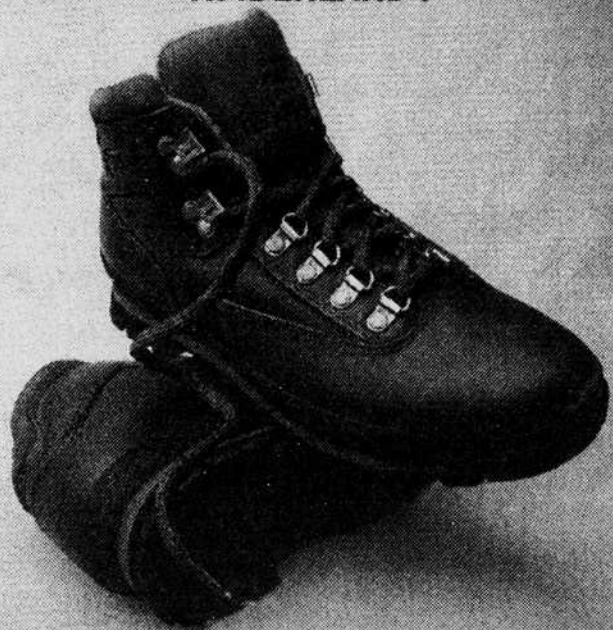


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Stanford: Cardinal has recruiting edge

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says. "And they sponsor enough sports programs that it allows them to compete for that trophy on an annual basis."

Many of the sports that the Cardinal dominates are sports in which the best athletes are also excellent students, says Oregon women's tennis coach Jack Griffin. These sports include men's and women's tennis, men's and women's cross country, co-ed sailing and men's and women's volleyball — the seven sports that Stanford won national championships in during the 1997-98 school year.

"The best players in the country, the best American kids in the country, and especially tennis players, they do well academically," Griffin says. "And they're going to choose a school like Stanford 90 percent of the time."

One of the Cardinal's biggest advantages is that it is so good academically, yet still has full-ride athletic scholarships to give, unlike Ivy League schools, according to both Migdol and Griffin.

When a school has the prestige and allure that Stanford has, the recruiting process is simplified. Couple that with the Cardinal's continuing success in sports such as tennis — it has won eight national tennis championships in the 1990s — and it is practically a walk in the park for Stanford coaches, Griffin says.

"I think recruiting for them is not too difficult," he says. "They have very good coaches, but recruiting is more than half the battle. If I could look at the top 10 players in the country and just give them a call and say, 'Hey, we're going to offer you a full ride.

This is Stanford University, we've won the national championship [nine] times in the last 16 years [in women's tennis]. They're going to get those kids."

Greg Metcalf, the head men's and women's cross country coach at Washington, also says Stanford's reputation eases the recruiting process.

"Any time you call a kid up and say you're from Stanford University, you have a shot at getting him no matter where he's from and what he's done," Metcalf says. "And just because it's Stanford, just the academic reputation that it has. And, hey, California is a sunny, beautiful place to go to school. The campus is nice. There's a lot of positive things about what's going on there."

However, these explanations do not necessarily carry over to sports in which athletes are not traditionally good students, such as football and men's basketball, for instance.

Why would great athletes in these "cash-cow" sports consider academically vigorous Stanford?

If they have good enough grades to get into the school, the Cardinal's prestige, coaches, athletic success and academics appeal to them, too, Migdol says.

"If you go through the years, there are great student-athletes around the country [in all sports]," Migdol says. "Most of them are at least considering Stanford, and a great percentage of them do come here."

The outstanding accomplishments of the Pacific-10 Conference in all sports help Stanford to sign top athletes who are also strong academically in the major sports, says Oregon athletic director Bill

Moos.

"For many of the more gifted young [athletes] academically, if it's coming down between an Ivy League school or Stanford, they may select Stanford because of the opportunity to compete in the Pac-10 and at the very highest level in NCAA competition," Moos says.

The football team has played in four bowl games in the '90s, and the men's basketball team has earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament for three consecutive seasons culminating with a Final Four appearance this season.

The women's basketball team has won the Pac-10 Conference in nine of the last 10 seasons and has also advanced to the Final Four six times in the '90s, winning the national title in 1990 and 1992.

Some of the most famous figures in the sports world past and present — Tiger Woods, Bill Walsh, Casey Martin, Katy Steding, Janet Evans, Mike Mussina, John Elway and Breve Knight, to name a few — have, at one time or another, displayed their skills in Palo Alto.

All this success for "intelligent" Stanford is going a long way toward dispelling the notion that athletes — at least in the major sports — cannot be as skilled in the classroom as they are on the court or field.

"I think we've proven that [notion wrong] over the last three years, not only with the Sears Cup," Migdol says, "but also over the last 15 to 20 years with the number of NCAA championships and Olympians that Stanford has produced."

Perhaps it's time for Stanford to be known by a new definition: academic and athletic powerhouse.

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