Dear Parents, Friends, and Alumnae,

We want to take this time to thank all the parents and alumnae who supported the team throughout the season. We appreciate your attendance at our home and away matches; your support provides all members with a feel for the rich tradition of our program. We are also grateful for the generosity of our alumnae and parents and would like to express our appreciation for helping to make this program the envy of many schools.

I would like to thank the following people for their generosity and continued support of our program: Douglas Grissom ’89, William Vickery ’57, Stephen Merkel and Robin Shanus P’19, Jamshid and Mahshid Ehsani P’17, Douglas Crowe and Amanda Ciaccio P’19, Andrew Sheiner and Liza Mauer P’19, Paul Rapisarda ’76 P’08 ’11, Hillary and John McAtee P’18, Sara Schwartz P’19, Eric Cody ’72, June and Robert Wessel ’50, Kathy Burke ’90, Erich Cramer ’56, Robert Schwartz ’87 P’19, Lena Rice ’14, Pamela Lester ’80, Ellie Ballard ’95, Timothy and Kathryn Conway P’20, Robert Bown P’20, Gene Goldstein, Robert Landau ’74, Alice Harris, James Staros, Mary McNeill ’13, Anne Piper ’13, Michael Fischetti ’99. I apologize if I have missed anyone.

I hope you will enjoy reading this preview of our upcoming season and we are looking forward to seeing you at one of our matches. Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season.

All the best,
Coach

2016-2017 Amherst Men's Squash Team

A Message From
Peter Robson
Head Coach

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NESCAC ALL-CONFERENCE
2nd Team Harith Khawaja

CSA-SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD
Cameron Bahadori
Darian Ehsani

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Cameron Bahadori
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Harith Khawaja
David Merkel
Ian Petty
Rob Schwartz
Lucas Sheiner

BLAIR SADLER ’62
SPORTSMANSHIP
Ian Petty

ALFRED SADLER ’62 MOST
IMPROVED PLAYER
Michael Groot

FRIENDS OF AMHERST
ATHLETICS
Mitch Ford

W. Wylly LAMAR MVP
David Merkel
Captains’ Cameron Bahadori ’18 and David Merkel ’19 are looking to move the team up in the national rankings. Bahadori returns as the lone senior and is joined by juniors Merkel, Harith Khawaja, Ian Petty, Rob Schwartz, Lucas Sheiner, and sophomores Mitch Ford, Mateen Mills, and Chris Zimmerman. All of these players made significant contributions last season. They will also look to first-years Reggie Brewster The Dalton School, NY, Pavan Nagaraj, The Northwest School, WA, Arnav Parikh, India, Rob Parker, Deerfield Academy, MA, and Terrence Wang, Groton School, MA to help strengthen the lineup.

The season kicks off with two matches prior to Thanksgiving Break against NESCAC opponent Tufts University and Independent Boston University. We will then compete against Connecticut College and Northeastern University before taking a break for exams. The new year will have us facing three strong opponents, Yale University, Middlebury College and Brown University. As we kick off our annual Pioneer Valley Invitational, we will face Dickinson College in the first match and then battle MIT, a team we met in the CSA Nationals at the end of last season. The Naval Academy and NESCAC opponents Colby College and Hamilton College will finish out the weekend. Following the Pioneer Valley Invitational we will travel to Wesleyan University to compete in the Little III’s before beginning post-season play.

**MEET OUR 2017-2018 CAPTAINS**

Cameron Bahadori and David Merkel

**COACHING STAFF**

The team is fortunate to have Stuart Crawford continuing as assistant coach. Before joining Amherst College, Stuart was the acting coach for the Scottish National Team. In addition, he has served as a personal coach to a number of world-ranked players. Prior to coaching, he was a regular on the PSA Tour.

Graham Gal is also returning this year. Graham played in the amateur ranks before turning to coaching research. He has published articles on skill development and mental preparation for competition.

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