

OUA Women's Water Polo Finals
Queen's University, November 25-26, 2006

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Game # 1

Carleton 9 vs Queens 3

Ravens Goaltender

Laura Catana

24 shots / 3 goals

Save % = 87.5 %

Ravens Goal Scorers

Rachel Baxter - 3

Jennifer Hampton - 2

Rachelle Aldrich - 2

Ilona Jones (Csepregi) - 1

Michaela Keenan-Pelletier - 1

Game # 2 (OUA Final)

(Carleton 5 vs McMaster 4)

Ravens Goaltender

Laura Catana

25 shots / 4 goals

Save % = 84 %

Ravens Goal Scorers

Rachel Baxter - 2

Ilona Jones (Csepregi) - 2

Kasia Hart - 1

Gold Medal Game Story:

The Ravens and Marauders played one of the closest OUA Women's Championship games in the 19-year history of the tournament. Although down 2-0 after the 1st period, the Ravens came-back to even the score at 3 each, going into the final quarter.

Carleton's veteran leftie Ilona Jones broke the tie at the six minute mark. It was fitting that veteran All-Star and OUA Scoring Champion, Rachel Baxter would score the winning goal one minute later to give Carleton a 5-3 lead.

The Marauders scored once more before Carleton's defense led by veteran All-Stars Kasia Hart & Jennifer Hampton and rookie All-Star goalkeeper, Laura Catana shut the door on any McMaster comeback.

First-year player Catana was brilliant in keeping Carleton in the lead down the stretch as she made several excellent saves to preserve the victory. The Marauders took (25) shots on the Ravens' net, but could only beat Laura 4-times, giving Laura an impressive Save Percentage of 84%.

Baxter and Jones scored twice each and Kasia Hart added one goal in the OUA Championship victory game. Rachel Baxter topped-off her record-setting (34) goal OUA season, by being recognized as the Roy Gunell Tournament MVP.

Liz Aldrich would no doubt have been a factor in the gold game, but she broke a finger in the Queens game and was not able to play on Sunday.