

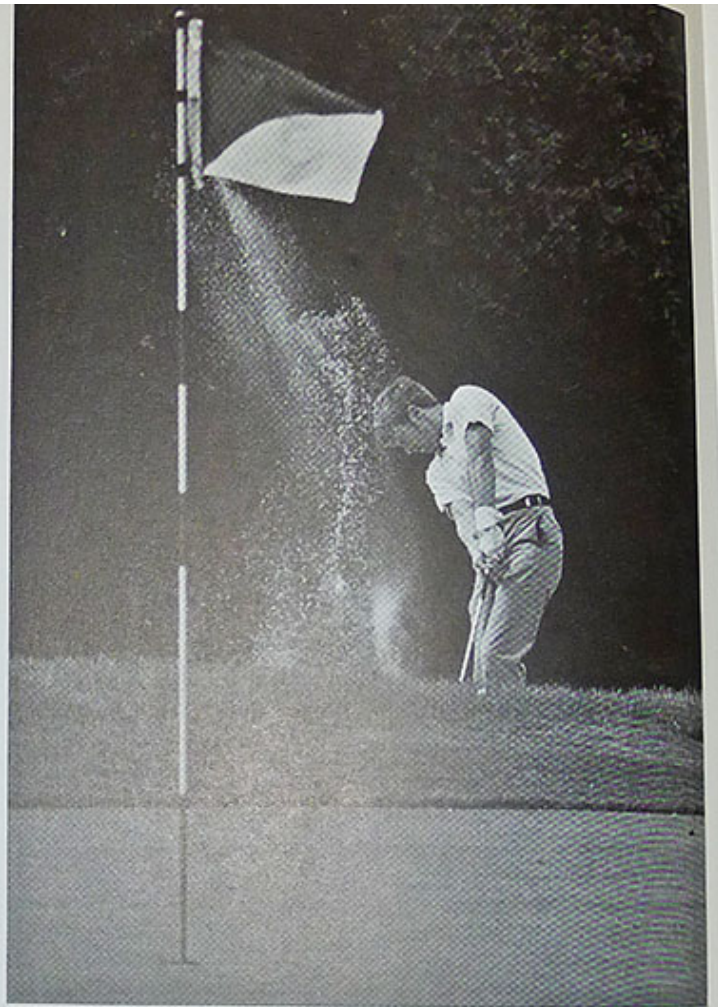
## As With So Many

other spring sports, the golfers have a strong, young team that has a chance at the Pac-8 crown this year, but one that will continue to grow stronger in the next two years even without the addition of any new players. Led by junior Tom Watson, the hackers should be able to improve on last year's ninth-place finish in the National Championships. Although hurt by the graduation of four of the top six players from that team, the 1970 squad convinced many people that they were moving rapidly towards a league crown by placing fourth (and ahead of a strong USC team) in the Far West Intercollegiate, ten strokes behind winner Brigham Young. Watson tied for second in the individual standings with rounds of 70, 74, and 78 for a 222; teammate Tom Keelin was only one stroke back at 223. The only defeat registered in the pre-season tune-up was to Fresno State, which took a 16-11 decision from the Tribe while Watson was at the Masters Tournament by virtue of his fifth-place finish in the U.S. Amateur.

With only Bruce Doering and Larry Cram graduating, the nucleus of the team will return next year. Golf was especially competitive at Stanford in 1970, as many sophomores and juniors were capable of playing on the varsity. There was no obvious cutoff for the permanent roster, and many of these sophomores and juniors played in matches infrequently. Among these players who will improve given a chance to compete regularly were juniors Jeff Herser, Clem Richardson, John Brock, Bob Burns, sophomores Gary Vanier, Jim Dwulett, Pete Harpster, Tom Gurnee, and Mike Meagher. They and the returning starters will be the core of the corps that could bring the Pac-8 championship back to Stanford for the first time since 1968.



First row: John Beers, Coach Finger, Bob Burns; Second row: Denny Colvin, Bruce Doering, Jim Dwulett, Gary Vanier; Third row: Clem Richardson, Larry Cram, Tom Keelin, Sandy McCall, Jeff Heiser



*No. 2 man Tom Keelin helps Gary Vanier line up a putt. (Right) The ball is barely visible through the sand as Vanier blasts out. For you duffers: see how much his head has followed the flight of the ball? (Opposite page) Keelin wraps his driver around his neck after a shank.*



First row: John Beers, Denny Colvin, Coach Finger; Second row: Jim Eddy, Rick Lawrence, Paul Waters, Dan Roth