

Men's Basketball History

2008-2009

The Men's Basketball team finished this season with a 10-12 record to place fourth in the OUA West Division. The 2008-09 campaign came to an end in the OUA quarter-finals when the Waterloo Warriors defeated the Gryphons 71-63 at the W.F. Mitchell Athletics Centre. Fifth-year guard Nick Pankerichan (Hamilton, ON) was named an OUA Second Team All-Star and finished his career as the second highest all-time scorer in Gryphon history with 1,231 points. He finished the season second on the team in scoring and rebounding (12.9 points & 3.6 rebounds) and led them in assists (54) and steals (37). Also graduating this year is forward Duncan Milne (Calgary, AB) who led the team in rebounds and points this season averaging 13 points and 6.6 rebounds per game.

Lawrence Adjei-Okyere 1L	Dan McCarthy 1L	Nick Pankerichan 5L	Dimitrios Seymour 2L
Charles Agyemang 4H	Duncan Milne 5L	Michael Petrella 2L	Cory Shody 1L
Adam Bering 2L	Jonathan Moscatelli 2L	Duncan Reid 1L	Nick Walters 2L
Jordan MacNeil 2L	Jay Mott 4H	Christopher Scott 1L	Sheriff Wiredu 1L

Coach: Chris O'Rourke
 Trainer: Jill Cressman
 Assistants: Chris Dooley, Brad Taylor

OUA Awards

OUA 2nd Team All-Star – Nick Pankerichan

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Nick Panerichan
 MIP of the Year – Sheriff Wiredu

2007-2008

The Men's Basketball team posted a 13-9 season record on the year to finish third in the OUA West. The season came to an end for the Gryphons in St. Catharines with a 78-74 loss to the Brock Badgers in the West semi-finals. En route to the semis, the Gryphons defeated the Laurier Golden Hawks 69-59 in the first round of the playoffs. Two veterans and two rookies were placed on the OUA West All-Star teams. Star fourth-year guard Nick Pankerichan (Hamilton, Ont.) was selected to the OUA West First All-Star team, while fourth-year forward Duncan Milne (Calgary, Alb.) received a Second Team berth and guards Jonathan Moscatelli (Toronto, Ont.) and Michael Petrella (Brantford, Ont.) were selected to the OUA West All-Rookie team. Pankerichan made his first appearance on the All-Star list as the six-foot-three guard finished the season leading the Gryphons in scoring with 15.6 points per game and 57 assists. Milne made his debut on the Second Team after finishing 9th in the division in rebounding (7.6 rebounds per game) and was a key defensive stopper for the Gryphons with a team-high 26 blocks and 24 steals. The six-foot-nine forward also finished the season as the second highest Gryphon scorer (13.6 points per game).

Charles Agyemang 3	Duncan Milne 4H	Omar Omar 1L	Dimitrios Seymour 1L
Adam Bering 1L	Jonathan Moscatelli 1L	Nick Pankerichan 4H	Nick Walters 1L
Ebe Haile 2	Jay Mott 3	Phillip Pesek 1L	Sheriff Wiredu -
Sebastian Kasiuk 3	Luke Nevar 3	Michael Petrella 1L	
Jordan MacNeil 1L	Zack Nevar 3	Borko Popic 2	

Coach: Chris O'Rourke
 Assistants: Aron Bariagabre, Chris Dooley, Mike King

Trainer: Stephanie Thyssen

OUA Awards

OUA 2nd Team All-Star – Nick Pankerichan & Duncan Milne
 All Rookie Team – Jonathan Moscatelli & Michael Petrella

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Duncan Milne
 MIP of the Year - Adam Bering

2006-2007

This year, the Gryphons posted a 12-10 record to finish fourth in the OUA West standings. In the West semi-finals, the Gryphons put up a great fight but fell 69-61 to the division leading Windsor Lancers. Aron Bariagabre earned Second Team All-Star honours after leading the team with 12.9 points per game and 5.2 rebounds per game. Fourth-year forward J.R. Bailey continued to lead the Gryphons on the glass averaging 7.6 rebounds per game and was the second leading scorer with 12.6 points per game this season.

Charles Agyemang 2	Jonathan Gurnham 4H	Duncan Milne 3	Zack Nevar 2
J.R. Bailey 2	Ebe Haile 1L	Jay Mott 2	Nick Pankerichan 3
Aron Bariagabre 2	Sebastian Kasiuk 2	Luke Nevar 2	Borko Popic 1L

Coach: Chris O'Rourke
 Assistants: Pat Dooley, Chris Dooley, Mike King, Toffer Treiguts

Manager: Jonathan Moscatelli
 Trainer: Colin Wallace

OUA Awards

OUA 2nd Team All-Star – Aron Bariagabre

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Aron Bariagabre
MIP of the Year - Duncan Milne

University of Guelph – Athletics Award Banquet

Don Cameron Most Improved Male Student Athlete – Duncan Milne

2005-2006

Under the direction of Chris O'Rourke, OUA West Division Coach of the Year, the Gryphs posted a 14-8 record for 3rd place in one of the most competitive divisions in the CIS. In OUA West quarter-final play, the Gryphons failed to capitalize on home court advantage dropping an 81-74 decision to Laurier with a 10-12 mark. J.R. Bailey was named a First Team All-Star. The Gryphons' top scorer was 10th in league scoring with 14.52 points per game and 4th in OUA rebounding with 8.19 rebounds per game. J.S. Esposito earned Second Team distinction with 10.41 points per game. Freshman guard Jay Mott was selected to the OUA West All-Rookie team. He made an instant impression with 6.64 points per game.

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Charles Agyemang 1L	Taylor Brown 4H	Phil Mathies 2	Zack Nevar 1L
Kwabena Akenteng 1L	JS Esposito 4H	Duncan Milne 2	Wes Ontonovich 1L
JR Bailey 1L	Jonathan Gurnham 3	Jay Mott 1L	Nick Pankerichan 2
Aron Bariagabre 1L	Sebastian Kasiuk 1L	Luke Nevar 1L	Joel Richardson 1L

Coach: Chris O'Rourke (14-8)
Assistants: Pat Dooley, Matt King, Toffer Treiguts
Manager: Jonathan Moscatelli
Trainer: Heather Stewart

OUA Awards

OUA 1st Team All-Stars - J.R. Bailey
OUA 2nd Team All-Stars - J.S. Esposito
OUA West All-Rookie team - Jay Mott
OUA West Division Coach of the Year - Chris O'Rourke

Team Awards

MVP of the Year - J.S. Esposito
MIP of the Year - Jonathan Gurnham

2004-2005

In 2004-05, the Gryphons posted an 11-11 record to finish 4th in the OUA West. In OUA West quarter final play, the Gryphons failed to capitalize on home court advantage dropping an 81-66 decision to Lakehead with a 10-12 mark. Jeff Rosar, 7th leading scorer in the OUA and 5th leading rebounder with 16.7 points and 7.7 rebounds per game, was named an OUA Second Team All-Star. Freshman guard Nick Pankerichan was selected to the OUA West All-Rookie Team. He was the 2nd leading scorer and rebounder on the team with 9.4 points and 3.4 rebounds per game.

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Taylor Brown 3	Nadan Kapetanovic 4	Duncan Milne 1L	Matt Rosar 3
Shane Cooney 1L	Chris MacDonald 1L	Jonathan Odumeru 2	Andrew Skiperis 2
J.S. Esposito 3	Eric Malcolm 2	Nick Pankerichan 1L	Mark Valvasori 2
Jonathan Gurnham 2	Phil Mathies 1L	Jeff Rosar 1L	

Coach: Chris O'Rourke
Assistants: Pat Dooley, Matt King, Toffer Treiguts
Manger: Okiimi Peters
Trainer: Dani McCullough

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Jeff Roser
MIP of the Year – Duncan Milne

2003-2004

In 2003-04, the Gryphons had 5 sell-out crowds and were one win away from returning to Halifax. In league play, they posted a 16-6 record, two points behind McMaster. By virtue of their 2nd place finish in the West conference, they earned a bye in the quarterfinals. Unfortunately, they suffered a disappointing loss to Brock in the semis. The season marks the end of careers of two players who made a significant impact on the

Gryphon program and the CIS: Second Team All-Canadian and OUA West Division First Team All-Star Kyle Julius and Second Team All-Star Radhi Knapp. Julius was 4th leading scorer in the country with 21.23 points per game and Knapp was 7th leading rebounder with 8.45 boards per game.

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Taylor Brown	2	John-Michael Irving	2	Eric Malcolm	1G	Andrew Skiperis	1G
Shane Cooney	-	Kyle Julius	3	Jonathan Odumeru	1G	Mark Valvasori	1G
J.S. Esposito	2	Nadan Kapetanovic	4H	Jason Popofski	1G		
Jonathan Gurnham	1G	Radhi Knapp	3	Matt Rosar	2		

Coach: Chris O'Rourke
 Assistants: Pat Dooley, Matt King, Scott Robinson
 Trainer: Drew Eidt

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Kyle Julius
 MIP of the Year – Taylor Brown

University of Guelph – Athletics Award Banquet

Male Athlete of the Year - Kyle Julius

Dr. James MacLachlan Award - Drew Eidt
 (Trainer of the Year)

2002-2003

The Gryphons earned a bye in the first round of the playoffs with a 15-7 league record and 2nd place finish in the West Division. With an 84-60 semi-final win over Lakehead they advanced to the title game against McMaster. During the regular season, the teams had met twice with Mac winning on both occasions, but this time, the outcome was different: Guelph downed the Marauders 77-67 to capture the West Division title and earn a berth to the CIS Final 8. Several days later, vying for the Wilson Cup and OUA supremacy, Guelph managed to keep Carleton to a low scoring game, but dropped a 64-56 result to the Ravens. In quarterfinal action at the national championships in Halifax, the 7th seeded Gryphons surprised the #2 ranked UBC Thunderbirds with a 90-76 victory. Guelph then upset 3rd seeded Alberta, defending national champions, 60-55. In the championship game before a crowd of 6,000 spectators, the Gryphons fell 3 points shy of capturing the CIS crown with a 57-54 loss to #1 ranked Carleton. OUA First Team All-Star, Mike Ayanbadejo, was named the West Division Player of the Year and a CIS All-Canadian while 5th year veteran, Mark Halfpenny, was awarded OUA Second Team status. At the CIS Final 8 Tournament, Kyle Julius and J.S. Esposito were recognized as Tournament All-Stars.

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Michael Ayanbadejo	4H	Mark Halfpenny	5	Radhi Knapp	2	Jordan Spence
Taylor Brown	1G	John-Michael Irving	1G	Adam Lobodici	1G	
John-Scott Esposito	1G	Kyle Julius	2	Michael Muir	1G	
Jeff Foster	2	Nadan Kapetanovic	3	Matt Rosar	1G	

Coach: Chris O'Rourke
Assistants: Pat Dooley, Alex Urosevic, Dan Yarmey
Manager: Zach Szereszewski
Trainer: Rory Klatt

Team Awards

MVP of the Year - Michael Ayanbadejo/Mark Halfpenny
MIP of the Year – Kyle Julius

University of Guelph – Athletics Award Banquet

Male Athlete of the Year - Mike Ayanbadejo

President's Trophy - Mark Halfpenny
(Male Student-Athlete of the Year)

2001-2002

With one of the most talented squads in the past five years, the Gryphons ended the regular season on a six game winning streak and finished 16-6 good for 2nd place in the OUA West Division behind the Western Mustangs, #3 in the country. By virtue of their placing, they received an opening round bye to the semi finals. In semi final action, the Gryphs hosted McMaster. The game was a defensive battle for the right to go on, but the Gryphons fell short 74-68 to a scrappy Marauder squad. Mike Ayanbadejo had an incredible season averaging a double double with 21 points per game and a league-leading 10.4 rebounds per game, which warranted runner up for Player of the Year in the West Division, First Team All-Star and Second Team All-Canadian honours. Mark Halfpenny had an outstanding year defensively. The Gryphs lose graduating seniors, Chris Popofski, Curtis Seeley, Toffer Treiguts and Koven Padayachee.

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Michael Ayanbadejo	3	Nadan Kapetanovic	2	Curtis Seeley	4H
Bennet De Brabandere	3	Radhi Knapp	1G	Jordan Spence	1G
Jeff Foster	1G	Mark Melehes	3	T.J. Sprickerhoff	2
Mark Halfpenny	4H	Koven Padayachee	5	Toffer Treiguts	5
Kyle Julius	1G	Chris Popofski	2	Jon Vermeer	2

Coach: Chris O'Rourke
Assistants: Shane Bascoe, Pat Dooley, Brian Moore
Managers: Dan Anstett, Brian Kosowick
Trainers: Rory Klatt, Lee Wicksted

Team Awards

MVP of the Year - Michael Ayanbadejo
MIP of the Year - Chris Popofski

University of Guelph – Athletics Award Banquet

President's Trophy - Mark Halfpenny
(Male Student-Athlete of the Year)

Dr. James MacLachlan Award - Lee Wicksted
(Trainer of the Year)

2000-2001

Guelph rounded out league play with a 10-4 record for 3rd place in the OUA West Division. In quarterfinal action, the Gryphons met Lakehead for the third year in a row and lifted the Thunderwolves' curse defeating them 80-56. The Gryphs who had been ranked as high as 9th in the national rankings this season were then eliminated in semi final play by the #2 Western Mustangs 97-73. Fifth year player, Shane Bascoe, was selected as a West Division First Team All Star while freshman, Nadan Kapetanovic, was awarded Rookie of the Year. Kapetanovic was also runner up for CIAU Rookie of the Year.

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Shane Bascoe	1G	Tom Jovanovic	2	Joe Palango	1G
Bennet De Brabandere	2	Nadan Kapetanovic	1G	Chris Popofski	1G
Paul Beecher	2	Geoff MacNeil	5	Curtis Seeley	3
Aaron Giberson	2	Adam Miller	1G	Toffer Treiguts	4H
Mark Halfpenny	3	Koven Padayachee	4H	Jon Vermeer	1G
				Jason Wenzler	5
Coach:	Chris O'Rourke				
Assistants:	Dan Anstett, Mark Grant, Brian Kosowick, Dan Yarmey				
Trainers:	Laurie Halfpenny-Mitchell, Jocelyn Sitland 1G				

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Shane Bascoe

MIP of the Year – Mark Halfpenny

University of Guelph – Athletics Award Banquet

Scott Yanchus Memorial Award - Nadan Kapetanovic

(Male Rookie of the Year)

1999-2000

Rounding out their season with a 7-7 record, the Men's Basketball team secured 4th place in the OUA West Division conference. In quarter-final play, Guelph's hope of advancing any further in post-season play was shattered by Lakehead in a 70-57 loss. Guard, Geoff MacNeil, was chosen as a Second Team OUA West Division All Star while freshman, Aaron Giberson, was named to the All Rookie Team.

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Mark Allen	2	Geoff MacNeil	4H
Paul Beecher	1G	Mark Melehes	2
Aharon Brown	2	Koven Padayachee	3
Bennet DeBrabandere	1G	Curtis Seeley	2
Aaron Giberson	1G	Stefan Selkirk	1G
Mark Halfpenny	2	Toffer Treiguts	3
Tom Jovanovic	1G	Jason Wenzler	4H
Coach:	Chris O'Rourke		
Assistants:	Dave West, Stephen Krajcarski, Mark Grant		
Managers:	Dan Anstett, Chris Brown		
Trainer:	Laurie Halfpenny-Mitchell, Kara Reid, Jocelyn Sitland		

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Jason Wenzler

MIP of the Year - Bennet DeBrabandere

University of Guelph – Athletics Award Banquet

Cathy Rowe Award - Dan Anstett

(Manager of the Year)

1998-1999

The Basketball Gryphons posted an 8-6 record to earn them 4th spot in the OUA West Division. In the West Division quarter final contest, the Gryphons fell short 76-79 to Lakehead. Malik Shehbaz and Mike Ayanbadejo were selected as OUA West Division Second Team All Stars.

Mark Allen	1G	Mark Melehes	1G
Michael Ayanbadejo	2	Koven Padayachee	2
Aharon Brown	1G	Curtis Seeley	1G
Jason Crotty	3	Malik Shehbaz	5
Mark Halfpenny	1G	T.J. Sprickerhoff	1G
Brent Jamieson	3	Toffer Treiguts	2
Michael Koolhaas	-	Jason Wenczler	3
Geoff MacNeil	3	Charles Yearwood	5

Coach: Chris O'Rourke
Assistants: Wayne Kidd, Dave West / Mark Grant
Managers: Dane Pierre / Mike Ravensdale
Trainers: Laurie Halfpenny / Mark Hunter

Team Awards

MVP of the Year - Malik Shehbaz
MIP of the Year - Koven Padayachee

1997-1998

The Men's Basketball Team, under new Head Coach, Chris O'Rourke, kept the program in national prominence as they moved as high as fifth in the national rankings throughout the preseason. A tough league schedule saw them finish at 6-8 in fifth place, but came up with a big win on the road at Lakehead to earn a playoff berth. The Gryphons stepped up their performance in the post season as they defeated Brock 75-57 to move on to the OUA West Semi Finals. In their matchup with first place, McMaster, Guelph built up an 11 point lead in the second half, but just fell short at the end 71-67. Freshman, Mike Ayanbadejo, a Second Team OUA All Star was selected as the OUA West Division Rookie of the Year.

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Michael Ayanbadejo	1G	Koven Padayachee	1G
Jason Crotty	2	Malik Shehbaz	4H
Jeff Erskine	5	Kris Treiguts	1G
Jason Graham	1G	Jason Wenczler	2
Brent Jamieson	2	Brendan Wilson	1G
Kalvin Karimian	3	Jason Wiltshire	2
Geoff MacNeil	2	Charles Yearwood	4H

Coach: Chris O'Rourke
Assistants: Kris VanderVeer / Wayne Kidd / Mark Grant
Manager: Dane Pierre
Trainer: Matt Burnside

Team Awards

MVP of the Year - Michael Ayanbadejo
MIP of the Year - Jason Crotty

University of Guelph – Athletics Award Banquet

Scott Yanchus Memorial Award - Michael Ayanbadejo
(Male Rookie of the Year)

1996-1997

The Men's Basketball team advanced to the CIAU Championships for the 5th time in the past 8 seasons and took the Consolation Championship in Halifax. The team tied for 1st place in the OUAA West Division with an 11-3 record and advanced to the division final before dropping the title game to McMaster. In Halifax, Guelph played some of its best basketball of the season losing at the buzzer to eventual champion Victoria but rebounded with victories over Toronto and Bishop's. Kris Vander Veer was a 1st Team OUAA All-Star and a finalist for the TSN/Ken Shields Award for ability, academic performance and community service.

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Kenneth Anaebonam	1G	Stephen Krajcarski	5
Jason Crotty	1G	Geoff MacNeil	1G
Paul Eldridge	4H	Aaron Rideout	3
Jeff Erskine	4H	Darren Thomas	2
Neil Gowe	1G	Kris Vander Veer	5
Brent Jamieson	1G	Jason Wenczler	1G
Collin Jones	3	Charles Yearwood	3
Kalvin Karimian	2		

Coach: Tim Darling

Assistants: Chris O'Rourke, Andy Van Dyke, Tarry Upshaw

Manager: Dane Pierre

Trainer: Matt Burnside / Matt Foran

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Kris Vanderveer

MIP of the Year – Kris Vanderveer

University of Guelph – Athletics Award Banquet

President's Trophy - Kris Vander Veer

(Male Student-Athlete of the Year)

1995-1996

The Basketball Gryphons posted a 10-4 record to earn them 3rd spot in the OUAA West Division. However, the Gryphs then dropped the quarter final contest to Waterloo 69-57. Paul Eldridge was an OUAA First Team All Star while Alex Brainis and Wayne Charles were selected to the Second Team.

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Alex Brainis	2	Cam Nekkers	
Wayne Charles	1G	Erik Otto	3
Paul Eldridge	3	Aaron Rideout	2
Jeff Erskine	3	Kris Vander Veer	4H
Collin Jones	2	Clark Wincott	1G
Kalvin Karimian	1G	Charles Yearwood	2
Steve Krajcarski	4H		

Coach: Tim Darling

Assistants: Chris O'Rourke, Dean Pandurov, Andy Van Dyke, Tarry Upshaw

Manager: Matt Burnside

Trainers: Lisa MacNeil, Carla Molloy

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Paul Eldridge

MIP of the Year – Aaron Rideout

University of Guelph – Athletics Award Banquet

President's Trophy - Paul Eldridge

(Male Student-Athlete of the Year)

1994-1995

The Basketball Gryphons surprised most of the experts and took top honours in the OUAA West Division posting a 12-2 record. They won the Wild West Shootout Tournament at Copps Coliseum and the West Division title as they defeated McMaster 76-62 in the championship game after advancing with a 76-55 semi final win over Waterloo. Despite losing the OUAA Final to Toronto by a score of 72-58 they advanced to the CIAU National Championships in Halifax as West Division champions. Despite an outbreak of flu that affected most of the team the Gryphons put in a strong performance despite losing in the 1st round to eventual champions Alberta. They defeated #1 ranked Brandon before losing to #2 Victoria in the consolation final. With only one player graduating the team should be strong in years to come. Rob Henry, was selected as an OUAA First Team All Star while Paul Eldridge was a member of the Second Team. Coach, Tim Darling, was voted OUAA West Division Coach of the Year while Collin Jones was selected as Rookie of the Year in the OUAA West.

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Alex Brainis	1G	Jeff Erskine	2	Collin Jones	1G
Cam Neekers	1G	Aaron Rideout	1G	Shaun Wilson	2
Paul Eldridge	2	Rob Henry	2	Steve Krajcarski	3
Erik Otto	2	Kris Vander Veer	3	Charles Yearwood	1G

Coach: Tim Darling

Assistants: Rob Froese, Dean Pandurov, Chris O'Rourke, Walter Schlichthorn

Managers: Mark Grant, David Lang, John Beechy

Trainers: Lisa MacNeil, Carla Molloy

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Rob Henry

MIP of the Year – Kris Vanderveer

University of Guelph – Athletics Award Banquet

Scott Yanchus Memorial Award - Collin Jones

(Male Rookie of the Year)

1993-1994

A young and inexperienced Gryphon team struggled early but put it all together in the later stages of the season. They defeated Windsor to secure a playoff berth and then upset number one ranked, McMaster, to finish the regular season with a 7-7 record. They shone in the playoffs, however, as they upset Waterloo 79-71 and demolished Western 93-76 at Copps Coliseum to advance to the championship game against eventual titlist, McMaster. The Marauders prevailed 88-73 but it did not diminish a great performance from fifth year guard, Chris O'Rourke, who was named a First Team West Division All Star. With virtually everyone else returning, the future looks extremely promising for the Gryphons.

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Christian Baldauf	3	James Kritz	1G
Paul Eldridge	1G	Randy Mahoney	3
Jeff Erskine	1G	Rudy Nelson	1G
Rob Henry	1G	Chris O'Rourke	5
Chris Kopichanski	1G	Erik Otto	1G
Steve Krajcarski	2	Kris Vanderveer	2
		Shaun Wilson	1G

Coach: Tim Darling

Assistants: Rob Froese, Walter Schlichthorn, Tarry Upshaw

Managers: Russ Cullinane, Mark Grant

Ball Boy: Michael Breaton

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Chris O'Rourke

MIP of the Year – Kris Vanderveer

1992-1993

The Men's Basketball Team won more games (30) than any other Gryphor Basketball Team, despite only returning one starter from last year's team* that advanced to the National Championship Tournament. While the team did not make it back to Halifax they posted a 10-4 regular season record and a second place finish in the tough West Division before bowing out to Brock in the semi finals at Copps Coliseum. Tim Mau was again selected as a First Team All Canadian and along with Rich Wesolowski were OUAA All Stars.

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Chris Baldauf	2	Randy Mahoney	2	Mark Tonizzo	2
Andre Baptiste	1G	Tim Mau	5	Kris Vanderveer	1G
Brent Barnhart	5	Chris O'Rourke	4H	Rich Wesolowski	2
Floyd Cobran	2	Rory Steele	2		
Stephen Krajcarski	1G	Doros Theodosiou	1G		

Coach: Tim Darling

Assistants: Ray Darling, Rob Froese, Walter Schlichthorn, Tarry Upshaw

Managers: Russ Cullinane, Lisa Jackson, Melissa Leiskau

Trainer: James Sweeney

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Tim Mau

MIP of the Year – Chris Baldauf

University of Guelph – Athletics Award Banquet

W.F. Mitchell Sportsman Award - Tim Mau

(Graduating student with talent in his sport, leadership qualities and involvement in Athletics at Guelph)

Male Athlete of the Year - Tim Mau

President's Trophy - Tim Mau

(Male Student-Athlete of the Year)

1991-1992

The Men's Basketball team made an unprecedented third consecutive trip to the national championships in Halifax. The Gryphons finished tied for 1st place in the West Division with an 11-3 record but lost the division final 79-76 in overtime to Brock after recording playoff wins over Laurier and McMaster. After dropping a 2 point decision in the opening game of the CIAU Championships Guelph handily defeated Concordia and Brandon to earn the bronze medal. Tim Mau was selected as an OUAA First Team All Star and a First Team All Canadian.

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Chris Baldauf	1G	Humphrey Hill	1G	Rory Steele	3
Brent Barnhart	4H	Mark Holland	2	Shawn Taras	5
Floyd Cobran	1G	Randy Mahoney	1G	Mark Tonizzo	1G
Eric Hammond	4H	Tim Mau	4H	Rich Wesolowski	1G
Themis Hantzaridis	1G	Chris O'Rourke	3		

Coach: Tim Darling

Assistants: Dave McNeil, Greg Hook, Ray Kybartas

Manager: Melissa Leiskau

Ball Boy: Michael Breaton

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Tim Mau

MIP of the Year - Chris O'Rourke

University of Guelph – Athletics Award Banquet

President's Trophy - Tim Mau

(Male Student-Athlete of the Year)

Don Cameron Memorial Award - Chris O'Rourke
(Most Improved Male Athlete over first 3 years)

Scott Yanchus Memorial Award - Rich Wesolowski
(Male Rookie of the Year)

Cathy Rowe Award - Melissa Leiskau
(Manager/Trainer of the Year)

1990-1991

The Men's Basketball team had another stellar year on the basketball court finishing in first place in the West Division for the first time in ten years and earning a second straight berth in the CIAU National Championships. Tim Mau was selected as a second team All Canadian and a first team OUAA All Star while Eric Hammond and Darren Thomas also made the OUAA All Star teams. The Gryphons having advanced to the CIAU finals with wins over Brandon and Acadia lost in the championship game to Western. Tim Mau was selected to the All-Tournament Team.

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Scott Bales	1G	Kevin Larose	2	Shawn Taras	4H
Brent Barnhart	3	Tim Mau	3	Darren Thomas	1G
Stephen Cuevas	2	Brian Moore	3	Garnett Williams	1G
Ray Darling	5	Chris O'Rourke	2		
Eric Hammond	3	David Sherwood	1G		

Coach: Tim Darling

Assistants: Dave McNeil, Gary Balogh, Dean Pandurov, Ray Kybartas

Managers: Melissa Leiskau, Scott Eckles

Trainer: Jennifer Le Blanc

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Ray Darling

MIP of the Year – Shawn Taras

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W.F. Mitchell Sportsman Award - Ray Darling

(Graduating student with talent in his sport, leadership qualities and involvement in Athletics at Guelph)

President's Trophy - Tim Mau

(Male Student-Athlete of the Year)

Don Cameron Memorial Award - Brent Barnhart

(Most Improved Male Athlete over first 3 years)

Cathy Rowe Award - Jennifer Le Blanc

(Manager /Trainer of the Year)

1989-1990

The Men's Basketball team capped a very impressive season by winning their first ever OUAA West Division Championship and the Wilson Cup for the overall OUAA Title. After finishing the regular season 11-3 Guelph defeated Western 63-55 in the championship game and Concordia 90-89 in overtime in the OUAA Final. Tim Mau was selected as both the MVP of the West Division and the MVP of the OUAA Championship game as well as being selected a first team OUAA All Star and All Canadian. Eric Hammond was named a first team OUAA All Star and second team All Canadian. The Gryphons made it all the way to the CIAU final with wins over Toronto and Victoria before dropping the championship game to Concordia. Tim Mau was named to the All-Tournament team.

(No.: indicates letters earned in that sport, G: indicates Gold G - 1st letter earned, H: indicates Honour Award - 4 or more letters earned over 4 years).

Linus Azubalis	1G	Stephen Cuevas	1G	Sean Kelly	4H
Brent Barnhart	2	Ray Darling	4H	Kevin LaRose	1G
Ben Birstonas	2	Eric Hammond	2		

Rene Luypaert	2	Chris O'Rourke	1G	Shawn Taras	3
Tim Mau	2	Greg Scott	2	Kurt Vanclief	1G
Brian Moore	2	Tim Sprung	3	Fred Wood	1G

Coach: Tim Darling

Assistants: Gary Balogh, Dave McNeil

Managers : John Beechy, Melissa Leiskau

Trainer: Kathy McKay

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Eric Hammond

MIP of the Year – Chris O'Rourke

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Male Athlete of the Year - Tim Mau

President's Trophy - Tim Mau

(Male Student-Athlete of the Year)

Cathy Rowe Award - John Beechy

(Manager/Trainer of the Year)

1988-1989

The men's basketball team was the most improved team in the entire CIAU during the 1988-89 season. After posting a 1-11 record the previous season, the team went 12-2 during the regular season and dropped a narrow 73-68 decision to defending champion, Western, in the West Division Final. Highlights included a thirteen game winning streak during league and playoff action and a final number nine ranking in the country. Tim Mau was selected as an Honourable Mention All Canadian and the CIAU Freshman of the Year and led the league in rebounding at 10.6 per game and was fourth in the division in scoring at 20.1 ppg. Both Mau and Eric Hammond were selected to the OUAA First All Star Team, marking the first time in league history that two first year players were selected. Hammond also averaged 10.2 rpg and was second in the league in rebounding. With virtually the entire team eligible to return next year cannot come too soon.

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Scott Aldworth	1G	Sean Kelly	3	Brian Moore	1G
Brent Barnhart	1G	Darrin Laurin	2	Tim Sprung	2
Ray Darling	3	John Leacock	1G	Pat Sullivan	2
David De Forge	2	Rene Luypaert	1G	Shawn Taras	2
Eric Hammond	1G	Tim Mau	1G	Sieg Will	5

Coach: Tim Darling

Assistants: Doug Aitchison, Gary Balogh, Ben Birstonas, Ray Kybartas, Walter Schlichthorn

Managers: John Beechey, Melissa Lasko

Trainer: Kevin Coward

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Tim Mau

MIP of the Year – Brian Moore

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Don Cameron Memorial Award - Ray Darling

(Most Improved Male Athlete over first 3 years)

Scott Yanchus Memorial Award - Tim Mau

(Male Rookie of the Year)

1987-1988

The team had a rebuilding season which did not get off to a promising start as centre, Serge Bolzon, was lost for the year with a shoulder injury. Despite the 1-11 record, things look very bright for next year as several new recruits and a number of players who gained valuable experience should make up the nucleus of a contending team. Tim Sprung had a great year as he averaged 21.2 points and 9.2 rebounds per game which was third and second in the conference respectively.

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Ben Birstonas	1	Mark Holland	1	Pat Sullivan	1G
Sergio Bolzon	2	Preston Jickling	1	Shawn Taras	1G
Raymond Darling	2	Sean Kelly	2	Terry Upshaw	1G
Dave DePorge	1	Darrin Laurin	1		
Michael Henahan	1	Tim Sprung	1G		

Coach: Tim Darling
Assistant: Gary Balogh
Manager: Ian Gower
Trainer: Colin Sim

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Tim Sprung
MIP of the Year – Darrin Laurin

1986-1987

The men's basketball team started a resurgence in 1986-87 as they improved from an 0-12 record in 1986 to a very respectable 6 and 6 mark. After dropping their first four league games, the Gryphons went on a five game winning streak and grabbed a berth in the Top Ten rankings at the number nine position. Jeff Root was selected as a first team OUAA All-Star and placed second in league scoring while Serge Bolzon was named to the second All-Star team. New coach Tim Darling hopes that this is the beginning of a strong programme in Gryphon Basketball.

(* Denotes letter winner, ** Denotes first time letter winner).

Sergio Bolzon	**	John Liotta		Greg Scott	
Joe Clark	**	Ed Melna	**	Mike Shoemaker	
Ray Darling	**	Darryl Milne	**	Al Tinholt	*
Todd Goetz		Bill Oliphant	**	Sieg Will	*
Mark Jensen		Kevin Pyne	*	Ian Winter	*
Sean Kelly	**	Jeff Root	*		

Coach: Tim Darling -
Assistant: Doug Aitchison, Bob Urosevic
Trainer: Scott Lusk, Karen MacDonald

Team Awards

Captains -
MVP of the Year – Sergio Boloz
MIP of the Year – Bill Oliphant

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Scott Yanchus Memorial Award - Ray Darling
(Male Rookie of the Year)

1985-1986

While the win-loss record was not what the team had hoped for, there were some individual highlights to the 1985-86 season. Captain Jeff Root broke Tom Heslip's single game scoring record with a 43 point performance against the University of Windsor. Root, was also named a first team All-Star and won the CIAU scoring championship averaging 26.2 points per game. The Gryphon Invitational Tournament in November was televised nationally by the Sports Network and with many players returning in 1986-87 it looks considerably brighter.

(* Denotes letter winner, ** Denotes first time letter winner).

Steve Barr	**	Rob Harold	**	Al Tinholt	*
Joe Clark	**	Jeff Root	*	Sieg Will	*
David DeForge	**	Greg Scott	**	Don Williams	*
Mike Ducharme	**	Donovan Thomas	**	Ian Winter*	

David Arseneault (Coach)
Bob Sharpe (Assistant Coach)
Todd Campbell (Manager)
Marilyn Moore (Trainer)

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Jeff Root
MIP of the Year – David DeForge

1984-1985

The men's basketball team turned their fortunes around from the previous season by finishing league play with a 6-6 record which tied them for 3rd place. David Joseph was selected as a first team OUAA All-Star and was the league's second leading scorer. The highlight of the season came January 30th when the Gryphons upset the number-one ranked Waterloo Warriors 81-76 in the Athletics Centre. There was a large number of first year players on the team and the prospects look even brighter for the 1985-86 season.

(* Denotes letter winner, ** Denotes first time letter winner).

John Faragher	*	Kevin Pyne	**	Seig Will	**
Brent Hanson		Jeff Root	**	Don Williams	**
David Joseph	**	Drew Scott	*	Ian Winter	**
John Lohr	*	Anthony Stewart	*		
Keith Pyne	**	Al Tinholt	**		

David Arseneault (Coach)
Bob Sharpe (Assistant Coach)
Guy Goldston (Assistant Coach)
Bob Cianci (Manager)
Julie Hughes (Trainer)
Pam Brown (Trainer)

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – David Joseph
MIP of the Year – Al Tinholt

1983-1984

With an unprecedented number of injuries to key personnel, the Gryphons struggled in a season which resulted in only one win during regular season play. Anthony Stewart, however, established himself as one of the top freshmen players in the country and the 1984-85 season looks promising. The team recorded some impressive wins over Carlton, Toronto, Regina and Laurier and the spirit displayed was admirable, considering the number of misfortunes that befell them. Both Stewart and Drew Scott were among the top ten scorers in league play and the team's defensive record ranked third overall.

George Baader	**	Anthony Stewart	**	Paul Flack	*
Drew Scott	*	John Faragher	**	John Lohr	**
Brad Bowering	*	Dan Sukara	*	Ian McGregor	**

David Arseneault (Coach)
Joe Raso (Asst. Coach)
Peter Seymour (Manager)
Dee Hall (Trainer)

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Paul Flack/Anthony Stewart
MIP of the Year – John Faragher

1982-1983

The men's team started the season well, winning their own tournament and defeating Calgary and Acadia on the way to the national #5 ranking. A severe second half cold streak saw the team finish seventh in the OUAA West -Derrick Lewis captured an all-star berth and Mike Sesto became the team's all-time leading scorer.

(* Denotes letter winner, ** Denotes first time letter winner).

Ken Caponni	*	Ron Henry	*	Drew Scott	**
Paul Flack	**	Greg Hook	*	Michael Sesto	*
Steve Frangos	**	Derrick Lewis	*	Dan Sukara	*
George Harpur	**	John Lohr	**	Brad Bowering	**

Michael Wacasey (Manager)
Marion Greenberg (Trainer)
Dave Arseneault (Coach)
Ross Wilson (Asst. Coach)

Team Awards

MVP of the Year - Mike Sesto/Derrick Lewis
MIP of the Year - Greg Hook

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Don Cameron Memorial Award - Greg Hook
(Most Improved Male Athlete over first 3 years)

1981-1982

The men's team played a very tough exhibition schedule in preparation for the OUAA West regular season where they went 7 - 5 for a third place finish. At the championship tournament at Brock, the Gryphons ran into a red hot Windsor team and had to settle for the Consolation Championship with a win over Waterloo. Individual highlights saw three Gryphons earn All-Star recognition.

(* Denotes letter winner, ** Denotes first time letter winner).

Ken Capponi	**	Dan Ryan	
Ron Henry	*	Mark Scott	*
Greg Hook	*	Michael Sesto	*
Tom Heslip	*	Dan Sukara	*
Adrian Kirby	**	David Thompson	
Derrick Lewis	*	Michael Wacasey	*
Keith Mosher			

Coach - Gib Chapman

Asst. Coach - Ron Barber, Barry Phillips

Trainer - Marion Greenberg

Faculty Advisor - Jim Stevens, Dan Yarmey

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Tom Heslip

MIP of the Year – Ron Henry

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W.F. Mitchell Sportsman Award - Tom Heslip

(Graduating student with talent in his sport, leadership qualities and involvement in Athletics at Guelph)

Don Cameron Memorial Award - Mark Scott

(Most Improved Male Athlete over first 3 years)

1980-1981

The Men's Basketball Gryphons once again went to the buzzer this season before being eliminated from post-season play. This year, it was the Windsor Lancers who scored the final bucket to send the Gryphons out, and this year, it was the OUAA West Championship game. The Gryphons turned in a 10-2 record to take first place in the division, and at the end of the season saw Tom Heslip, Rick Dundas, and Mike Sesto named all-conference and Head Coach Gib Chapman named Coach-of-the-Year for the second straight season. Heslip went on to be named All-Canadian at the final banquet in Waterloo.

(* Denotes letter winner, ** Denotes first time letter winner).

Rick Dundas	*	Mike Hudson		Mike Sesto	*
Rory Gooderham	*	David Kok		Peter Smith	*
Ron Henry	**	Derrick Lewis	**	Dan Sukara	**
Tom Heslip	*	Keith Mantesso		Mike Wacasey	**
Greg Hook	**	Mark Scott	*	Steve Yednoroz	

Coach - Gib Chapman

Manager - John Aird

Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Tom Heslip

MIP of the Year – Mark Scott

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Male Athlete of the Year - Tom Heslip

1979-1980

The Men's Team put together a good season at 8-4 and placed third in the OUAA West. At the 'shoot out' at Waterloo, the Gryphons lost to Waterloo in the semi-final on a shot at the buzzer. In the Consolation Final, the Gryphons lost to Western. A highlight of the season was the naming of Gib Chapman as Coach-of-the-Year in the division.

(x Denotes letter winner, xx Denotes first time letter winner).

Rick Dundas	xx	Mike Hryb	xx	Mike Sesto	xx
Rory Gooderham	x	Lloyd Kennedy	x	Peter Smith	xx
Ron Hall	xx	Keith Mantesso	x	Steve Yednoroz	x
Tom Heslip	xx	Mark Scott	xx		

Coach - G.W. Chapman

Asst. Coach - Hank Vandenberg

Manager - Wally Carter

Team Awards

Bill Dimson Memorial Trophy: MVP of the Year – Rick Dundas

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Don Cameron Memorial Award - Rick Dundas

(Most Improved Male Athlete over first 3 years)