

Number 52 Inducted: Scott Gallas Honored at the CSU Pueblo Hall of Fame Gala

The **CSU Pueblo Athletics Hall of Fame Gala** recently celebrated its latest class of inductees, honoring the legacy of standout football players and the community that supported them. Among the highlights of the evening was the induction of **Scott Gallas** (Number 52), celebrated for his tenacity, athletic leadership, and lifelong commitment to the sport.

Introduced by his brother Dan, the ceremony featured reflections on Scott's journey from a gritty childhood playing hockey in Northern Illinois to becoming a cornerstone of the university's football program.

From Ice Rinks to Gridiron Glory

Dan Gallas shared a nostalgic look into their childhood, recalling a freezing day in Northern Illinois when seven-year-old Scott played goalie in backyard ice hockey without modern protective gear. True to his resilient nature, even after taking a puck to the mouth and losing a tooth, Scott simply pulled down his cold-bitten lip and wanted to keep playing [\[03:16\]](#).

That competitive spirit carried over to the football field. Outfitted proudly in red number 52 jerseys by their parents, the family became a fixture in the stands at Dutch Clark Stadium [\[04:19\]](#).

A Heartfelt Acceptance

Taking the podium for his acceptance speech, Scott joked that his last public speaking class was 45 years ago just a couple of buildings away [\[05:25\]](#). Reflecting on his induction, he admitted he hadn't even known such an honor existed—he had simply wanted to play football [\[05:42\]](#).

Gallas took time to thank the key figures who shaped his journey:

- **Family Support:** He thanked his late parents for always pushing him to be his best, and his wife, Pam, who stood by his side from high school and even watched practices from the hill above the old field [\[06:22\]](#).

- **The Gallas Coaching Legacy:** His pride was evident when speaking of his sons, Justin (quarterbacks/receivers coach at Roosevelt High School) and Tyler (head coach at Stanley Lake High School), who were unable to attend due to game-night commitments [[06:43](#)].
- **Brotherly Motivation:** Giving immense credit to his brother Dan, Scott recalled doubting whether he was big, strong, or fast enough to play college ball [[07:28](#)]. Dan's response—*"Like hell you're not, let's go"*—sparked grueling training sessions and laid the foundation for Dan later coaching the offensive line during their senior year [[07:34](#)].
- **Coaches and Teammates:** He thanked Coach Mike Freriedman for taking a chance on a skinny center from Random High School, along with Coach Chuck Herring and defensive coordinator Bill Jacobs [[08:01](#)]. He also gave special recognition to lifelong teammates like Rod Carlson, Craig Barney, and Joe Slatterie, who stood by his side then and remain close friends to this day [[08:42](#)].

The celebration underscored that while athletic honors recognize individuals and teams, programs like CSU Pueblo's are truly built on family, grit, and enduring camaraderie.

Watch the full induction ceremony here: [CSU Pueblo Foundation Hall of Fame Gala](#)

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