

**Saint Stanislaus College  
Football Championships  
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The Saint Stanislaus College Rock-a-chaws football team began interscholastic play in 1916. The newly organized Saint Stanislaus varsity football team became known as the *Rock-A-Chaws*. Credit for coining the title belong to Brother Macarius Pierce, SSC principal, who organized a Rooters Club in 1916 to cheer for the team. Within a few years, the name Rock-A-Chaws was used for all SSC athletes and the rock-a-chaw became the school mascot.

Prior to 1916, the sport enjoyed a large intramural following on the campus. The first coach of the program was Forster Commagere who mentored the program from 1916 until 1929.



Coach Commagere's 1st Rock-A-Chaw football team of 1916 won its opening game against the New Orleans Ramblers 82-0: Edward Curtis, Edward Reed, Edward McKinney, Russel Manieri, Nathan Tycer, Oliver Dabezies, Richard Martinez, Frank Maher, Maurice Begneaud, Milton Blanchet, Alwin Ansley, Richard Gannon, Emmet Neelis, Graham Moore, Milton Reisch, James Miazza, Victor Lambou, Burris Shannon, Melvin Rosenblat, Frank Lopez, Sidney Wolf, Nicholas Lala, Roy Kelly, and Farrel Tircuit.

He left to take a similar job with the Gulf Coast Military Academy which was located at the present day Bicentennial Plaza in Gulfport on Highway 90. He stayed at GCMA for three seasons before returning to Bay St. Louis where he became the trainer for SSC while also serving as the athletic director for Hancock County which amounted to the Director of Recreation for the county and maintained all the parks and playgrounds. Commagere coached and trained some of SSC's most well-known girdiron heroes like Nat Tycer, Milton "Hippo" Phillips, Marchmont "Marchie" Schwartz, John "Baby Grand" Scafide, Harry "Wop" Glover, C.J. "Pete" Taylor, and Heisman Trophy winner Col. Felix A. "Doc" Blanchard, Jr. The Rocks first recorded football game was played against New Orleans Ramblers in 1916. SSC won the game 82-0.

The Mississippi High School Activities Association was formed in 1923 as the Mississippi Literary Council and SSC was a charter member. SSC had played a schedule made up of high schools and small colleges through 1923 when they gave up their commercial college certification and went strictly to college preparatory. The MHSAA went to the current classification system based on enrollment in 1982 in an effort to classify schools on a more equal basis. Prior to 1982, the classification system was based on a A, AA, B, BB format that was reclassified each year based primarily on most recent success, number of players returning, and geographic location among other trivial pieces of data. Conferences were arranged according to the classifications prior to 1982. Now, the reclassification takes place for all schools every two years and is based solely on enrollment figures provided by the Mississippi State Department of Education. The MHSAA classifies schools in a divisional format with Classes 1A through 6A and post-season playoffs are arranged via inter-divisional pairings with the North State winner playing the South State winner for the state championship of that respective classification.

On the gridiron, the Rocks have attained several conference championships prior to 1982. The list includes:

- 1919 – Gulf Coast Champions
- 1929 – Gulf Coast Champions
- 1938 – Gulf Coast Champions
- 1941 – Gulf Coast Champions



- 1948 – Gulf Coast Champions

SSC chose to be an independent in football at some point during the early 1950s and remained an independent in the sport until 1989. The Rocks were voted as the #1-ranked independent football team by sportswriters in Mississippi following the seasons of 1964 and 1967.

Even though the MHSAA went to a classification system in 1982, the Rocks remained an independent in football only until the 1989 season when they were placed in Division 8 of Class 4A. The Rocks missed out on the state playoffs their first year due to a point differential

and they finished third in Division 8-4A in 1989. SSC did advance to the Class 4A state playoffs in 1990 as the Division 8-4A runner-up. However, the Rocks did not win their first division title in football until 2004. They also won division titles in football in 2009, 2013, 2015 and 2016. SSC won Class 4A South State titles on the gridiron in 2009, 2014 and 2015.

The lone state championship in the classification era for SSC came in 2009 when the team went 14-1 and won 12 games in a row. SSC defeated North State champion Lafayette County 35-16 for the title and were led by All-Americans Dylan Favre, Krisjon Wilkerson and Boomer Scarborough.



Dylan Favre

Favre set nine Mississippi records and led the nation in total yards while Wilkerson set six state records and led the nation in receiving yards. Favre signed with Mississippi State University following the season while Wilkerson walked on at MSU. Favre later played at PRCC and finished his career at Tennessee-Martin while Wilkerson transferred to PRCC and became a first team All-American in baseball at catcher and led the nation in homeruns in 2013. He later signed to play with the University of Arkansas where he played in the outfield and helped lead the Razorbacks to the College World Series in 2015.