Above: Spider Jorgenson (far left) stands with Pee Wee Reese, Jackie Robinson (far right), and an unidentified Dodger teammate.

Above: Lou Nova prepares to hit Joe Louis in their 1941 heavyweight championship bout.

Below: Jack Parker completes a throw of the javelin in preparation for the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936.

Below: Tommy Kono poses outside the Olympic Village in Helsinki in 1952.

Below: Shelia Hudson competes in the triple jump at the US National Championships in 1995 in Hughes Stadium.

A Glance at the Past
1920s

In the Fall of 1921, chemistry instructor John Henry Norton gathered together the following men: Jack Meyer, Paul Garrett, Albert Mullnix, Lane Wells, Penny Llewellyn, George Winslow, G. Wakefield, G. Lotz, H. Richardson, R. Smith, and J. Dennison. These men became Sacramento Junior College's first intercollegiate athletes, and as a football team, they compiled a record of 1-1.

Basketball, baseball, and track and field began competing during the 1922-23 school year. The Fall of 1925 saw the school colors change from blue and red to the current cardinal and gold; in October 1926, “Panthers” was chosen as the school mascot, replacing “Golden Lions.”

The first women’s teams were formed in the 1925-26 school year. The women’s basketball team had a record of 6-0, competing in a city league. Unfortunately, women’s athletics were relegated to the Women’s Athletic Association, a national organization that believed that women’s athletics should be social in nature; scores were not kept at competitions, and women did not compete for their schools.

The Fall of 1927 marked the first SJC state championship, when the football team defeated San Bernadino JC 24-0 for the title. In 1929, Hack Applequist led the Panther gridders to a second state title with a 12-6 win over Santa Ana JC. This title game was played at Sacramento Stadium (now Hughes Stadium), which was the largest stadium (seating capacity of 25,000) in the nation to be affiliated with a junior college. The stadium had hosted its first game on October 13, 1928, and, after the governor of California spoke at the opening, the Panthers defeated Santa Rosa JC 24-6.

1930s

The 1930 football team ushered in SJC’s original “Golden Age” of athletics with an undefeated season over opposition that included the College of the Pacific, Chico State, the University of San Francisco, and Arizona State College. The Panthers were able to schedule just one junior college; other JC’s simply refused to play the Panthers. In the 1931-32 school year, the Panthers won Northern California Junior College Conference championships in football, basketball, track & field, tennis, baseball, swimming, and golf.

The athletes who competed for the Panthers during the decade were quite noteworthy. Football end Perry Schwartz went on to an all-American and all-pro football career; track and field athlete Lou Nova became the amateur heavyweight champion of the world; quarterback Francis Wai was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his service in World War II; and football and track and field standout Emerson Harvey became the first African-American athlete at Arizona State.

L.D. Weldon’s track & field team won its first state championship in 1935 and sent Jack Parker to the 1936 Olympic Games where he became the only SJC student ever to win a medal (bronze in the decathlon). Many track athletes set national junior college records during the decade, including Barney Willis, Jack Mauger, Jerry Lopes, Tom Moore, Claude McWilliams, Jack Parker, and Jim Humphrey.

While women’s athletics continued under the auspices of the WAA, the state champion ski team of 1935-36 was noteworthy for the presence of Kathleen Starrett-Anderson, who substituted for an ill Don Lowe and became the first SJC woman to win a state title.

1940s

The school’s involvement in World War II was bracketed by national championships in two sports.

Prior to the suspension of the athletic program, L.D. Weldon’s track team capped an incredible 10-year run with back-to-back national championships in 1941 and 1942, as world class hurdler Joe Batiste (known as the “One-Man Track Team”) won 2 events and placed in 3 others as a freshman and won 2 events and placed in 5 others as a sophomore. The championships marked the end of the SJC
athletics Golden Age.

From tents in front of Sacramento Stadium to soldiers living in the Women’s Gym to the students and faculty who went off to fight the war, World War II affected Sacramento Junior College, its campus, and its athletes immensely. On October 30, 1942, Harry “Hack” Applequist suspended intercollegiate sports at the college. From that date through the 1944-45 school year, athletics at the college were very limited.

When the fall of 1945 rolled around the war had a curious impact on one team in particular—the men’s basketball team. Because veterans were granted a third year of junior college eligibility, and numerous veterans had gone off to war prior to beginning college at all, there was an influx of talented players who formed what remains the greatest college basketball team in Sacramento-area history. Former Marines Elden Bennett and Bob Linck joined former Air Force pilot Doug Sale and holdovers John Stanich and Wayne Boulding to form the “Race Horse Boys” or the “Roller Skate Kids,” a state and national championship team that won 32 games (27 in a row) and was the second highest scoring collegiate team in the country.

1940s

The decade also saw the completion of the swimming pool and subsequently, the first swimming and water polo teams that competed in it. With several all-Americans during the decade, the swim team captured the Nor Cal title in 1953 and featured a national record setting performance by Brooks de Laneux in 1955.

1950s

The baseball team of 1951 began the decade for the Panthers by winning its first 19 games and winning the school’s first state championship in the sport. Future major league manager John McNamara was the team’s catcher and captain. The Panthers repeated the title 2 seasons later when a lanky pitcher and Girtha Davis became the first woman to score 35 points in a basketball game for the Panthers; and in 1969, Joe Kemp was named all-state in basketball, and Henry Hines long jumped a national record 26'2 3/4".

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1960s

The sixties were a time of great expansion in the athletic department. Gymnastics and cross country were added to the offerings, and in just the second year its existence, the wrestling team boasted a state champion in Steve Niles.

The decade saw other firsts as well. In 1962, the football team won a bowl game; Terry Record enjoyed an undefeated cross country season and was the Nor Cal champ in 1963; in 1968 “Sweet” Lou Harris rushed for over 1000 yards (in just 7 1/2 games), and Girtha Davis became the first woman to score 35 points in a basketball game for the Panthers; and in 1969, Joe Kemp was named all-state in basketball, and Henry Hines long jumped a national record 26'2 3/4".

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1970s

The greatest success for the Panthers in the 1970s was provided by the women’s teams. Jan High’s basketball and swimming teams earned 7 GVIL championships, while Rena Barsanti’s softball teams joined Carol Attoe’s field hockey teams to win several more.

By 1978 (six years after the Title IX amendment to the Constitution), the GVIL was no more, as the COA had taken women’s athletics under its control. The Panthers were added to the Valley League, in which the men’s teams had competed for over a decade. With the move under the COA’s control, opportunities for women athletes increased. Cross country was added as a women’s sport, and Jean McDaniel became the school’s first female track and field athlete when she joined the men’s team in the Spring of 1978.

Successes by the men’s teams in the decade were more individual than team related (although there were two league titles won in baseball), as swimmers, gymnasts, wrestlers, and track and field athletes competed in state championship competitions.

At the conclusion of the decade, with momentum building, the Panthers were moved to the newly created Camino Norte Conference, which the school would simply dominate.

1980s

From top to bottom, the Sacramento City College Athletic Department was the dominant force in Northern California in the 1980s. The baseball team was the most consistent throughout the 80s, winning the last 9 league titles of the decade, while the football, softball, men’s basketball, women’s tennis, men’s track and field, and volleyball teams won numerous
Decade-by-Decade at S.C.C.

league, Nor Cal and state titles.

The success of the department in the decade was bracketed by 2 undefeated national championship football seasons in 1981 and 1982 and state championship teams in softball and baseball in 1988. In between, the women's tennis team captured the state championship in 1984 (the first women's team from SCC to do so), and the men's basketball team was the state champion in 1986.

There were numerous state champions in individual sports including 4 wrestlers, 1 swimmer, and 13 track and field athletes. Shiri Milton became the school's first woman to win an individual state championship when she captured the long jump at the 1982 state meet where she also ran a leg on the winning 4x400m relay team. Additionally, state records were set by swimmer Chris Hansen hammer thrower Stan Mataele, and and the 1981 men's 4x200m relay team.

1990s

The 1990s saw little change in the Panthers fortunes. The baseball and softball team continued their dominance, each winning 2 state titles during the decade. In 1999, after capturing their second title in a row, the baseball team was named National team-of-the-decade, and the softball team won the league title every year. The wrestling team captured its first state title in 1996, and the women's and men's track and field teams contributed Nor Cal titles and several individual state champions. The football, women's and men's basketball, and volleyball teams contributed league titles as did the men's tennis team.

Finally, in 1996, S.C.C. hosted the first Capital Shrine Bowl, and, after competing in the inaugural event, the Panthers ended the season as national and state runners-up.

2000s

The new century has seen a continuation of the Panther success. Three successive state championships (2003, 2004, 2005) by the women's track & field team represent a first for the college (and just the second time for any sport in Northern California history). The 2004 softball team brought home the state title as well. Nor-Cal and league titles have been won by the softball, wrestling, baseball, and both track & field teams, and virtually every team has consistently participated in post-season competition. In the past 2 years, the department has welcomed new coaches in football, men's track & field, and cross-country. As they join the coaches already in place, all face the challenge of improving on the accomplishments of their predecessors. With the formation of the Big 7 Conference, we at Sacramento City College expect to continue to be the home of champions.
1985-86

Led by first-team all-state point guard Kenny Drummond, the men’s basketball team won the state title and posted a 27-7 record. After averaging 21 points per game during the regular season—including a triple double of 14 points, 12 assists, and 14 steals in a destruction of College of Alameda—he averaged 30 points per game in the state playoffs and ended his career with 9 school records.

After unveiling a plan for a $1.1 million 1,500 seat stadium, Jerry Weinstein’s baseball team won the CNC for the sixth consecutive year. The team won the regional behind the pitching exploits of Andy Berg and palmball specialist and part-time second baseman Clyde Keller. In the regional, Berg pitched a complete game shutout and Keller pitched a no-hitter for 5 2/3 innings, while getting 2 hits and knocking in 2 runs himself. Keller finished the season 10-2 with a 2.13 ERA. The team finished fifth at the state tournament. Vince Limon led the Panthers in hitting, including 36 bunts for basehits.

The football team posted a record of 8-2. Bobby Dawson led the team with 90 tackles and added 5 sacks. In a 12-8 win over ARC the Panthers had 11 quarterback sacks, and 3 Panthers had at least 10 sacks for the season. Mike Peters led the way with a school record 19. In the league championship game, Mark Young caught 11 passes for 258 yards and both Panther scores.

Chris Madden was the Nor Cal champion in the decathlon, while Greg Parker won the 400m at the conference championship meet.

At the conference meet, Dan Dewaters (177 lbs.), Tom Henle (129 lbs.), and Jim Becker (153 lbs.) captured individual championships, with DeWater being named the meet’s Outstanding Wrestler. Dewaters and Brett Day (190 lbs.) were regional champions, and Dewaters placed third at the state meet.

Keith Frostad and Devin Harris were swimming all-Americans. At the state meet, Frostad placed fourth in the 500-yard freestyle, while Harris was the state runner-up in the 400-yard IM.

1983-84

Barbara Peters’ women’s tennis team was co-state champion--the first SCC women’s team to win a state title. The team was 8-0 in league play, and won the conference and Nor-Cal titles. At the conference tournament, Cecelia Vasquez defeated teammate Aleli Nava for the singles title, then paired up with her and defeated teammates Katie Sekul and Carol Santiago for the doubles title. At Nor-Cal Vasquez again defeated Nava for the singles title, and they also took the doubles title.

Jerry Sullivan’s football team finished it’s season 10-1 and 6-0 in conference while being ranked # 4 in the nation. The Panthers outscored their opponents 419-108. All-American running back Gayland Houston led the team that featured 19 All-Conference players. All-conference linebacker Joe Burney led the team with 83 tackles, while defensive back Gerald Figures had 4 of the team record 17 sacks in a 48-3 win over American River. Matt Donaldson

The league champion volleyball team finished 15-2 overall and 11-1 in conference. Team MVP Rhonda Dawson earned all-tournament honors at the state regional playoffs and was all-conference along with 3 teammates.

The wrestling mat saw assistant coaches Dave Pacheco and Ron Baldwin take over coaching duties after Bill Hickey was ordered to take a year off by his doctor. The team finished second in the Camino Norte Conference and 19th at the state tournament. Jose Reyes had the highest regional finish (2nd at 167 lbs.), while academic all-American Dave Williams claimed the highest finish at the state meet (4th at 158 lbs.) Ken Wharry (134 lbs.) and Louis Demas (150 lbs.) were league champions.

Mike Syas’ men’s basketball team finished with an overall record of 21-12 and took second in the CNC. After winning the conference playoffs, the Panthers defeated Lassen College to advance to the state tournament, where they were defeated by El Camino College in the quarter-finals. The team was led by 6’4” center Matt Donaldson (pictured, right), who averaged 17.6 points per game, grabbed 10.4 rebounds per game, and led the team in steals; he was voted all-league, and all-state.

Tim Kiernan’s softball team went undefeated in league play and finished 31-7, which included a school record 29 game winning streak. The team featured four all-state performers, including pitcher Stephanie Price (the Most Valuable Pitcher at the Nor-Cal Regional) and outfielers Diana Links, Tara Clark and Chenita Rogers, who led the team with a .482 BA (3rd in state), 10 doubles, 8 triples (school record), 42 runs scored (school record) and 45 stolen bases (school record), which led the state. She was also the Conference MVP, the Nor-Cal MVP and the Nor-Cal Regional MVP. Price set school records with 241 innings pitched, 117 strikeouts and a career record of 29-6. First baseman Tracy McCarron led the state with a school record 41 RBI and 18 doubles. She was forced to pitch at the state tournament and responded by winning the Most Valuable Pitcher award.

Paul Carmazzi’s baseball team finished the season as state runner-up with an overall record of 33-9. The Panthers were champions in both halves of CNC play. Mike Knapp led a squad that featured future Major Leaguers Greg Vaughn, Jeff Blauser, and Joe Bitker, the conference’s Most Valuable Pitcher. Knapp was first-team all Nor-Cal and Lockhart
20...40...60...80 Years Ago...

all-state after hitting .341 in conference and .483 in seven state tournament games. Vaughn, an outfielder, was second team all-state with a .375 batting average and 31 stolen bases. Blauser, an infielder, hit .388 with 37 RBI and .433 with an additional 7 RBI at the state tournament in being named second team all-state. Bitker was also named second team all-state with a record of 9-3.

George Larson's last men's track & field team finished fourth at the CNC championship meet, as Stan Mataele (hammer), Dexter Powe (triple jump), and Chris Grimble (110m hurdles) won individual titles. Mataele set a state meet record in winning the hammer for the second straight year, and set school records in the hammer and discus.

George Larsen's women's track and field team finished fourth in the Camino Norte Conference and tenth at the Nor-Cal meet. Shelley Dunlap, who remains the school's top distance runner, set school records in the 800m (2:21.05), 1500m (4:39.89), 3000m (10:14.55), and the 5000m (18:20.14). She was conference champion in the 3000m and placed 3rd in the 5000m and 5th in the 1500m at the Nor-Cal meet. Sheri Morford was conference champion in the high jump and triple jump and set school records in both events. She qualified for the state meet in both events.

Jeff Kubicki led Jerry Anderson's swim team to a second place finish at the conference meet, setting school records in the 100m freestyle and 200m breaststroke. He placed ninth in the 100m freestyle and sixth in the 200m breaststroke at the state meet.

1965-66

Del Bandy's league champion baseball team was led by Ken Forsch and Mike Houghton. Forsch was named all-conference after leading the team with a 7-2 record, 83 innings pitched, and 90 strikeouts. His best performance of the season was a no-hitter with 11 strikeouts and 1 walk in a 5-0 win over Delta College. Houghton was all-conference and led the team in batting (.358), home runs, and RBI. Catcher Tim Margetich was first-team all-conference, while pitcher Greg Dvorak and center fielder Jim Graf were named to the second team. The pitching staff combined for a 2.18 ERA in 243 innings with 225 strikeouts.

Bob Tower's wrestling team produced the school's first state champion in 130-pound Steve Niles, who set the state and school record for wins in a season. George Bigelow was the 137-pound conference champion and competed at the state meet. Richard Morrison was named the team's outstanding 2-year wrestler.

Dick Pierucci's football team finished 6-3, as the Panthers ended the season with a 27-0 shutout of ARC, which included Jim Edmondson's 77-yard punt return for a touchdown. Quarterback Larry Zenker (back of the year), and offensive guard Ridgely Nerney (lineman of the year) were named to the Bee-KFBK Junior College all-star team. Running back Curtis Clark, defensive end Rod Dalske, defensive tackles Dave Whitmore and Jim Lawson, linebacker Bob Gutierrez, and defensive back Rich Sanchez also made the team.

Sackett's track team placed had two conference champions in high jumper Mickey Alexander, and the 440 yard relay team of Alonzo Jennings, Travis Parker, Jim Edmondson, and Byron Stone, which set a school record set 24 years before. The group also set a school record in the 880 yard relay. Ken Richardson, who competed at the state meet, set a school pole vault record of 15'.'

Finally golfer Harley Hooper was the conference runner-up and competed at the state meet.

1963-64

Coach Del Bandy's baseball team placed second in league play with a record of 19-8 and 13-7 in conference. The finish was disappointing after the team built a four game lead in league with a 11-1 start. Tom Harris led the team with a batting average of .386 and 24 RBI. Team Captain and third baseman John Rosso was named first team All-Conference. The team MVP was first baseman James Fox, who, along with pitcher Carl Boyer, was named second team All-Conference. Future major leaguer Larry Bowa hit .205 with 15 hits, all singles.

Dick Pierucci's football team finished 4-5 overall and and tied for second in conference. The Panthers beat American River JC 20-14. All-Conference honors went to tackle Bill Profitt, guard Dan Del Ponte, end Welford "Bugs" Walton, middle guard Vic Matsuda, and defensive back Wilson Harris, who was named team MVP as well as SCC's Outstanding Athlete. Fred Shelley and Phil Raglen were team captains, while Cecil Vieira was named Most Cooperative.

Bob Lynde's final track and field season included some outstanding performances. Paul Fuller set a school record in the Triple Jump (46’10. 5") and was the Nor-Cal runner up and placed fourth at the state meet in the event. Terry Record was the Nor-Cal champion and finished eighth at the state in the 2-mile run. Ed Maxie set a school record in the shot put (50’10. 5”). Harold Block teamed with Richard Manning, Bryant, and Record to establish a school record of in the Sprint Medley Relay (3:32.8) Jim Hudson also set a school record in the 330-yard intermediate hurdles (41.8).

Terry Record led Bob Lynde's cross country team to a dual meet record of 8-2-1. He was undefeated in conference, won the conference meet, was sixth of 110 runners at the Sacramento State Invitational, and was the Nor-Cal individual winner with a course record 16:28.8 at Fresno.

Swim team MVP Jim DeLacy broke three school records at the state meet. He swam the 400-yard IM in 4:50.7, the 200-yard Butterfly in 2:11.7, and the 100-yard Butterfly in 56.1, which was also a conference record. Earlier in the season
DeLacy set the school mark in the 200-yard Freestyle with a time of 2:01.0, while Ron Harvey swam a 2:21.5 in the 200-yard IM for a school record.

Dick Pierucci’s Golf team tied for third place in conference matches. Paul Creasdy was the team MVP after playing at the state tournament.

Jerry Anderson’s basketball team finished fourth in the conference with a 4-6 record, 9-16 overall. Leading scorer Paul Rotz who was the captain and the school’s Most Valuable Athlete led the team.

1945-46

Ned Kay’s basketball team was the finest in school history. The Panthers won the NCJCC, the Modesto State tournament, and the Western States tournament, which crowned the National Champion. The Panthers set a school record with a 27-game winning streak, and finished 32-3, with just 1 loss to a junior college. They enjoyed a 27-game winning streak, and The Los Angeles Examiner called them “the fastest basketball team in the history of the West.” Leading scorer John Stanich was joined by three World War II veterans. They were Elden “Ben” Bennett, a former Marine, Bob Linck, also a former Marine, and Doug Sale, a former pilot in the Air Force. Forward Wayne Boulding played the whole season while on active duty in the Coast Guard. Stanich was the MVP of the state tournament, while Linck and Bennett were all-tournament. At the Western States tournament, Stanich and Linck shared Outstanding Player honors, while Boulding and Bennett were named second-team all-tournament.

Ned Kay’s men’s track & field team finished in third place at the NCJCC meet, with Jim Lytjen winning the 880 and 440-yard events, and Irwin Schopp winning the shot put.

Jack Woerner’s baseball team placed in second in the league. Top players included center fielder John Stanich and pitcher/first baseman Bob Linck.

1925-26

Sacramento Junior College’s school colors were switched from blue and red to the present cardinal and gold, but the school mascot was still the Golden Lions. Art Schuettner was hired to coach for football, basketball, and baseball teams.

The football team enjoyed the first official non-losing season in school history, finishing 4-4 overall and 3-1 in league, tying for second place. The team was undefeated against junior colleges, and tied for second place in the California Coast Conference. Outstanding individuals included QB Earl Van Tassell, Nilan Norris, and Otto Krueger. The basketball team finished with a record of 5-3, finishing 2-1 against 4-year schools and 3-2 against junior colleges.

The baseball team finished with a conference record of 3-1, and were defeated in the conference championship series by Chico State. Pitcher Tom Flynn set a school record with 15 strikeouts against Modesto, while second baseman Doug Duncan posted a .416 batting average, becoming the school’s first .400 hitter. Third baseman Vern Dormody had 20 chances with no errors.

The track team was coached by Karl Shattuck and competed in two intercollegiate meets. It placed third in a triangular meet with Modesto JC and Chico State. Tom Weems placed first in the high jump in 5’8”, a school and conference record.

1943-44

Due to WWII, Hack Applequist had severely curtailed athletics. The SCC Physical Education department consisted of Gus Offerman, Marvin Fisher, L.D. Weldon and Ned Kay.

Fisher formed a baseball team that had a 5-1-1 record when it was disbanded due to gas rationing and the loss of players to the military. The team lost catcher Al Puliz, right fielder Ray Voss, shortstop Lou Degregorio, and third baseman George Vernatchi to the Navy. Voss was hitting .500 at the time of his induction. In an exhibition game, the team was beaten by the faculty All-Stars 7-5. With Hank Applequist catching, former Panther Jack Woerner struck out 9 and pitched a 4-hitter.

After scheduling four meets, L.D. Weldon tried to field a track and field team. However, after beginning practice, the team was disbanded due to gas rationing.

1923-24

Sacramento High School and Stanford University graduate, Fred Adams took over the coaching duties for the 1923-24 school year.

The track team competed in four meets during the season. In a meet against the Stanford University freshman, Earl
Sports Chronology

Fall 1916: Sacramento Junior College was formed as a department of Sacramento High School.
Fall 1921: John Henry Norton, a chemistry teacher, formed the school’s first team-the football team of 1921.
Fall 1922: The football and men’s basketball teams competed in the California Coast Conference.
Spring 1923: Baseball and track & field teams were formed.
Spring 1924: SJC hosted the CCC track & field championship meet and finished third among 6 junior colleges and 2 four-year colleges.
Spring 1925: The women’s volleyball team was formed.
Fall 1927: Coach Art Schuettner’s football team won the school’s first state championship, defeating San Bernadino JC 24-0.
Fall 1928: Sacramento Stadium (now Hughes Stadium) opened on October 13, 1928. It was the largest junior college stadium in the country.
Fall 1929: Harry A. “Hack” Applequist was hired as the football coach and athletic director. He led his team to a state championship in his first season.
Fall 1930: The football team completed the season with a record of 6-0-3.
Spring 1931: The golf team won the state championship.
Fall 1931: The football team outscored its league opponents by a score of 108-0.
Summer 1932: Edwin Salisbury became the first SJC alumni to win an Olympic gold medal, doing so in rowing.
Spring 1933: The track team won its first state championship at the Fresno Relays.
Fall 1935: The ski team won its first state championship.
Spring 1936: Jack Parker won the bronze medal in the decathlon at the Olympic Games; he remains the only person to win an Olympic Medal while a student at the college.
Spring 1937: Sacramento Stadium hosted its first night track meet, and Jerry Lopes set the national record for the mile.
Fall 1937: Former Panther football player Perry Schwartz became the first SJC alumni to be named first team all-American.
Spring 1938: The crew team won its first national championship.
Fall 1939: Sacramento Stadium was the site of the first NJCAA Championship Track & Field Meet. The Panthers placed third and had two individual champions.
Fall 1939: Former Panther football player Perry Schwartz became the first SJC alumni to be named all-Pro in the NFL.
Spring 1941: Track athletes Joe Batiste, Don Welcher, and Vernon Cooley were the first Panthers to be named JC all-American.
Fall 1942: Harry Applequist suspended intercollegiate athletics at SJC for the duration of World War II.
Fall 1942: Sacramento Stadium was renamed Hughes Stadium.
Fall 1945: Spring 1946: The basketball team won its first state championship and only National Championship.
Spring 1951: The baseball team won its first state championship.
Fall 1951: The badminton team won its fourth straight league and Nor Cal title and then was disbanded.

Spring 1953: The baseball team won its 2nd state championship.
Spring 1953: The men’s swim team won its only Nor Cal title.
Fall 1962: The football won the Lettuce Bowl, the first bowl game victory for the school.
Fall 1968: Women’s teams began competing in the GVIL.
Spring 1977: The baseball field was named in honor of Hack Applequist.
Fall 1978: The women’s teams began competing in the same league as the men’s teams under the regulations of the COA.
Fall 1978: The men’s water polo program was disbanded after the season.
Spring 1980: The pool building was re-named in honor of long-time swimming and water polo coach Earl Hoos.
Fall 1981: The football team was co-national champion.
Spring 1982: The women’s track team claimed its first Nor Cal championship. Shiri Milton won the first individual state title for a SCC woman.
Fall 1982: The football team was national champion.
Spring 1984: The women’s tennis team won the first state championship for a Panther women’s team.
Spring 1986: The men’s basketball team won its second state championship.
Spring 1988: The first game was played in Union Stadium.
Spring 1988: The softball team won its first and the baseball team won its third state championship.
Spring 1992: The softball team won its 2nd state championship.
Fall 1995: Women’s soccer, women’s water polo, and women’s golf began at SCC.
Spring 1996: The softball team won its 3rd state championship.
Spring 1996: Men’s and women’s swimming was reinstated.
Fall 1996: The wrestling team won its first state championship.
Fall 1996: Hughes Stadium was the site of the first Capital Shrine Bowl, which was the national championship game that year.
Spring 1998: The baseball team won its 4th state championship and was named national champion for the first time.
Spring 1999: The baseball team won its second straight and 5th overall state championship.
Fall 2000: The wrestling team won its first dual meet state championship.
Spring 2003: The women’s track & field team won its first state championship.
Spring 2004: The women’s track & field team won its second consecutive state championship.
Spring 2004: The softball team won its 4th state championship.
Fall 2004: The entire women’s cross country team competed in the state championship meet.
Spring 2005: The women’s track & field team won its third consecutive state championship, its third consecutive Nor-Cal championship, and its fourth consecutive conference championship.