

# STANFORD GOLF

1975



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Jay Johnston



Bruce Cardinal



Lynn Pittenger



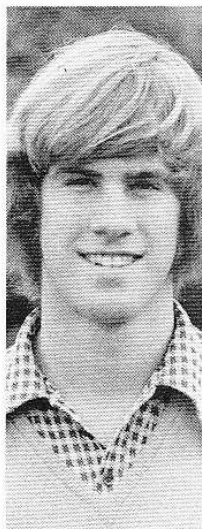
Coach Bud Finger



Ray Navis



Aly Trompas



Mike Peck



Dave Baskins



Wade Nonnenberg



Conrad Nilmeier

STANFORD GOLF QUICK FACTS

LOCATION. . . . . Stanford, California 94305  
PRESIDENT. . . . . Dr. Richard Lyman  
ENROLLMENT . . . . . 6,479 Undergraduates, 4,591 Graduates  
ORGANIZED. . . . . 1891  
COLORS . . . . . Cardinal & White  
NICKNAME . . . . . Cardinals  
CONFERENCE . . . . . Pacific-8  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR . . . . . Joseph H. Ruetz  
GOLF COACH . . . . . Bud Finger (415) 323-5633  
Finger at home (415) 948-8394  
1974 PAC-8 FINISH. . . . . 1st  
1974 NCAA FINISH . . . . . 16th  
HOME COURSE. . . . . Stanford Golf Course  
SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR. . . . . Gary Cavalli (415) 497-4418  
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PRESS INFORMATION

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1975 STANFORD VARSITY GOLF SCHEDULE

Early Season Results:

Feb. 7	Fresno State	24½-2½
Feb. 8	Alumni	22-5
Feb. 11	2nd in University of California Invitational	
Feb. 14	1st in Hayward State Midi	
Feb. 25	U.S.F.	27-0
Feb. 28	1st in Hayward Intercollegiate Invitational	
March 3	San Francisco State	24-3
March 6	San Jose State	9-18

Remaining Schedule:

March 22-23	Nor-Cal Masters 72-Hole Confidence Tourney at Half Moon Bay	
March 26-28	Western Intercollegiates at Pasatiempo	
April 3-4	Pacific Coast Invitational at Santa Barbara Sandpiper Golf Course	
April 10-11	U.O.P. Invitational at Dry Creek	
April 12	California at Stanford	12:00 p.m.
April 17-19	U.S. Collegiate Invitational at Stanford	
April 25	San Jose State at Stanford	12:30 p.m.
May 2	Santa Clara at Spring Valley	1:00 p.m.
May 9-10	Pac-8 Southern Division at Half Moon Bay	
May 12-13	Pac-8 Championships at Eugene, Oregon	
May 19	Pebble Beach All-Stars	2:00 p.m.
May 24	San Francisco Golf Club at San Francisco Golf Course	10:00 a.m.
June 25-28	NCAA Championships at Columbus, Ohio	

1975 STANFORD VARSITY GOLF ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Hometown (High School)</u>
***Dave BASKINS	5-11	180	Sr.	5-16-53	Reno, Nev. (Same)
Robert BLUM	5-10	155	Fr.	9-4-56	Fullerton, Calif. (Sunny Hills)
Bruce CARDINAL	6-1	180	So.	12-22-54	San Francisco, Calif. (Lowell)
*Glenn GOETHALS	6-2	180	So.	3-5-55	Cincinnati, Ohio (Lawrenceville)
Jay JOHNSTON	6-0	165	So.	10-25-54	New Canaan, Conn. (St. George's)
Tom MASON	5-10	165	Jr.	11-14-53	Kailau, Hawaii (Same)
Mike McBRIDE	5-9	160	Sr.	2-16-53	Ridgewood, N.J. (Same)
Ray NAVIS	5-11	160	Fr.	6-11-57	Van Nuys, Calif. (Notre Dame)
***Conrad NILMEIER	5-11	175	Sr.	12-31-52	Fresno, Calif. (Roosevelt)
Wade NONNENBERG	5-8	150	Jr.	11-16-54	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Plum)
Mike PECK	6-0	165	Fr.	9-10-56	Prairie Village, Kan. (Shawnee Mission East)
** George PETTINGER	6-1	165	Sr.	11-26-52	Red Bluff, Calif. (Union)
Lynn PITTENGER	6-1	160	Fr.	9-25-56	Oklahoma City, Okla. (Cadady)
***Aly TROMPAS	5-9	160	Sr.	12-5-52	San Diego, Calif. (Patrick Henry)

Coach: Bud Finger

\*Indicates letters won.

EARLY SEASON LADDER

#1	Dave Baskins	72.7
#2	Aly Trompas	73.2
#3	Conrad Nilmeier	73.7
#4	Jay Johnston	74.7
#5	Mike Peck	75.3
#6	George Pettinger	75.5

Charles E. "Bud" Finger  
Head Coach

Stanford golf coach Bud Finger has built and maintained a winning golf tradition at the University through 27 years.

Under his guidance, Stanford has won 12 conference championships and has claimed second place league finishes seven times. Finger's golfers have never finished below fourth in either the old Pacific Coast Conference or the present Pacific-8.

Nationally, the Cards have performed as well under Finger. In 26 years of NCAA competition, Stanford has finished in the top 10 16 times and in the top 20 22 times. The Card linksmen won the NCAA Championships in 1953, finished second in 1957, and third in both 1950 and 1959.

Over the years, Finger has tutored such standouts as Tom Watson, Warren Dailey, Fred Brown, Dick McElyea, Grant Spaeth, Kent Winton, Bill Seanor, Chuck Van Linge, Steve Smith and former Stanford and San Francisco 49er quarterback John Brodie.

A 1941 graduate of Stanford, Finger helped bring NCAA Team Championships to the Farm in 1939 and 1941. Currently he holds course records at San Francisco's Lincoln Park (61), the Presidio Golf Club (65) and Millbrae's Green Hills Country Club (64). He once fired a 64 on the Stanford course, including a two-stroke penalty, which is just one shot above the standing course record.

Bud and his wife Bobby live in Los Altos Hills. They are the parents of four children--Paula, a Stanford graduate; Randy, a former varsity golf starter and graduate of Purdue; Tim, a student at Foothill College; and Barbara, a freshman at St. Francis High.

Finger's Coaching Record at Stanford

Years	Seasons	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Tournament Wins
1949-1974	26	248	65	5	.792	28

DAVE BASKINS

Senior

Reno, Nevada

Champion of the 1975 San Francisco City Tournament...emerged from a field of 1,800 Bay Area golfers to make the finals...defeated Frank Mazion 5 and 3 in the 36-hole championship round...leading the Stanford team with a 72.7 average through early season play...finished number one for the Cards last season with a 74.4 average...plans to join the pro tour following graduation and the NCAA Championships in June...won the U.S. Collegiate Invitational Tournament last year...was named third team All-America as a junior, and honorable mention the year before...qualified and participated in the last two U.S. Amateurs...four-time Stanford starter...was the Reno City Junior Champion '70...keeps the ball in play well...strength is iron shots...is working on putting past cup rather than having shots fall short...could help the Cards win their second consecutive Pac-8 title...majoring in English.

GLENN GOETHALS

Sophomore

Cincinnati, Ohio

Has a great future in golf...hits the ball well...is improving with more experience...was on the varsity as a freshman...New Jersey State Junior runner-up in '72...won both the Eastern Interscholastic Championship and the New Jersey Interscholastic titles in '73...finished 10th in the New Jersey Amateur and earned his way into the prestigious Porter Cup play also in 1973...has participated in the U.S. Junior Championship...making a strong bid for a starting position...majoring in mathematics.

JAY JOHNSTON

Sophomore

New Canaan, Conn.

California Junior College Champion last year...transferred to Stanford from Menlo JC...last year shot back-to-back rounds of 67-68...loves to play when the pressure is on...has a solid game all the way around...concentrating his efforts totally on golf after finishing the ice hockey season as Stanford's leading scorer...has great iron and wood shots...had to make a minor adjustment from hitting with a hockey stick to using golf clubs...great competitor who can keep his cool, according to coach Finger.

MIKE McBRIDE

Senior

Ridgewood, N.J.

Was a starter in early season play...adds supreme depth to the varsity... father was a four-time New Jersey Amateur Champ...brothers Terry and Mark both played at Stanford...a persistent golfer who stays with the game...does especially well on the Stanford course...averaged 77.0 last season.

CONRAD NILMEIER

Senior

Fresno, Calif.

Another senior who last year helped the Cards win the Pac-8...takes the game extremely seriously...won the 1973 U.S. Collegiate Invitational...putting better this year than last...claimed the Fresno City Junior Championship in 1969...strong accurate driver and shot-maker...shot a 67 in early February, adding confidence to his game...learning to get the ball in the hole from on and around the green... will complete a fine varsity career this season...majoring in political science.

MIKE PECK

Freshman

Prairie Village, Kansas

Surprise starter on the varsity...considered one of the finest junior prospects out of the Kansas City Area since former Stanford standout Tom Watson... executes all phases of the game well...is working for consistency...Coach Finger says Mike has all the tools to work with...especially fine short game...qualified for the National and World Junior in 1974...Missouri State Junior Champion in 1971 and 1972...3rd medalist and quarterfinalist in 1974 Missouri Amateur... Kansas City Junior Champion in 1972, 1973, and 1974...should enjoy four outstanding years on Stanford varsity...majoring in economics.

GEORGE PETTINGER

Senior

Red Bluff, Calif.

Has the greatest potential of anyone on squad, Coach Finger says...his game has length...iron shots are particularly good...could make the pro tour with total dedication to game...played #3 last season...out of starting line-up in early '75 play, but fought back to #6 spot with a 75.5...finished third in the Pac-8 finals last year...won the Northern Athletic League High School Championship in 1969 and 1971...was a Nor-Cal semi-finalist in 1970...works on the Stanford varsity basketball stat crew...majoring in architecture.

ALY TROMPAS

Senior

San Diego, Calif.

Closely following Baskins on the ladder with a 73.2 average...played number one in the early season...has well-founded confidence...performs especially well in match play...finished 1974 with a 74.6 average for second on the team...won both the Hayward State Invitational and Stanford 18-hole Tourney last year...was the individual runner-up in the Pac-8 Championships last season...has his game together better now than at any time in his Stanford career, according to Coach Bud Finger...won the 1969 National Junior Championships...was the low amateur in the 1972 Los Angeles Open... long hitter also has a great short game...majoring in communication.

### 1975 OUTLOOK

A second consecutive Pacific-8 Conference Championship and a strong finish in the NCAA could be on target for the 1975 Stanford golf team. The top four players from the '74 Pac-8 title team return, reinforced by talented underclassmen and promising freshmen.

Returning for their final season of collegiate competition are seniors Dave Baskins, (Reno, Nev.), Conrad Nilmeier (Fresno, Calif.), George Pettinger (Red Bluff, Calif.) and Aly Trompas (San Diego, Calif.), who have comprised the nucleus of the Stanford team for three seasons.

A three-time varsity starter, Baskins currently leads the team with a 72.7 average. Last season he finished low man on the squad, averaging 74.4.

"It's obvious that Dave is playing well for us this season," Coach Bud Finger said. "He's planning to go on the pro tour after graduation and the NCAA in June, and he could go all the way. He can play a lot of golf and still want to play more. That's what it takes to be a real competitor."

After playing number one early this season, Trompas is closely following Baskins with a 73.2 average.

"Aly has his game together better this year than he has had it at any time since he's been at Stanford," Finger said. "He finished last season strong and is continuing this year where he left off."

Winner of the 1973 U.S. Collegiate Invitational at Stanford, Nilmeier is another senior playing his last season for the Cards.

"I said before the season started that if Conrad could improve his game a stroke a round, he'd be playing fantastic golf. Last year he finished third on the team at 75.6, and now his average is down to 73.7. He's doing even better than we expected."

Senior George Pettinger, sixth on the '75 ladder with a 75.5 average, rounds the Cards' veteran corps.

"George might have the greatest potential of anyone on the squad," Finger said. "If he decided to work on it, he'd have great promise for the pro tour. He's a super player."

Two newcomers to the Stanford camp have provided Finger with a pleasant surprise by breaking into the starting line-up this year. Sophomore Jay Johnston, a transfer from Menlo Junior College, holds the fourth spot on the team at 74.7, while freshman Mike Peck follows at fifth, averaging 75.3.

Winner of the California Junior College Championships last year, Johnston sports a solid game all around.

"Jay loves it when the pressure's on," the Card coach said. "He can remain unbelievably cool and steady under extreme conditions."

A native of New Canaan, Conn., Johnston was the Stanford ice hockey team's leading scorer in the '74-'75 season, but now has turned his efforts toward golf for the spring.

"Jay is almost an unknown quantity for us," Finger said. "Since he's never put all his time into golf, we aren't certain of his potential. But he's looked great in early season play and is improving steadily."

Peck is considered the top prospect out of the Kansas City Area since Tom Watson. Winner of the 1972 and 1973 Missouri State Junior Championships, he could prove to be a four-year Card regular.

"Mike has all the tools to work with--he just does everything well," Finger said of the Prairie Village, Kansas product. "Add consistency and accuracy to his present game and he'll be a real standout."

Talent and depth are supplied to the '75 team by senior Mike McBride (Ridgewood, N.J.), and juniors Tom Mason (Kailua, Hawaii) and Wade Nonnenberg (Pittsburgh, Pa.). Sophomores on the Card varsity include Johnston, 1974 letter winner Glenn Goethals (Cincinnati, O.) and San Francisco's Bruce Cardinal. Freshmen varsity members are Robert Blum (Fullerton, Calif.), Ray Navis (Van Nuys, Calif.) and Lynn Pittenger (Oklahoma City, Okla.), in addition to Peck.

1974 VARSITY RESULTS

(Dual Meet 6-1)

California 14½, Stanford 12½  
1st in Stanford Tourney  
Stanford 16, San Jose State 11  
Stanford 22½, California 4½  
Stanford 19, Alumni 8  
Stanford 24½, USF 2½  
1st in Hayward Invitational  
Stanford 25½, Stanford Golf Club 1½  
1st in 72-Hole Medal Play  
3rd in Pacific Coast Invitational  
4th in Fresno Classic  
5th in Western Intercollegiates  
Stanford 15, San Jose State 12  
1st in U.S. Collegiate Invitational  
2nd in Pacific-8 Conference Southern Division  
1st in Pacific-8 Conference Championships  
16th in NCAA

STANFORD GOLF COURSE

Located west of campus off Junipero Serra Boulevard, the 18-hole Stanford Golf Course has been rated among the top 100 courses in the United States by the Professional Golfers Association. The par 71, 6835-yard home of the Stanford varsity team was built in 1928-29 exclusively with Stanford Athletic Department funds.

A flat par-36 front nine and hilly par-36 back side combine for what is considered one of the most challenging courses in the Bay Area. It is laid out around some 300 oak trees, with the San Francisquito Creek, which divides Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, running through. Of the courses' 300 acres, about 180 are grass with the balance being rough.

The course record of 63 was set by Bud Brownell in 1941, a Stanford student at the time, and matched by Frank Zack in 1950. The pro course record was set in 1952 by current Stanford golf coach Bud Finger at 64, including a two-stroke penalty.