheil Varahram      |
| Danta Cobisa         | Malik Haji        | Abdulrahman Akinwand |
| Gordon Goodkey       | Dani Gorelev      | Jared Maloney        |
| Andrew Bryan         | Nyembo Lugoma     | Travis Chace         |
| Sultan Alaitah       | Walker Smith      |                      |
| Rowen Martino        | Dondrae Fells     |                      |



The Ravens were balanced in attack and led in goal scoring by Daud Dahir with 8. Mekonen Lovemore-White had 6, Julian Piccioli and Gordon Goodkey with 5 apiece. Dante Cobisa notched 4. Sultan Alaitah had 3 and Andrew Bryan chipped in 2 in an injury plagued final season for the “Big Man.” Bourjolly and Tim Campos (brother of Justin) also added 2 apiece.



## ALUMNI

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

### **Carleton Soccer Alumni Association hosts 2016 indoor tournament, Varsity claims 1st place**



Over fifty former Ravens men's soccer players participated in the annual Carleton Soccer Alumni Association Tournament over the weekend at the [Carleton Fieldhouse](#).

Alumni from the 1980s right through to recent graduates joined in the festivities, partaking in a weekend's worth of action on the pitch. Past legends and Ravens greats travelled from near and far to participate, including Caki Simrooglu, who flew in from Turkey. Mike Zaborski flew in from New York City, while a handful of alumni made the drive up from Toronto, including Greg Gallo, Mitch Hoolahan, Arjun Langford, Junior Sefic, as well as Eric Lamoureux from Montreal. Former players Dimitri Koutras, Kriss Brauns, Will Murray, Danny Obaseki were also in attendance to cheer on past teammates.

#### ***Sunday Final: The Prodigies (Younger Lads) 1 vs. Carleton Varsity 1 (4-5 pks)***

An all-Carleton final was the storybook ending to an excellent, fun filled weekend. The younger legs stole the show in the finals, winning a nail-biter that went to PK's. After an early goal by varsity, Caki Turko quickly came back with a goal of his own. Travis Chace came to the rescue on a big penalty shot save by making an excellent stop. The game finished 1-1, not to be decided in the 5-minute overtime. Varsity scored all five, while alum missed a vital penalty to squander the championship. Varsity wins 6-4 on pks. An all-Carleton Final ensured that the Trophy remained in Ravenland!



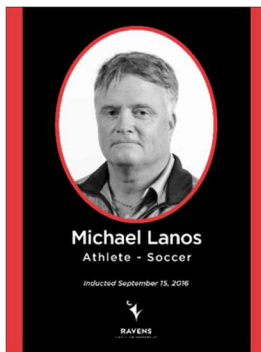
*The Alumni Legends 'Old Boys'*



*The Alumni Prodigies*



*2016 Carleton Tournament Champions: Varsity Ravens*



## **Mike Lanos enters the Carleton University Ravens Hall of Fame**

Our own Mike Lanos was inducted into the Carleton University Ravens Hall of Fame, September 15, 2016 on campus in Alumni Hall. It was a lovely evening as Mike joined five new inductees receiving recognition for demonstrated excellence in athletic achievement while at Carleton University (1983-86). Lanos is the 2<sup>nd</sup> all-time leading scorer in program history with 40 goals and led his team to their first ever OUAA Championship and a silver medal performance at the 1984 Canadian University National Championships.



Mike had his teammate's names engraved on the back of his plaque to honour what he feels was a team award. Family, friends, many former teammates and younger alumni attended in support of Mike's honour – A long time coming. Mike Lanos – gentleman, coach, All-Canadian player, goal scorer, alumni association founder, family man and well deserved first Raven Men's soccer player inducted into the Hall of Fame!

