**Course Syllabus—SPT 03**  

_Instructor: Gary Cavalli_  
_Mondays, Jan. 22–March 19 (no class Feb. 19)  
7:00–8:50 pm_

Stanford has one of the richest traditions in all of college athletics. Dating back to the first Big Game in 1892, when student manager Herbert Hoover forgot to bring the football, the University’s sports history has been marked by championships, innovation, and brilliant individual stars. Perhaps no other school has had as many iconic athletes and coaches.

This eight-week course will provide an entertaining, informative, and in-depth look at some of the greatest names in Stanford sports, exploring what made them tick and what made them great. The course will include an examination of past legends and a series of “Inside the Actor’s Studio” type interviews with more recent icons. The course will also include a field trip to the Athletic Department’s new Hall of Champions for a private tour.

**Grade Options and Requirements**

No Grade Requested (NGR)  
Credit/No Credit (CR/NC)  
Students must attend at least 6 of the 8 classes to receive credit.

**Course Schedule**

Week 1 (Jan. 22)  
_“Stanford’s Legacy of Greatness—Champions and Innovators”_  
GARY CAVALLI  
_Course Instructor; Former Stanford Sports Information Director and Associate Athletic Director; Co-Founder and CEO, American Basketball League; Co-Founder and Executive Director, Foster Farms Bowl (Retired)_

Weeks 2 (Jan. 29)  
_“The Heisman Trophy, The Rose Bowl, the Ralston Years”_  
JIM PLUNKETT  
_Stanford All-American quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner; 1971 Rose Bowl MVP; two-time Super Bowl champion; 1981 Super Bowl MVP; AFC Rookie of the Year; NFL Comeback Player of the Year; 17-year NFL veteran_
Week 3 (Feb. 5)
“The Stanford Tennis Dynasties”
DICK GOULD
Director of Tennis, Stanford University; men’s tennis coach (1966-2004); winner of 17 NCAA championships; coached 50 All-Americans, 10 NCAA singles and 7 doubles champions; Two-time National Coach of the Decade
FRANK BRENNAN
Women’s tennis coach at Stanford 1979-2000, winner of 10 national championships; coached 40 All-Americans, 9 NCAA singles and 3 doubles champions; four-time national Coach of the Year

Week 4 (Feb. 12)
“Building a Basketball Powerhouse at Stanford”
MIKE MONTGOMERY
Stanford basketball coach for 18 years; Made 12 NCAA Tournament appearances, including the Final Four and Elite Eight; later head coach of the San Francisco Warriors and California Golden Bears

No Class Feb. 19

Week 5 (Feb. 26)
“Trials, Tribulations and Triumphs in Women’s Basketball”
JENNIFER AZZI
Stanford two-time All-American and 1990 National Player of the Year; 1990 NCAA Champion and Final Four MVP; 1996 Olympic gold medalist; ABL and WNBA star; former head coach at USF

Week 6 (March 5)
“Sustained Excellence at Sunken Diamond”
MARK MARQUESS
Stanford baseball coach for 41 years; two time College World Series champion; three-time NCAA Coach of the Year; Coach of 1988 Gold Medal U.S. Olympic Team; All-American first baseman at Stanford

Week 7 (March 19)
Field Trip
Stanford Athletics’ Hall of Champions
Private Tour
Week 8 (March 19)
“Bill Walsh, Darrin Nelson and the Birth of the West Coast Offense”
DARRIN NELSON
Stanford All-American running back; Stanford career rushing, scoring and receiving record holder for 30 years; Member, College Football Hall of Fame; NFL first-round draft pick; 11-year NFL veteran
LOWELL COHN
Author of “Rough Magic: Bill Walsh’s Return to Stanford Football”; sports columnist, San Francisco Chronicle and Santa Rosa Press Democrat (retired)

Instructor—Gary Cavalli
Gary Cavalli has more than forty years of experience in college and professional sports administration. Cavalli served as Stanford’s sports information director and Associate Athletic Director from 1974-82. As a Stanford student, he worked for the Athletic Department and was Sports Editor of the Stanford Daily. Cavalli recently retired after 14 years as executive director of the Bay Area’s post-season college football game, known most recently as the Foster Farms Bowl. In 2016, he received the inaugural Legacy Award from the Football Bowl Association for his contributions to college football. Previously, Cavalli co-founded and served as CEO of the American Basketball League. He also produced network programming for Fox Sports, directed NCAA Golf and Soccer Championships and was co-executive producer of the NFL documentary, Disposable Heroes. He is the author of the book Stanford Sports.