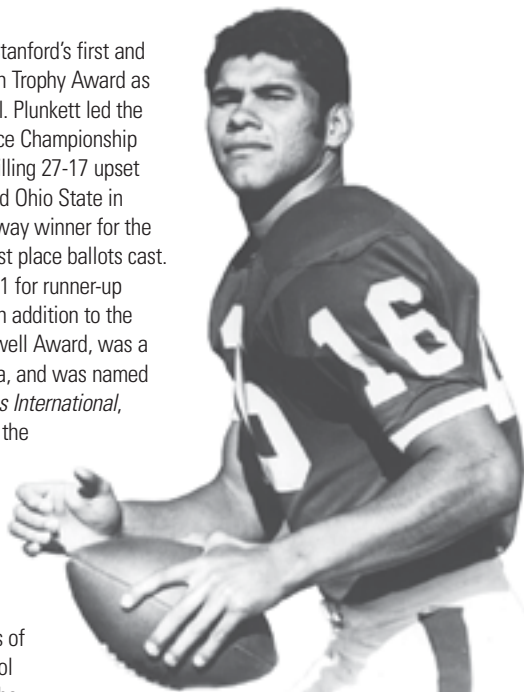


## 1970 Heisman Trophy Winner Jim Plunkett

In 1970 Jim Plunkett became Stanford's first and only player to win the Heisman Trophy Award as the best player in college football. Plunkett led the Indians to the Pacific-8 Conference Championship with a 9-3 record, including a thrilling 27-17 upset victory over previously undefeated Ohio State in the Rose Bowl. He was the runaway winner for the trophy, garnering 510 of 1,059 first place ballots cast. He compiled 2,299 points to 1,401 for runner-up Joe Theismann of Notre Dame. In addition to the Heisman, Plunkett won the Maxwell Award, was a consensus First Team All-America, and was named Player of the Year by *United Press International*, *Sporting News*, *Sport Magazine*, the Walter Camp Association, and the American College Football Coaches Association. He completed 191 of 358 passes for 2,715 yards, and he ran for another 183 yards, giving him 2,898 yards of total offense that season (a school and Pac-8 record). Highlights of the season included his 275 passing yards in a 24-14 drubbing of USC, 22-of-36 passing for 268 yards and four touchdowns in a 29-22 win against Washington, and a phenomenal 20-of-30 for 265 yards in the 1971 Rose Bowl, Plunkett's final game at Stanford.

After finishing eighth in the Heisman balloting as a junior in 1969, Plunkett turned down an opportunity to turn pro and returned to Stanford for his senior season. "Coach



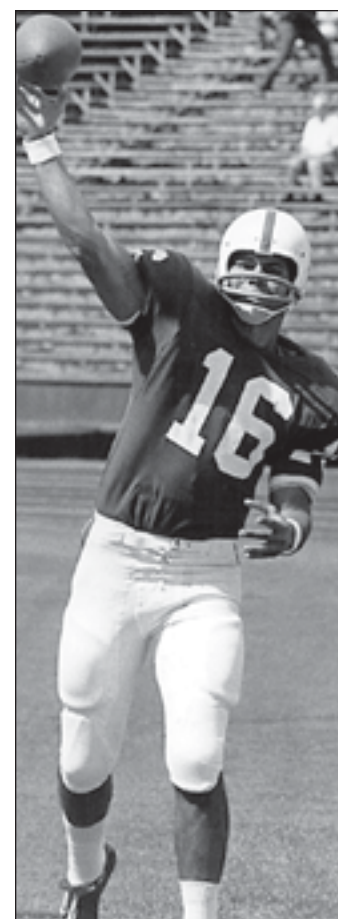
(John) Ralston, all of our coaches, and my teammates have been building something at Stanford for the past couple of years," Plunkett explained. "If I were to leave now, I would always have the feeling that I let them down before our goals were reached. Besides, we are

always telling kids today not to drop out, to finish school, to set targets and to work towards them. What would they think if I were to drop out now for professional football?"

Plunkett returned to Stanford for the 1970 season and wound up having a storybook year he would never forget. He led the Indians to their first Rose Bowl appearance in 19 years and their first Rose Bowl victory in 30 seasons. His performance in the Rose Bowl earned him Most Valuable Player honors. He finished his career with 7,887 yards in total offense, which not only set a Stanford record but also established a new NCAA record.

He went on to become the number-one draft pick in the NFL by the New England Patriots. He played 16 seasons in the NFL with the Patriots, San Francisco 49ers and Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders. He was named NFL Rookie of the Year in 1971 and won two Super Bowl championships with the Raiders. He was the MVP of Super Bowl XV following the 1981 season when he led the Oakland Raiders over the Philadelphia Eagles. Three years later, Plunkett led the Los Angeles Raiders to a victory in Super Bowl XVIII over the Washington Redskins.

In November, 1991, Plunkett's jersey number 16 became the second number retired in Stanford history (the other is Ernie Never's number one). He is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame and the Stanford Athletic Hall of Fame.



### 1970 Heisman Trophy Final Balloting

Player, School	Votes	1st	Total
1. Jim Plunkett, Stanford	510	229	939
2. Joe Theismann, Notre Dame	242	140	382
3. Archie Manning, Mississippi	138	84	222
4. Steve Worster, Texas	47	39	86
5. Rex Kern, Ohio State	17	18	35
6. Pat Sullivan, Auburn	24	18	42
7. Jack Tatum, Ohio State	8	17	25
8. Ernie Jennings, Air Force	18	11	29
9. Don McCauley, No. Carolina	6	5	11
10. Lynn Dickey, Kansas State	6	4	10
11. Ed Marinaro, Cornell	4	4	8
12. Tom Gatewood, Notre Dame	1	3	4
13. Joe Spagnola, Arizona State	2	3	5
14. Dennis Dummit, UCLA	0	3	3



Jim Plunkett led the Raiders to two NFL Championships.

### Jim Plunkett's Year-by-Year Statistics

Year	Passing					Rushing			Total Offense		
	Att.	Comp.	Int.	PCT	Yds.	TD	Att.	Net	TD	Plays	Total
1968	268	142	14	.529	2,156	14	81	47	6	49	2,203
1969	336	197	15	.586	2,673	20	53	113	1	389	2,786
1970	358	191	18	.533	2,715	18	78	183	3	436	2,898
<b>Totals</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>.551</b>	<b>7,544</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1174</b>	<b>7,887</b>