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2014 SquashBusters MashUp

Brooks School • North Andover, MA

Sunday December 14th • 1:30-5:30pm

The SquashBusters MashUp is a donor-based squash competition and party that helps support SquashBusters Lawrence, the second site of SquashBusters, the successful after-school athletic and academic youth development program that was founded in Boston 18 years ago. At the MashUp, four teams will battle in a round-robin format with the two top finishers playing in a final for all the marbles. Each team is comprised of a world-class player, six amateur player/fundraisers, a Brooks or Phillips Academy student, and two SquashBusters students.

Fundraising goal: \$150,000

Round Robin Play: 1:30-4:00pm

Final: 4:15pm

Featured Professional Players:

- **David Palmer (AUS)**, former World No. 1 and 2002 and 2006 World Champion
- **Thierry Lincou (FRA)**, former World No. 1 and 2004 World Champion
- **Clinton Leeuw (RSA)**, Squash Coach New York Athletic Club, 2013 World No. 79
- **Dan Sharplin (NZL)**, Director of Squash at Cross Courts Natick, career-high ranking of World No. 76



SquashBusters Builds Character, Health and a Pathway to College

SquashBusters Lawrence is the second program site of SquashBusters, an urban youth development organization that uses the sport of squash in tandem with academic enrichment, community service, summer engagement, and hands-on high school and college counseling. SquashBusters was founded in Boston in 1996, and the Lawrence site opened in the fall of 2012. The organization's mission is to make a positive and enduring impact on each young person's life by helping the person develop athletically, intellectually, and socially. The approach of SquashBusters is to work intensively, consistently, and over many years with each student and to provide structure, fun, high expectations and mentoring that all people need to flourish.

SquashBusters Lawrence will serve more than 60 middle and high school students this year from the Lawrence Public Schools. SquashBusters' programming takes place at its site partners, Brooks School and Phillips Academy, which provide the program with court and classroom space, and volunteer coaches and tutors. A few compelling outcomes of the program's nearly twenty years in Boston and its first two years in Lawrence highlight the following results:

- **96%** of SquashBusters graduates enroll in college, most always to a four-year institution
- **85%** graduate with their degree four years later – far better than the 38% rate for BPS
- **93%** overall attendance rate for 2012-2014 at SquashBusters Lawrence
- **97%** of SqB Lawrence students credit the program with motivating them to work harder in school
- **98%** of SqB Lawrence students feel that the program has helped them become physically fitter