



The varsity golf team, though weaker than last year, was still a powerful aggregation. Grouped at the top were Fred Brown-last year's number one player, Grant Spaeth, Warren Dailey, and Art Schroeder. Stew Ledbetter, Bob Sims, John Roberts, and Otis Winters were not far behind, though, and provided constant pressure throughout the season. Missing from last year's squad were Dick Taylor, Dick McElyea, and Keith Beekman. Taylor, who was declared ineligible because of registering for a professional tournament during the past summer, was a particularly great loss. As the number two man on the 1951-1952 team, he consistently played sub-par golf, and was part—along with Fred Brown—of the best one-two punch on the coast. In meets against the San Francisco Police Department, the San Francisco Olympic Club, and Oregon State, Stanford was not even pressed. The Indians won by score of 20-7, 191/2-71/2, and 26-1 respectively. The Northern California Intercollegiate Golf Tournament, played during spring vacation, was dominated by Stanford players. The varsity easily defended its team title with a low of 296 strokes, while the frosh, with 321 strokes, ended the tournament in fourth place behind Oregon's 307 and San Jose State's 311 strokes. Eight of the twelve places in the championship flight went to Stanford men, though the luck of the draw had six of those eight play each other in the first round. Two of them, Phil Getchell and John Forbusch, were members of the freshman team. In the finals Fred Brown played a close match with Ken Venturi of San Jose State, but lost on the nineteenth hole. A slow start cost him the match. Of all the times Brown and Venturi have played each other, Venturi has now won one more match than Brown. Coach Bud Finger has commented that "Potentially Brown is every bit as good as Venturi or as any other amateur in the country today." Much of Brown's strength lies in the fact that he can play so well in either good or bad weather. Particularly strong play was also exhibited in the tournament by Stew Ledbetter, who proved that he could come through under pressure. Next year all except Spaeth and Schroeder are slated to return, with additional help expected from several promising prospects on the frosh squad.



FRED BROWN ART SCHROEDER GRANT SPAETH WARREN DAILEY

FROSH GOLF



FRONT ROW, left to right: Phil Getchel, Fred Walker, Craig Callahan, Mel Rowan. SECOND ROW: Mike Danielson, Fred Haynie, Mike Malcom, Mel Hall.



COACH BUD FINGER

The frosh golf team looked as strong as ever this year, as John Forbush, Bill Irwin, and Phil Getchell held down the three top positions. Below them, Craig Callahan, Mike Malcolm, Jim Coleman, Bobby Jones, and Ray Stilliman vied for the other spots. In matches against Hartnell Junior College and Lincoln High School of San Jose, Stanford had little difficulty—winning by scores of $25\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ and 16-2 respectively.