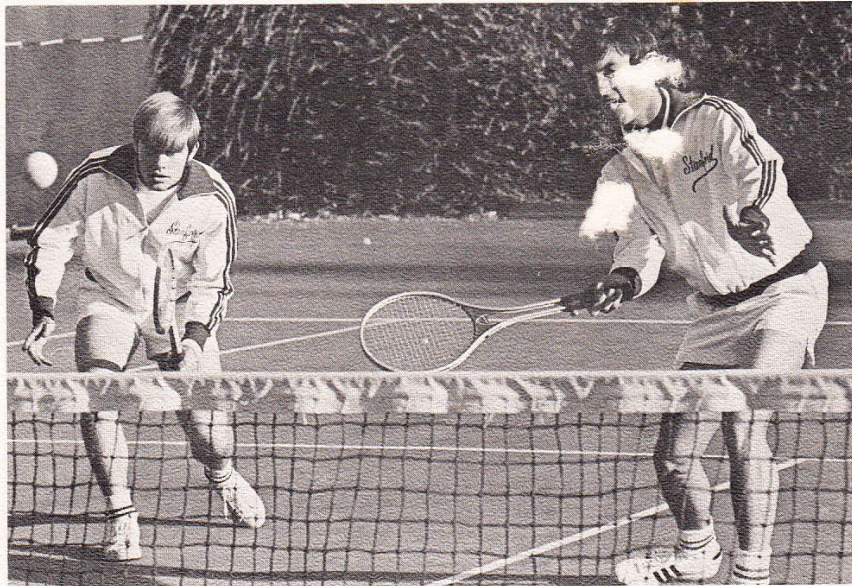


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GARY VANIER
U.S. Collegiate
Invitational
Champion, 1970
San Francisco
City Champion,
1971



ALL AMERICANS ROSCOE TANNER (LEFT) AND SANDY MAYER



BRUCE ROBERTSON
Northern Calif-
ornia Junior
Champion, 1972
Medalist Trans-
Mississippi, 1971
Medalist U.S.
Junior Amateur
Championship, 1969



ALY TROMPAS
U.S. Junior Amateur
Champion, 1969

TENNIS AND GOLF

1972



CAPTAIN TOM KEELIN
Pacific-8 Runnerup
1969

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Coach: Bud Finger (24th Year)

Bud Finger, who succeeded Eddie Twiggs in 1948, now starts his 24th year of coaching golf at Stanford. A 1941 Stanford graduate, Finger played featured roles in the Indians NCAA Championship Golf Teams of 1939 and 1941. He once shot a 64 over the Stanford course, taking a 2-stroke penalty along the way. He has held a number of course records over the years, including a 61 at Lincoln Park in San Francisco, a 65 at the Presidio Golf Club, and a 64 at Green Hills Country Club in Millbrae.

In his 23 years of coaching on The Farm, he has had 11 Conference Championship teams and 6 runner-up squads. Under his guidance, Stanford has never finished worse than 4th in either the old Pacific Coast Conference or the present Pacific-8.

Among his outstanding players over the years have been, Tom Watson, Warren Dailey, Fred Brown, Dick McElyea, Grant Spaeth, Kent Winton, Bill Seanor, and 49er quarterback John Brodie. Several of the talented young shotmakers on this year's team will probably earn the credentials to be included in this illustrious company.

Bud and Bobbie Finger have four children and reside in Los Altos Hills. Their oldest daughter, Paula, is a Stanford graduate.

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1972 VARSITY GOLF SCHEDULE:

February 4	Cal State - Hayward	Stanford	12:30 P.M.
February 5	University of Santa Clara	Stanford	12:00 Noon
February 12-March 5	San Francisco City Championships	Harding Park	All Day
March 24-25	Fresno State Classic	Fort Washington	All Day
March 29-30-31	Western Intercollegiates	Pasatiempo	All Day
April 3	University of Hawaii	Stanford	12:30 P.M.
April 7	University of Pacific	Stanford	12:30 P.M.
April 8	Fresno State	Stanford	12:00 Noon
April 14	University of San Francisco	Stanford	12:30 P.M.
April 15	San Jose State (36 holes)	Stanford	8:00 A.M.
April 16	Stanford Golf Club	Stanford	10:00 A.M.
April 21	University of California	Stanford	12:30 P.M.
April 22	Stanford Alumni	Stanford	12:00 Noon
April 27-28-29	Stanford-U.S. Collegiate Invitational	Stanford	All Day
May 1	San Jose State	San Jose	1:00 P.M.
May 5	University of California	Mira Vista	1:00 P.M.
May 9	Spyglass All-Stars	Spyglass	2:00 P.M.
May 12	University of Southern California	Los Angeles C.C.	1:30 P.M.
May 13	UCLA	Bel-Air	2:00 P.M.
May 14-15-16	Pacific-8 Championships	UCLA	All Day
June 19-24	NCAA Championships	Florida	All Day

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1971 IN REVIEW:

Last year, Coach Bud Finger's golfers started the season unimpressively, but gained momentum and effectiveness as the year progressed. The Tribe finished 5th in the Fresno Classic and 9th in the Western Intercollegiates at Pasatiempo, before winning their own U.S. Collegiate Championship in April. From there, the Indians went on to record a 9-3-1 season record and tie with USC for the Southern Division Dual Match Championship of the Pacific-8.

With Tom Watson leading the way throughout, Stanford started quickly in the Pacific-8 Championships at the Eugene Country Club, but faltered in the 3rd and 4th rounds to finish 3rd. USC won the championship with a team total of 1,191; Oregon was 2nd at 1,197; and, the Indians finished behind the Ducks with 1,205. Watson finished 7th in the tournament with a 297 total, 5 back of the champion, Scott Masingill of Oregon State.

Just a month later in Tuscon, it was Watson again leading the Indians, as Stanford finished 8th in the NCAA Championships. The senior from Kansas City fashioned a 4-under par 284 to finish 6th in the race for the individual title.

1972 TEAM OUTLOOK:

Tom Watson, certainly one of the longest hitters ever to represent Stanford on a golf course, will leave an obvious void in this year's team. The big question will be whether or not talented newcomers like Aly Trompas, Bruce Robertson, Conrad Nilmeier or Dave Baskins can take up the slack. While Watson never found the reward of an NCAA or Pacific-8 individual championship, he did win the U.S. Collegiate Invitational at Stanford last year with a record 1-under par 212. He is now playing on the professional golf tour, where he is rated as one of the bright young stars and an almost sure bet to one day challenge the select circle of golf's leading money winners.

Gary Vanier, the 1971 San Francisco City Champion and the winner of the U.S. Collegiate title the same year, is back for his senior campaign and appears to have his game in great shape. Robertson and Trompas, perhaps the two most talented freshmen ever to land on the Farm in the same year, will continually challenge Vanier for the top spot, with the veteran Tom Keelin, the 1972 Captain, also in the picture. Nilmeier seems all but certain of a position in the top six, and it's pretty hard to count out senior Pete Harpster, seldom sensational, but always consistent. Dave Baskins, a freshman from Reno, is another young player who will rate consideration, and so is classmate Mike McGowan from Colusa, who has great potential. Sophomores Steve Collins and Dennis Conrad are both looking for a "breakthrough", as is junior Jim Dwulet, a surprising contributor

just a year ago. Juniors Sandy McCall, Denny Colvin and Rick Jay are also capable and could tee it up for the Indians in any match.

John Beers, a mainstay on the 1971 team and a 9th place finisher in the Pac-8 Championships, will be studying at Stanford-in-England winter and spring quarters, coming back a year from now with two years of eligibility remaining.

The consensus is that this year's Stanford team could be just as talented as the Pacific-8 Champions of 1970. If Vanier plays consistently to his unique capability, and if Robertson and Trompas play up to their nationwide reputations in junior play, this team has the capacity for a national championship. For certain, it will be a team that will be the product of intense competition, as almost 20 players scramble week by week for starting positions. As Coach Bud Finger says, "Some of our best matches of the year will be played during the week as our players challenge one another for upcoming matches."

THE STANFORD GOLF COURSE:

The Stanford Golf Course, long considered to be one of the outstanding layouts in the United States, measures over 6,800 yards from the championship tees and plays to a par of 71. It has twice served as the site of the NCAA Golf Championships, in 1948 when the title was won by Bobby Harris of San Jose State, and again in 1967 when Bob Murphy from the University of Florida was the title holder. Each year it is the site of Stanford's United States Collegiate Invitational Championship, a tournament which has grown in prestige and now attracts leading teams from all over the country.

A LOOK AT THE PLAYERS: (Listed in order of early spring ranking)

1. VANIER, Gary 5-9 150 Oakland Senior Psychology
 A truly talented golfer who is capable of winning any event he enters...Won the California State Junior Championship in 1967...Captured the Oakland City title in 1969 and the San Francisco City Championship in 1971...Was the California metalist in qualifying for the U.S. Amateur in 1970 with a 5-under par 139 at Silverado...Won the U.S. Collegiate Invitational Championship at 2-over par 215 in 1970...Often challenged Tom Watson for supremacy over the past two years...Almost as long as Watson off the tee, but better known as a great iron player...When putting well, everything else seems to fall into place...Thrives on competition...Should have more consistency in his game this year as a senior, while looking forward to professional golf.

2. ROBERTSON, Bruce 6-0 165 San Mateo Freshman General Studies
 The finalist in this year's San Francisco City Championship, losing to John Cranston on the 38th hole...The 1970 Northern California Junior Champion...Metalist for the 1970 U.S. Junior Amateur...Also metalist for the 1971 Trans-Mississippi Amateur...Member of the Northern California Cup Team in 1971...Once shot a 70 at Spyglass Hill to hold the course record...An outstanding young player with unlimited potential...Consistently long off the tee and a fine short game player...Could use more consistency in his iron play...A seasoned competitor at an early age...Must be rated as one of the upcoming aces on the college golf scene.

3. KEELIN, Tom 6-4 170 La Jolla Senior Economics
 Co-metalist in the San Francisco City Championship in 1972...The Pan-American Junior Champion in 1968...Runner up for the Pac-8 Individual Championship in 1970...6th place finisher in the Far Western Intercollegiate Tournament at Pasatiempo in 1970...Long and consistently straight off the tee...Working on accuracy with his irons...Served as a counselor at the Arnold Palmer Golf Academy last summer...Missed much of the season a year ago due to study in Europe...With more work and concentration this year, Tom should have a fine senior season.

4. TROMPAS, Aly 5-9 167 San Diego Freshman General Studies
 The U.S.G.A. National Junior Champion in 1969...Low amateur in the Los Angeles Open in 1972...Finished 2nd in the Junior World Tournament in both 1968 and '69... Tied for 7th in the Southwestern Amateur in 1971...The present California State Open Champion...The younger brother of Greg Trompas, an outstanding young professional...A young talented player with much tournament experience... Considered a fine putter...Has the capability to be one of the very best.
5. NILMEIER, Conrad 5-11 175 Fresno Freshman General Studies
 The 1970 Metalist in the U.S.G.A. Junior qualifying at Stanford...Fresno City Junior Champion in 1969...Has won many lesser titles...Finished 3rd in the California State Junior Championship in 1970...Reached the 3rd round of the San Francisco City Championship this year...Also went to the quarter finals of the Northern California Amateur...A strong player with a great deal of promise... Probably best off the tee and with the long irons...Will be working on the short irons and lag putting on the fast Stanford greens to improve his scores...Another young player who should make a big contribution to Stanford success this spring.
6. HARPSTER, Pete 5-10½ 155 Houston, Texas Senior Economics
 A quarter finalist in the Trans-Mississippi in 1970...Honorable Mention All-American in 1971 and the winner of Stanford's Buck Club Leadership Award...Won the Oklahoma State High School Championship in 1968...Probably the most consistent Stanford player...Extremely accurate with any club he pulls out of the bag...Capable of shooting low scores when putting well...A steady veteran who will be winning vital points in many Stanford matches.
7. BASKINS, Dave 5-11 180 Reno, Nevada Freshman General Studies
 Reno Junior City Champion of 1970...Low qualifier from Nevada for the U.S.G.A. Junior Championship in 1970...Made the final cut in the National U.S.G.A. Junior that year...Reached the quarter finals of the San Francisco City Championship this year...A very strong player who has been picking up the "scoring knack" on the Stanford course this spring...One of the hardest workers on the team...Could be one of Coach Finger's bright surprises in the coming season.
8. COLVIN, Denny 5-8 160 Yakima, Washington Junior General Studies
 Must eliminate those bad holes that jump up from time to time...Not one of the longer hitters, but possesses great touch around the greens...Could make a contribution if called upon this spring.

