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Smith, a native of Jesup, Georgia native, grew up the son of a golf professional, living and working on the course, where he learned to play on sand greens, becoming a junior club champion and state high school champion. Smith served his apprenticeship teaching under Eddie Bush and Tommy Armour, and came to Louisville Country Club in 1952. He became the head professional three years later, remaining in that position until his retirement in 1999. Smith established the reputation as one of Kentucky's top teachers, his list of pupils including top players such as Ted Schulz, Bill Musselman, Louise Wilson, and Harcourt Kemp. He was twice named Kentucky PGA Teacher of the Year, was a five-time recipient of the Kentucky PGA's Merchandiser of the Year Award, and also received the Kentucky PGA Horton Smith Award for service to educational efforts for Kentucky PGA Members. He was also named Best Teacher in Kentucky by both Golf Digest and Golf Magazine. His passion for teaching and helping people enjoy the game of golf, along with his gentlemanly demeanor, earned him the utmost respect and admiration from his peers.