

Spring 2016



Team Officers 2015-2016

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Joel Lavoie
(Co-Captain)

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Ankit Sinha

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Laura Ferreira-Cesar

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Directors:

Molly Papermaster

To the Donors and friends of the Boston University Club Squash Team,

On Behalf of BU Squash, we would like to thank you for your contribution to our team on BU Giving day. We were overwhelmed with all the support received that day and thank you today for your donations. We heavily rely on the generosity of donors such as yourselves and are extremely grateful for your support.

Follow our progress and all your support is helping us accomplish on the BU Squash Facebook and Instagram page!

Best,

The Boston University 2015-2016 Club Squash Team



Meet the Captains...



Lillian Wacker

College of Arts and Sciences
'16

Brooklyn, New York
Poly Prep Country Day
School (NY).

Born July 28th, 1994 in New York. Lillian is the daughter of Isabel and Thomas Wacker. She has one older sister Laura.

At Poly Prep Lillian played Varsity Squash and Lacrosse.

In her free time, Lily is a member of the Alpha Phi Sorority.

Lillian is pursuing a degree in Bachelor of Arts in History.

Joel Austin Lavoie

College of Engineering '18
Mattapoisett, MA
Tabor Academy

January 29, 1996 New Bedford, MA

Born to Regis and Joyce Lavoie, Joel has one younger brother, Chad, currently a junior at Tabor Academy.

Joel is a Sophomore studying Biomedical Engineering and is a pre-medical student.

Allan Xiangnan Chen

College of Fine Arts '16
Cape Town, South Africa
Bishops Diocesan College

30 October 1993, Johannesburg, South Africa

Born to Dabing Chen and Yumei Shi, Allan has an identical twin, Bill, who graduated from NYU, and an older brother of 27, James, who graduated from Renming University, Beijing.

Allan will be receiving a degree in Bachelor of Music in Composition and Theory.

Chandler Burke

College of Engineering '16
Bryn Mawr, PA
Episcopal Academy (PA)

Born July 20, 1993 in Haddonfield, New Jersey. Chandler is the daughter of Francis and Kathleen Burke. She has one older brother Frank (24)

At Episcopal, Chandler played on the varsity tennis and track teams.

In her spare time, Chandler likes to take her dog on hikes, paint and find new music to listen to. She is also a member of the Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority.

Chandler is a Biomedical Engineering major and will be staying at BU for her masters in Biomedical Engineering.

Reflections from our graduating seniors:

BU squash has given me some of my favorite college memories. It's been incredible to watch the team grow in size and skill over the past four years, and I feel especially lucky to be part of the first women's team here. Watching and contributing to a BU squash win never disappoints, but it's the people who I've shared the victories with that has made this experience so special for me. The people on this team are what makes us great and I have loved spending so much time with my squash family. Thank you for giving me such amazing friends. You guys are the best and I'll miss you so much!!

Chandler Burke

I have been a part of this team for the last 4 seasons, and each season I have seen something new and different about the team. It has always been important to me that we play to our strengths and work to

improve our weaknesses, identifying these specific attributes in each individual player from the start of our season. This year I believe I was able to pinpoint each individual players strong points, and really help them improve their overall game in their own individualized style of playing. Acting as Co-captain, it has been an extreme honor to lead the team. Every year we have been able to run the team more efficiently - both administratively and athletically. With the new addition of an official couch, our team improved tenfold. Due to our club sport status, it will always be a struggle to motivate players to treat this team as if it was a varsity team. But I believe that This year, we were able to inspire the players to work hard, to want to be here, to want to improve and do well. At the end of the day, we play the sport to achieve a goal, and for each player this season, that goal was discovered, made clear, and acted upon. Of course there have been disappointments. However, after every and any loss we encountered as a team, I noticed that through the leadership of the seniors & more experienced players, we were able to motivate the team to want to improve, to do better...and so we did. We were here to do the best we possibly could, to function as an efficient unit. Sure we made friends along the way. But to me it is more admirable to rise above one's own ego, one's own personal issues or disputes (if any), because one knew, that in order to help the team, everyone needed to work together...as one. Teams will always struggle, with it's own challenges, season to season. But I am proud that whatever it is our team achieved this season, we achieved it through facing that challenge and struggle head on - thinking cleverly, strategically, and working together.

Allan Chen



Even though I joined the BU Squash team as a senior, it's been an incredible experience that has introduced me to a lifelong sport and people at BU I would have never met otherwise. My time on the team wasn't long, but the squash team was a community for me at a big school where I felt comfortable and surrounded by friends.

Anna Ferris

Reflections continued:



My time on the BU Squash team has been a great journey that seems to have ended all too soon. I joined the team my freshman year, after a chance encounter with a flyer for tryouts I found on my floor. I hadn't played seriously for years but with the help and support of the team I was soon in the best form I had ever been. Initially, I did not feel like I had much of a place on the team, however, that soon changed. Over my four years on BU Squash I have gained a lot of respect for the members of the team, and am proud to call them my friends. I have learned a lot about teamwork and cooperation under pressure, from a sport that appears ostensibly solitary to an outsider. It is with bittersweet tidings I say goodbye to BU and this team, however, I hope to be an actively engaged alumni!

Ankit Sinha

Playing for this team since my freshman has been quite the ride, and one of the most enriching experiences of my life. It has shaped me in a way that nothing else I have ever been a part of could have, from walking onto the only men's team, to the development and realization of the women's team. Everyone of my teammates has pushed me in a unique way to always be my best whether that is forcing me to never give up a point because I wasn't fast enough, be there to listen to them as a friend, or give advice as a mentor on or off of the court. This team has helped me take my hitting to another level, they



drove me to widen my variation in strategy, technique, and style. The friendships I've made and camaraderie I've felt with this team will stay with me forever; I will always be so grateful for the time I've gotten to share with every member of this team.

Alex Smith

Reflections Continued:

The BU Squash Team was one of the first communities I joined at BU after transferring in my sophomore year. The friendly and close nature of the team made me feel immediately at home, as if I wasn't the new girl in a new school. During these past three years this team has become my family, and has given me some of the best memories of my time here. Building the girls team is without a doubt one of the defining features of my college career. I was so inspired by our ability to work together, help each other, and prove ourselves as a competitive team last year, and I am so impressed by our momentum this year. I could not be prouder of all the girls, for coming together and stepping up their responsibility this season to really establish us as a team. I'm going to miss all you guys so much after I graduate and I cannot wait to see your improvement next year. I hope I can come up to Boston and to see some of your matches, and you know Mama and Papa Wack will be dying to come cheer, mini-cupcakes in tow! Thank you all for an amazing last season.

Lillian Wacker

These past 4 years I have played some of my best and worst games. Through the wins and defeats, I've always had the support of my team. Freshman year was truly an amazing time, getting to know all the players on the team, learning how passionate they were about the game. Those were the golden years with Allan, Humzah and myself, the triple threat, holding down the wins for the bottom half of the ladder. I took sophomore year off to focus on school and going abroad, I regret not being on the team and reliving freshman year. Coming back last year, I was surprised that there was a whole new women's team that share the same passion for the game and team. I loved the mix practices, using that chance to get to know the women's team. All in all, this team is my family, with Allan Chen becoming the brash yet loving father-figure, always encouraging the team to go a step further in practice and in competition. I will cherish the memories and continue to support BU squash for years to come.

Paulo Damoura

Coming into Boston University as a Freshman, I had never heard of the sport squash. When I decided to try out for the team it was much to the surprise of friends and family. I am glad to say that joining the BU Squash team has been one of the best decisions I have made while in university. I was excited to find a superlative group of people that I am happy to say are some of my best friends now coming upon graduation. Some of my best experiences in school have been made possible through playing on the squash team. Whether that is watching the team grow very close through victories and defeats or striving to a common goal of constant improvement. Over the last four years I have seen the team mature a lot through improvements in playing ability and the friendships created between players on the team. While I am disappointed I can no longer play on the BU Squash team I look forward to watching the program evolve and to keep in touch with friends.

Nick Carlson



Community Service



The BU Squash Team has an incredible experience volunteering with Challah for Hunger, a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to promoting hunger relief and encouraging awareness across America for the purpose of Jewish mitzvahs.

Together, the team created the dough for the challah, braided the bread, and then baked it. Once the challah was baked and bagged, the team helped the organization cell the Challah to BU students. The team had a great time participating in such a great cause.

TEAM OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017

President: Joel Lavoie (Captain)

Vice-President: Rahul Singh

Treasurer: Laura Ferreira-Cesar

Sports Information Director:

Molly Papermaster

Men's Captains:

Marwan Sallam & Joel Lavoie

Women's Captains:

Molly Papermaster & Allysha Wong

Roster 2015-2016

Name	Class	Hometown	High School
Adam Whitaker	2017	Berwyn, PA	Conestoga High School
Alexandra Smith	2016	Merion, PA Cape Town, South	Episcopal Academy
Allan Chen	2016	Africa	Bishops Diocesan College
Anisha Nawalrai	2018	Iquique, Chile	Phillips Exeter Academy
Ankit Sinha	2016	Dubai, UAE	Jumeriah English Speaking School
Anna Ferris	2016	Burlingame, CA	BHS
Arthur Hobhouse	2017	Sarratt, England	Stowe School
Chandler Burke*	2016	Bryn Mawr, PA	Episcopal Academy
Irene Byun	2019	Seoul, South Korea	The Hotchkiss School
Jackie Soscia	2019	Rhode Island	Lincoln School
Jasmine Rishi	2017	Belmont, CA	Clarmont High
Joel Lavoie	2018	Mattapoissett, MA	Tabor Academy
Laura Ferreira-Cesar	2018	Caracas, Venezuela	Tabor Academy
Lily Wacker	2016	Brooklyn, NY	Poly Prep Country Day School
Marwan Sallam	2019	Hartford, CT & Egypt	Global Paradigm School
Molly Papermaster	2018	Hartford, CT	Kingswood Oxford
Ngai Tung Alysha Wong	2018	Hong Kong	Willison Northampton School
Nicholas Carlson	2016	Fairfax, CA	Sir Francis Drake High
Parker Tonissi	2019	Boston, MA	
Paulo Damoura	2016	Boston, MA	Boston Latin Academy Canadian International School of Hong Kong
Rahul Singh	2017	Hong Kong	
Shelby Bannon	2019	Windsor, CT	Loomis Chaffee
Tom Hagglof	2016	Stockholm, Sweden	Enskilda Gymnasiet



Welcome, Coach Hunter Bolling!

The BU Squash Team is excited to introduce our new head coach Hunter Bolling! Recent graduate of Connecticut College, Hunter attended Tower Hill School, in Wilmington, Delaware, where he played football, lacrosse and squash (independent of school since they didn't have a team). Hunter was recruited to play squash at Connecticut College. During his time at Conn College,



2015-2016 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location
10/27	MIT (M)	away
11/10	Boston College (M)	home
11/12	Northeastern (M & W)	away
11/13-11/15	Colgate Round Robin (W)	away
11/17	Boston College (W)	home
11/21	Tufts	away
12/5-12/6	Swarthmore Round Robin (M)	away
1/22-1/24	MIT Round Robin	away
1/30	Vassar Round Robin (M+W)	away
2/5-2/7	Northeastern (W)	away
2/11	Tufts (M+W)	home
2/19-2/21	Championships (M+W)	away at Yale

Hunter was captain both junior and senior year. 2014 graduate, Hunter majored in economics and minored in anthropology with a focus in archaeology. Outside of squash Hunter loves to hunt and fly fish. He has a 14 year old English Springer Spaniel who's name is Coca. Hunter has a younger brother who is a senior University of Delaware.

A great addition to the team, Hunter has already helped the team improve and is excited to help the team finish off their season strong. Welcome to the BU Squash Family, Hunter!

Fundraising Initiatives



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