

Bill Blackwell

From: Rusty Brown <rst.brown@gmail.com>
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To: Bill Blackwell
Subject: Straton Karatassos Nomination

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I'm writing to you in support of the nomination of Straton "Strat" Karatassos. I was an Offensive Lineman at Mississippi State University 1981-1986. The five years that I was a member of the football team no one had a greater influence on my character than Strat. He not only took care of us physically but also mentally, he always encouraged us to represent our team, university, and state in only the best light. He did this with not just words but with his leadership by example. It was at a time in our lives that we were away from our home and family influence for the first time and Strat loved us like we were family. Strat's lessons, advice, and influence have remained with me throughout my life. There is no one that deserves induction into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame than Strat.

Sincerely

Rusty Brown
Mississippi State Football 1981 - 86