

**Saint Stanislaus College Rock-a-chaws  
Tennis Championships  
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The sport of tennis has been popular on campus since the late 1800's and the school has maintained courts on campus since that time.



*Members of the Junior Tennis Club of 1916*

The first interscholastic contest in tennis occurred in 1932 when the school sent a team to compete in the regional championships under the direction of the program's first coach, Brother Cornelius Keohane. Just like in football and the other sports, tennis competed in conference play prior to 1982 when the MHSAA created classifications based solely on enrollment figures. The first conference/division title for tennis was captured in 1941 when Brother Julian Gibbens coached the team to an undefeated season and the Gulf Coast Championship. Myron Labat, Sr. took over as head coach of the program in 1986 and led his teams to six division titles and the only two team state titles in program history in his 13 years as head coach.

Over the decades, the program has produced several individual state champions such as Pat and Tommy Wild in 1979, Philip Pratt in 1991, Myron Labat, Jr. in 1991-93, Craig Christopher in 1992, Rodrigo Hernandez in 1993, Scott Wallace in 1997-98, Philip Marino in 1997-98, Garrett Mann in 1998, Michael Carter in 2001, Jacob Estrada in 2019 and several others. It wasn't until 1988 when the team claimed another division title but since then the Rocks have dominated the sport especially on a local level.

In 1998, the MHSAA allowed the SSC team to combine with the Our Lady Academy team and compete in the Class 4A level which equally gave both squads the opportunity to compete for a state title against other coed squads. The championships claimed by SSC, and later the combined SSC/OLA team, include:

- **Gulf Coast Champions – 1941**
- **Division 8-4A – 1988, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019**
- **Class 4A South-State champions – 2010**
- **Class 4A state champions – 1998, 1999**