

1988-89
Stanford University



Men's Golf

STANFORD UNIVERSITY QUICK FACTS

LOCATION: Stanford, California, 94305

FOUNDED: 1885

ENROLLMENT: 13,075 (6,556 undergraduates)

PRESIDENT: Dr. Donald Kennedy

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Andy Geiger

HOME COURSE: Stanford University Golf Course

COURSE FACTS: Par 71, 6,791 Yards

CONFERENCE: Pacific-10 Conference

HEAD COACH: Wally Goodwin (second season)

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HOME TOURNAMENTS: Oct. 7-9, U.S. Intercollegiate;
Apr. 14-15, Stanford Invitational

LETTERMEN LOST: 0

LETTERMEN RETURNING: 6

SQUAD BREAKDOWN: Freshman - 3
Sophomore - 1
Junior - 8
Senior - 3

1988-89 STANFORD MEN'S GOLF OUTLOOK

After a promising second half of the 1987-88 campaign, first year head coach Wally Goodwin began to sense that the fortunes of the Cardinal men's golf program were starting to turn his way.

Stanford struggled through much of the first half of last year, but as the season progressed, Goodwin saw his team come together, culminating in a fourth place finish at the Pac-10 Championships.

"Starting from the midway point of last year, the team began to adjust to the demands of collegiate golf and develop excellent practice attitudes and a competitiveness that helped us improve as a team," says Goodwin, now in his second year at the helm. "We finished ahead of both UCLA and USC in the Pac-10's and played outstanding golf.

"We have everyone back who contributed at the Pac-10's," he says. "I feel this team, with the additional year of experience and our outstanding freshman class, has the potential to be much improved from a year ago. We're still young, but we have the talent."

Junior Mark Funseth from Napa, Calif., and senior John Mahon from Glendora, Calif., were the Cardinal's two top golfers a year ago. Add to that juniors Brad Joondeph, Don Christensen, Josh Zander and Brad Benbrook, all lettermen last season, and one can see why Goodwin is looking for better things this time around.

Freshman Christian Cevaer, a former world amateur junior champion and one of the top recruits in the country, should also add to Stanford's depth and improved play in '88-89.

PLAYER PROFILES

CHRIS BARBOUR

Junior, Toluca Lake, CA

Competing on the men's golf team for the first time ... Has not played collegiate golf ... Two-time Los Angeles City High School champion from North Hollywood HS ... English major.

BRAD BENBROOK

Junior, Chesterfield, MO

Played in seven tournaments for the Cardinal last season ... Finished the year with a 77.1 average, fifth best on the team ... Three-time Missouri state junior champion while at Lafayette High School ... "Brad enjoyed a good summer of golf and I expect him to be a much improved player this season," says Goodwin ... Quantitative economics major.

CHRISTIAN CEVAER

Freshman, Paris, France

One of the top recruits in the country ... Winner of last year's Junior World Amateur Championships in Stockholm, Sweden ... Won several amateur titles last summer competing for France, including the British Youth Open, where he shot 69-66-72-68 for the four-day tournament ... Member of the 1988 French junior team, which won the European Junior Team Championships and placed fifth in the World Team Amateur Championships ... Last year's Northern California high school champion from Robert Louis Stevenson School in Monterey ... "Christian has tremendous potential. He is a finished product who might well have a great impact on our team this season," says head coach Wally Goodwin ... Trained with Ben Doyle in Carmel Valley.

DON CHRISTENSEN

Junior, W. Edmonds, WA

The steadiest player on the team a year ago, according to Goodwin ... "Don developed a knack for playing his best golf on the final round," says Goodwin ... Has averaged 77.5 the past two seasons ... His best finish last year was a ninth place showing at the Western Intercollegiate (77-76-72--225) ... Three-time member of the Stanford Athletic Honor Roll ... Psychology major.

CHRIS DOBLE

Freshman, Zionsville, IN

Placed second in the Indiana junior championships the past two seasons ... Indiana's representative in the National High School Championship ... "Chris is a fine shot maker. All he needs is more strength to become an outstanding collegiate player," says Goodwin. ... Will likely redshirt in 1988-89.

MARK FUNSETH

Junior, Napa, CA

Stanford's number one golfer in 1987-88 with a team low 75.6 average ... Has held the team's low scoring average the past two seasons, finishing with a 77.0 average in 1986-87 ... Competed in every tournament last year, placing in the top 20 on three occasions ... Became the team's only individual medalist of the '87-88 season when he took top honors at the Silverado Invitational with a three-day score of 222 (74-73-75) ... Finished in a tie for ninth place at the Robertson Homes Collegiate and was tied for 16th at the Pac-10 Championships (82-71-76--229) held at the Orinda Country Club ... Named Stanford's MVP last season ... "Mark is a strong, physical player who has great recovering ability. He can make par from anywhere," says Goodwin ... Stanford Athletic Honor Roll member in 1987 ... Undeclared major.

BRAD GEER

Senior, Edina, MN

Coming back after a redshirt year in 1987-88 ... Competed in the NCAA Championships his freshman season at Stanford ... Two-time Minnesota Player of the Year (1984, 1985) as well as state high school and state junior champion ... Experienced collegiate player who has the ability to earn a spot in the starting lineup ... Two-time member of the Stanford Athletic Honor Roll ... "Brad is a tenacious player. He can become a real contributor this season," says Goodwin ... Quantitative economics major.

JEFF GILBERT

Senior, Creswell, OR

Competing in his first season of collegiate golf ... Played golf, football and basketball while at Creswell High School in Oregon ... An all-league performer in both golf and football ... Two-time league champion in golf ... MVP of his HS football team his senior year as a quarterback ... Member of the Stanford Athletic Honor Roll ... History major with a co-term masters degree in education.

SEAN GREENLEE

Freshman, Fairfield, CA

Four-sport athlete from Seattle Prep in Washington ... Played golf, football, baseball and basketball in HS ... Placed fifth in the Washington state HS tournament ... Will likely redshirt in 1988-89 ... "Sean has enormous physical talent, but he is untested at this level of play and needs some seasoning," says Goodwin.

MIKE HUBLEY

Junior, Columbus, OH

Played in six tournaments a year ago and finished with a 79.4 average ... Placed ninth in the Silverado Invitational at 230 (79-75-76) and was Stanford's top finisher in the John Burns Invitational with a three-day total of 227 (80-73-74) ... 1985 Ohio state high school champion ... Member of Stanford Athletic Honor Roll ... Political science major.

BRAD JOONDEPH

Junior, Bellvue, WA

The most improved player on the team in 1987-88 ... Averaged 76.9 a year ago, third best on team and a three stroke improvement from his '86-87 average ... Placed among the top-20 in three tournaments last season ... Stanford's top finisher in the Pac-10 Championships when he tied for 12th with a three-day total of 228 (77-75-76) ... Placed first among Cardinal golfers and seventh overall at the Stanford-U.S. Intercollegiate ... Shot 217 (70-73-74) in that tournament held at the Stanford Golf Course ... 1986 Washington state high school champion ... Member of the Stanford Athletic Honor Roll ... "Brad practices more deliberately than any player on the squad. That hard work is paying off," says Goodwin ... Political science major.

JOHN MAHON

Senior, Glendora, CA

A fifth-year senior entering his fourth year at Stanford ... Played his freshman season at the University of Illinois ... Posted the second lowest average on the team last season at 76.5 ... Played in every tournament of the '87-88 season ... Tied for 11th place at the Stanford Intercollegiate last fall with a three-day tally of 221 (71-76-74) ... Took 13th at the USF Intercollegiate (71-81-77--229), tops among Stanford golfers ... "I expect John to be one of the team leaders this season," says Goodwin ... Chinese Studies major.

JEFF MIEHE

Sophomore, Gaithersburg, MD

Did not compete for the Cardinal last season ... An all-state golfer while at Woolton High School in Maryland ... Also played soccer and baseball in HS ... Member of Stanford Athletic Honor Roll ... Industrial engineering major.

STEVE WHITE

Junior, La Canada, CA

Participated in three tournaments for the Cardinal last season, the first three of the '87-88 campaign ... Finished with a 78.3 average ... 1985 California state high school champion ... Three-time MVP of Rio Hondo League while at La Canada High School ... Political science major.

JOSH ZANDER

Junior, New York, NY

Finished the '87-88 season with a 77.8 average in eight tournaments ... Placed third among Cardinal golfers at the '88 Pac-10 Championships, 27th overall ... Shot 232 (80-79-73) at the three-day tournament at the Orinda Country Club ... Member of Stanford Athletic Honor Roll ... "Josh made good strides last year. 1988-89 can be a fine season for him," says Goodwin ... History major.