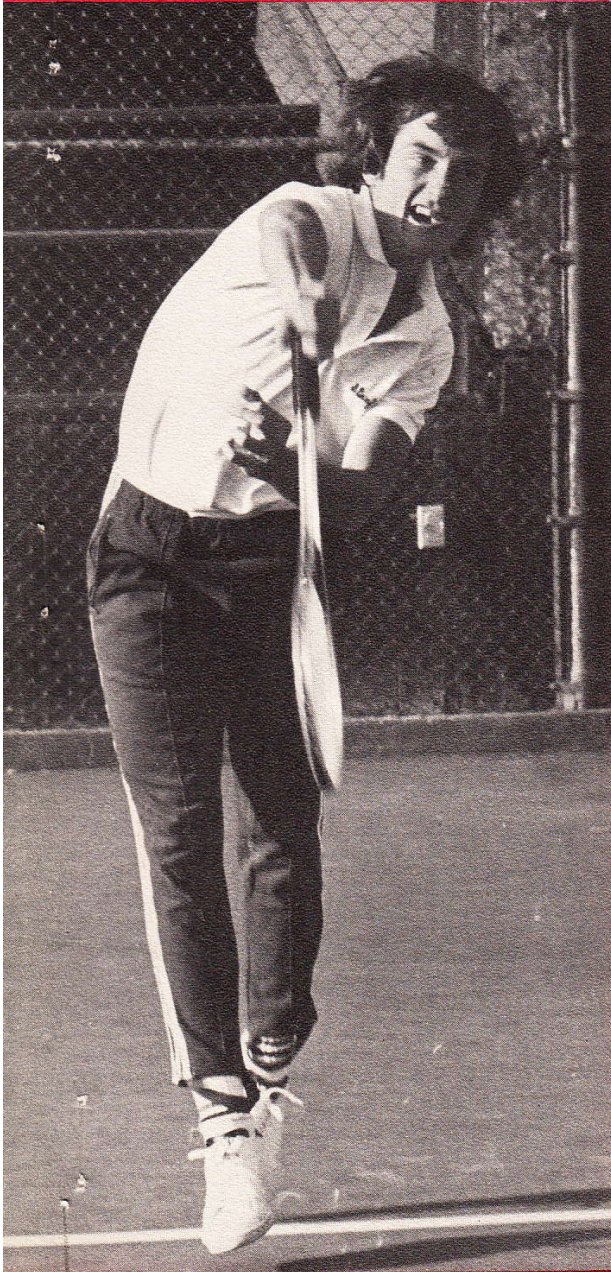
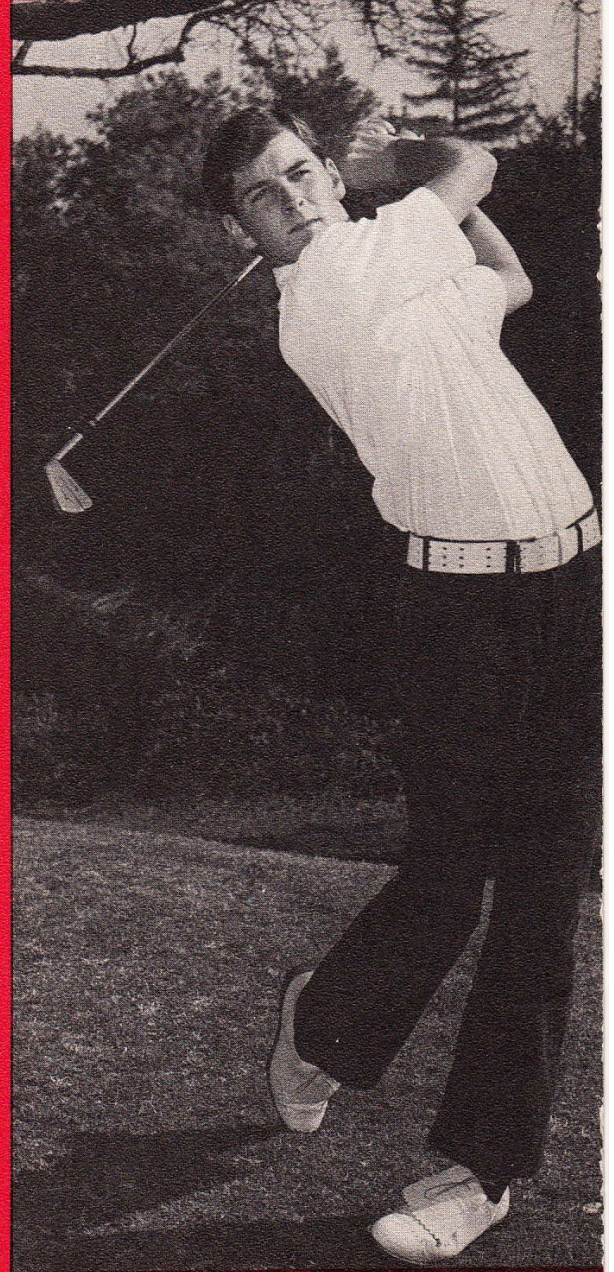


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Coach: Bud Finger (25th Year)

Bud Finger, who succeeded Eddie Twiggs in 1948, is now in his 25th year as Golf Coach at Stanford. A 1941 Stanford graduate, Finger played featured roles in the Cardinals 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 24 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.

His outstanding players over the years have included Tom Watson, Warren Dailey, Fred Brown, Dick McElyea, Grant Spaeth, Kent Winton, Bill Seanor, Chuck Van Linge, Steve Smith, and 49er quarterback John Brodie. Obviously, Bruce Robertson and Aly Trompas, two of the brightest young shot makers in the country, will earn the credentials to be included in this illustrious group.

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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ON THE COVER: The national spotlight shines on two outstanding Stanford athletes in tennis and golf. Sandy Mayer (left) recently led his Card teammates to the NCAA National Indoor Tennis Championship in Madison, Wisconsin. Golfer Bruce Robertson finished 6th in the U.S. National Amateur last summer, gaining an invitation to the 1973 Masters to be played in Augusta April 5-8.

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1973 VARSITY GOLF SCHEDULE:

January 20	Alumni	Stanford	10:00 A.M.
February 2	18 Hole Golf Tournament San Jose State, San Francisco State, and Santa Clara	Stanford	11:50 A.M.
February 3	San Francisco Golf Club	San Francisco	10:00 A.M.
February 9	California (Rained out - to be rescheduled)		
February 24-25, March 3,4,10,11, 17 & 18	San Francisco City Tourney	Harding Park	All Day
March 6	Cal State-Hayward	Silverado	All Day
March 9	University of San Francisco	Olympic Club	10:00 A.M.
March 10	Stanford Golf Club	Stanford	10:00 A.M.
March 29-30	U. of Cal-Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	All Day
April 6	U.O.P. Golf Championship	Dry Creek Golf Ranch Galt, Ca.	All Day
April 7	University of California	Stanford	12:00 Noon
April 9	San Jose State	San Jose Golf & C.C.	1:00 P.M.
April 13-14	Fresno State Golf Classic	Ft. Washington G.C.	All Day
April 18,19,20	Western Intercollegiates	Pasatiempo G.C.	All Day
April 26,27,28	U.S. Collegiate Invitational	Stanford	All Day
May 5	San Jose State	Stanford	12:00 Noon
May 11-12	Pac-8 Southern Div. Champion- ship	Stanford	All Day
May 14-15	Pacific-8 Championship	Manito Golf & C.C. Spokane, Wash.	All Day
May 19	S.F. Golf & Country Club	San Francisco	(Tentative)
May 21	Local qualifying U.S. Open	Undecided	All Day
May 22	Pebble Beach All Stars	Pebble Beach	2:00 P.M.
June 5	Sectional qualifying U. S. Open	Undecided	All Day
June 18-23	NCAA Championships	Oklahoma State	All Day

1972 IN REVIEW:

Stanford finished with an 11-1-2 dual match record last year, including a victory over Pac-8 Champion USC, but disappointing performances in the Pac-8 and NCAA tournaments marred an otherwise successful season. Earlier in the season Stanford finished 3rd in the Fresno Classic, behind Conrad Nilmeier's 2nd place individual performance. The Cards placed 4th in the Western Intercollegiate and won the U.S. Collegiate Invitational.

Stanford finished 3rd in the Pac-8 event at Los Angeles, losing to champion USC and runnerup Washington. The Trojans had an 1187 total while the Huskies hit 1197 shots and the Cards finished with 1199. Gary Vanier made a strong bid for the individual title, but eventually finished 3rd after a final round 77 left him five shots behind champion Craig Griswold of Oregon. Freshman Bruce Robertson was the only other Card golfer to finish in the top 10, as he finished 6th in his first appearance in the Pac-8 tourney.

A month later the Cards had trouble adjusting to the gusty winds and tricky Bermuda greens at the NCAA Championships at Coral Gables, Florida. Stanford finished 19th overall and Vanier was the only individual to survive the 36 hole cut.

1973 TEAM OUTLOOK:

The loss of Vanier, easily Stanford's most consistent performer last year, will obviously hurt the Cards in 1973. But, possibly more significant than the loss of one senior to graduation, is the fact that four freshmen who started on last year's varsity are now seasoned veterans at this young state in their collegiate careers. Bruce Robertson, Aly Trompas, Conrad Nilmeier, and Dave Baskins all seem to have their games in top shape. Robertson, who finished 6th in the U.S. Amateur this summer and will play in the Masters in April, averaged 70.9 in Coach Bud Finger's intensive 10 round qualifying for positions on the team. Trompas, Nilmeier, and Baskins finished right behind Robertson, all averaging better than 73.

Although these four players seemingly have starting positions locked up, the remaining two spots are up for grabs. Sophomore Bob Chapman and senior Denny Colvin seem to have the inside track early in the season, but they could be challenged by several talented performers. Seniors Tom Keelin and John Beers have been important contributors to past Stanford teams; long hitting sophomore George Pettinger has unlimited potential, if he can overcome his inconsistency;

and, juniors Bob Harrington and Steve Oliverio are other possible contenders. Freshmen Bob Conway and Bob Steele could also challenge for varsity positions.

Judging from the impressive credentials of most of the Card individuals, Stanford certainly has the potential to field one of the nation's finest golf teams. If the Cards can overcome the inconsistency that plagued them last year, they may contend for the Pac-8 and national titles that eluded them in 1972.

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 portion of the Hetch Hetchy waterline running through the 15th and 16th fairways, was replaced this past fall, and the heavy winter rains have made reseeding impossible. Until these holes are reopened later in the spring, Stanford will play to a par of 69, with hole #15 playing as a 3-par and #16 as a 4-par.

A LOOK DOWN THE LADDER: (Listed in order of early spring ladder ranking)

1. ROBERTSON, Bruce 6-0 170 San Mateo Sophomore Political Science
 Finished 6th in the U.S. National Amateur last summer to earn an invitation to the 1973 Masters, April 5-8 in Augusta....A finalists in the 1972 San Francisco City Championship, only to lose to a John Cranston birdie putt on the 38th hole...Co-medalist in S. F. Tourney with teammate Tom Keelin, both with 3-under pars 141...The medalist in the 1971 Trans-Mississippi Amateur... Holds the course record of 70 at Spyglass Hill...Member of the Northern California Cup Team in 1971 and 1972...1970 Northern California Junior Champion...A long driver who has also gained consistency in his iron play... Plays with extreem confidence and should be one of the top collegiate players in the country in the coming season.

2. TROMPAS, Aly 5-9 160 San Diego Sophomore Communications
 The USGA National Junior Champion in 1969...Low amateur in the Glen Campbell-Los Angeles Open in 1972...Runnerup in the World Junior Tournament in 1968 and '69...Suffered a mild "slump" last year, but came back in early qualifying this time around with three opening rounds of 71, 71 and 72...A long hitter who also possesses good touch around the greens...Has the potential to achieve the game's highest honors...Together with Robertson could give Stanford a brilliant combination, similar to Ben Crenshaw and Tom Kite at the University of Texas last year.

3. NILMEIER, Conrad 5-11 175 Fresno Sophomore Communications
 Still another sophomore with a world of potential...Runnerup in the Fresno Classic in his first intercollegiate event last year, shooting a final round 68 for a 215 total...Finished 3rd in the 1970 California State Junior...Reached the 3rd round of the 1972 San Francisco City Tournament...A quarter finalist in the 1971 Northern California Amateur...Fresno City Junior Champion in 1969...A strong, accurate driver and fine shot maker...Working toward more consistency on the greens...Should be a solid contributor for the second straight year.

4. BASKINS, Dave 5-11 185 Reno, Nevada Sophomore English
 The Reno City Junior Champion in 1970...Reached the quarter finals of the San Francisco City Championship last year...Tied for 6th in the Western Intercollegiates and also the U.S. Collegiate Invitational last year as a freshman Easily the hardest worker on the team...A straight driver and accurate iron

(BASKINS - Cont.)

player who improved immensely around the greens last year...Playing with more confidence all the time and a threat to win any amateur tournament he enters...The 4th consecutive sophomore at the top of the Stanford ladder, indicative of the Card potential in coming seasons.

5. COLVIN, Denny 5-9 170 Yakima, Washington Senior Human Biology
Recorded a brilliant 3-under par 69 in Stanford's victory over USC last year at the difficult Los Angeles Country Club layout...This was the lowest collegiate round ever recorded on L.A.'s prestigious North Course...Also notched a 3-under par 68 at Stanford against USF...Not the longest hitter, but extremely accurate...A good chipper and putter and a solid threat to play in the Stanford "top 6".

6. KEELIN, Tom 6-4 175 La Jolla Senior Economics
Co-medalist with Bruce Robertson in the 1972 San Francisco City Tourney... Finished just one shot behind the winner in the 1970 Pacific-8 Individual Championship...Pan-American Junior Champion in 1968...Tied for 4th in last year's Western Intercollegiate Tournament...Finished 6th in that same tournament in 1970...Can play outstanding golf when all the pieces are together, but has suffered from inconsistency...A long and smooth swinger, but has had recent problems with direction off the tee...Has an excellent short game...Served as captain of the team a year ago.

7. BEERS, John 5-7 145 Phoenix, Arizona Senior Political Science
Back for his senior season of competition after missing all of last year due to study at Stanford-in-England...Had the second best competitive average on the 1971 team...Also finished 9th in the Pacific-8 Championship that year...Not very long off the tee, but swings hard and loves to compete... Compiled the amazing record of not losing a single point in individual matches in 1971...Needs to play a lot of golf to regain his brilliant touch around the greens...When right, has a remarkable ability to "get it up and down" from any place around the green.

8. CONWAY, Bob 6-0 180 Los Angeles Freshman General Studies
Semi-finalist in the 1971 Southern California Junior Championship...
Played as captain of the 1972 Southern California High School Championship Team...Not an explosive player, but most consistent and steady...
Chips and putts well to record low scores...Has been adjusting his game to the long (and soggy) Stanford course.
9. PETTINGER, George 6-1 160 Red Bluff Sophomore Architecture
Can hit for distance with any of the best of them and has the promise of being an outstanding player...Has recorded qualifying rounds of 69 and 70, but, sometimes, tends to be erratic...Was bothered by a flu bug in the early season, causing some higher scores...Won the Northern Athletic League Championship as a high school senior with a 69-71---140...Reached the semi-finals of the 1970 Northern California Junior Championship...
Possesses good touch with the putter and needs only practice and competition for steady improvement...Could be the big surprise on this year's team.
10. CHAPMAN, Bob 6-4 185 Farmington, Michigan Sophomore Economics
The winner of the 1970 Michigan High School Championship...Also won the Detroit Junior and Michigan State Jaycee Championships...A natural all-around athlete who was also a fine high school basketball player...Has a sound swing, and needs only a little improvement in putting and overall consistency to crack the "top 6".
11. HARRINGTON, Bob 6-2 155 Portland, Oregon Junior Political Science
A transfer from Claremont College, where he played varsity golf as a freshman...Sat out last season due to transfer eligibility rules...Led the fall qualifying for Stanford players with a 4-round score of 294...
A steady player who is especially sharp around the greens.
12. OLIVERIO, Steve 5-10 185 Monterey Junior Political Science
Has been away from golf for two years, but now is making a strong comeback...Grew up playing some of the world's great courses on the Monterey Peninsula...Has scored in the low 70's in some qualifying rounds...Like several others, has the potential to make a solid contribution, but needs only playing time and consistency.

