

Stanley R. Smith

Southern California '69

Oxford Cup Roll No. 036

Few professional athletes achieve legendary status while embodying the ultimate in sportsmanship as a true role model as has Stanley R. Smith, *Southern California '69*. His domination of professional tennis in the '70s is unquestioned; he has since devoted his life to working with young people.

Stan lived in the Gamma Tau chapter house for two years, originating the chapter's sponsorship of Big Brothers of America, working with youngsters in L.A.'s Watts area in 1966. He won the NCAA title in doubles two years and was singles champion one year. Before graduation, he played on the Pro Tour and was named to the Davis Cup team.

Stan and his wife Margie live on Hilton Head Island, S.C. She was captain of the tennis team and a member of the first graduating class to include women at Princeton. Their children are Ramsey, Trevor, Kogan and Austin 13.

Often a finalist or semifinalist, Stan earned his place in the International Tennis Hall of Fame (1987) as No. 1 ranked player in the world, 1971-72; No. 1 in the U.S., 1969, 1971-73; winner of 39 career singles titles and 25 U.S. national men's singles and doubles titles placing him second only to Bill Tilden.

Winner of the U.S. Open in 1971 and Wimbledon champion in 1972, he won the Grand Prix Masters in 1970 and was a member of the U.S. Davis Cup team, 1968-73, 1975, 1977-79 and 1981.

In addition, the angular right-hander won 61 doubles crowns, most of those with long-time partner Bob Lutz, including four U.S. Open titles between 1968 and 1980 and the Australian Open in 1970. They are the only pair in tennis history to win U.S. national titles on four different surfaces — grass, clay, hardcourt and indoor. Stan twice won the 35-and-over title at Wimbledon (1984-85) and the U.S. Open (1984). He teamed with Peter Fleming to win the 35-and-over doubles at Wimbledon in 1991 and 1992, and Stan captured the singles title on the 35-and-over Grand Champions Tour in 1981, 1984 and 1986.

Stan continues to give back to his sport. He has been director of coaching for the United States Tennis Assn. since 1988, and in 1994 became the USTA associate director of player development.

Touring professional of the Sea Pines Plantation in Hilton Head since 1976, , he and Margie and their children were named *Family of the Year* by the South Carolina Tennis Assn. in 1995. He is a contributing editor for *Tennis* magazine.

Stan helped create the ATP Tour Partners Program which links the fans to the Tour, the players and the tournaments. For the Boys and Girls Club of Hilton Head, he headed a capital campaign, raising a \$6 million building fund.

A frequent participant in Beta Conventions, Stan Smith continues to serve aces in his life — for his family, community and Fraternity and on behalf of youth and his sport.

— *Erv Johnson, Idaho '53, Editor, The Beta Theta Pi*