Thierry Lincou enters his third year as the head coach of MIT’s squash team after leading the program to its best season in program history in 2015-16.

Lincou guided the Engineers their best season in program history with an overall record of 18-9 in 2015-16. MIT had two student-athletes represented at the CSA Individual National Championship and finished the year ranked No. 26 in the country - making the team eligible to compete for the Conroy Cup at the CSA Team National Championship. He brings over 30 years of experience to the Engineers' program, including playing as a professional from 1994-2012 on the Professional Squash Association World Tour.

In 2004, Lincou became the first player from a non-Commonwealth country to reach World #1 and held the ranking throughout 2004-05. He also won the Individual World Championship in Qatar in 2004, was the European Champion in 2009 and 2010, and was the World University Champion in 1998 and 2000. Lincou was also the captain of the French National Squash team, winning a silver medal twice and bronze once.

Prior to arriving at MIT, Lincou organized tournaments in France and on Reunion Island, as well as organizing training camps in Geneva, New York, Boston, Hong Kong, and Israel. Since 2001, he has worked with Tecnifibre Brand, a company that makes squash equipment, and has managed the Tecnifibre international junior program since 2010.

**Program Highlights**

- MIT had its best season in program history in 2015-16 as the Engineers concluded with a record of 18-9. This season marked the first time in program history in which the squash team topped 15 wins in a single year and only the ninth time since the program began that MIT has registered double-digit victories.

- The Engineers defeated Dickinson College, Stanford University and Bucknell University all for the first time in program history this season.

- The Cardinal and Gray reached as high as No. 25 in the College Squash Association’s (CSA) national poll this season which earned them the right to compete for the Division D Conroy Cup at the Team National Championship.

- At the CSA Team National Championship, MIT notched a mark of 1-2 in its three games in the Conroy Cup bracket. Following a 7-2 loss to Stanford University in the team’s opener, the Engineers bounced back for a 7-2 win over Bucknell in the consolation bracket semifinals. Tech fell to Hamilton College 6-3 in the consolation championship, but Justin Restivo, Dominic Hansford and Peter Griggs were all able to capture points in the MIT’s final match of the season.

- Justin Restivo and Marina Crowe, ranked No. 57 and No. 71 in the country, respectively, represented MIT at the CSA Individual National Championship, marking the first time since 1999 that two student-athletes from MIT competed in the national tournament. Restivo clinched his match with Ness Billimoria of St. Lawrence University in five sets 6-11, 12-10, 7-11, 11-7, 11-9 on day two of the championship. Despite two losses in the tournament, Restivo led MIT with 21 victories this season, while Crowe ended the season with 11 wins this year.

- Bowen Baker, Marina Crowe, Tyler Finkelstein, Dominic Hansford and Nikhil Punwaney all were honored with CSA Scholar-Athlete accolades this year. With five honorees, it is the most the program has ever registered in a single season.
Squash Quick Facts

MIT
Location: .............................................................. Cambridge, Massachusetts
Founded: ........................................................... April 10, 1861
Enrollment: ......................................................... 4,503 (undergraduate)
Colors: ................................................................. Cardinal and Gray
Nickname: ........................................................... Engineers
Mascot: ............................................................... Beaver
President: ............................................................ L. Rafael Reif
Athletic Director: .................................................. Julie Soriero

Team Information
Affiliation: .......................................................... NCAA III
Conf.: ................................................................. College Squash Association
Venue: ................................................................. Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center
2015-16 Record ................................................. 18-9

Head Coach
Head Coach: ....................................................... Thierry Lincou
Record at MIT: .................................................... 29-19 (2 yrs.)
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CSA All-America Selections
Alec Litowitz .................................................... Second Team (1989)
Matt Trevithick ................................................... Second Team (1993)
Irfan Chaudhary ............................................... Second Team (1994)

CSA Individual Championship Participants
Juan Jose Hermesilla ....................................... 1955 (National Runner-up)
Matt Trevithick ................................................ 1993
Amalia Londono .............................................. 1999
Kunal Surana ................................................... 2004
Duncan Ma ....................................................... 2004
Nadeem Mazen .............................................. 2005
Balaji Sridhar ................................................... 2006
West Hubbard ................................................... 2011
Gray Riley ........................................................ 2013
Tyler Finkelstein .............................................. 2014
Nikhil Punwaney ........................................... 2015
Marina Crowe ............................................... 2016
Justin Restivo .................................................. 2016

CSA Team Championship Appearances: 26
CSA Team Championship Top 20 Finishes: 5

CSA Scholar-Athlete Honors: 11
Robert Habib ..................................................... 2010
George Pratt ..................................................... 2010
Andrew Yoon ................................................... 2010
Michael Zomnir .............................................. 2010, 2011
Austin Anderson ............................................. 2011
Stephen Howland .......................................... 2011
Bowen Baker .................................................. 2016
Marina Crowe ................................................ 2016
Tyler Finkelstein ............................................. 2016
Dominic Hansford ......................................... 2016
Nikhil Punwaney ........................................... 2016

The MIT Campus

MIT is located on 168 acres that extend more than a mile along the Cambridge side of the Charles River Basin across from downtown Boston. The central group of interconnected buildings was designed to permit easy communication among schools and departments. To meet the changing needs of teaching and research, the Institute recently added a remarkable array of new facilities designed by distinguished architects. Included was an undergraduate residence; the Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center; the Stata Center for Computer, Information, and Intelligence Sciences and a Brain and Cognitive Sciences complex. Most recently completed were a graduate residence complex, a new cancer research facility, and a major field project for MIT’s outdoor sports venues. Today MIT is a world-class educational institution. Teaching and research—with relevance to the practical world as a guiding principle—continue to be its primary purpose. MIT is independent, coeducational, and privately endowed. Its five schools and one college encompass numerous academic departments, divisions, and degree-granting programs, as well as interdisciplinary centers, laboratories, and programs whose work cuts across traditional departmental boundaries.

Institutional Facts

• According to U.S. News & World Report’s annual ranking of universities, MIT is No. 7 in the overall rankings for national universities. MIT is ranked No. 1 overall in engineering and No. 2 in business; with aerospace, chemical, computer, electrical, materials and mechanical engineering programs all rated as tops in their fields.

• MIT’s overall graduate program in engineering is rated No. 1 in the nation in U.S. News & World Report’s annual rankings of graduate schools, with MIT’s Sloan School of Management ranked fifth in the nation among MBA programs. Over 15 graduate and doctoral programs ranked No. 1 in their fields of study.

• Eighty-five current and former members of the MIT community have won the Nobel Prize.

• More than one-third of the nation’s space flights have included MIT educated astronauts.

Athletic Excellence

• MIT finished sixth in the Division III Learfield Sports Directors’ Cup standings for 2015-16, which rank the nation’s best overall athletics programs.

• MIT is the all-time Division III leader in producing CoSIDA Academic All-America honors (250) while the Engineers rank third across all NCAA divisions.

• MIT athletes have authored 42 individual national championships and have won 22 team championships.

• In 2015-16 MIT won eight NEWMAC Championships, tops in the league, and saw 16 teams represented in NCAA Tournaments and Championship events. Cimran Virdi ’16 claimed her third consecutive national title in women’s indoor pole vault and Dougie Kogut ’18 won the 200 yard butterfly national title.

• MIT student-athletes have earned at least 70 All-America honors every season since 2009 and totaled 96 All-America accolades in 2015-16.

• 30 graduates have participated in the Olympic Games, winning three Gold, three Silver and four Bronze medals.