



COLORADO SPRINGS

Doug Palazzari

CC Hockey All-American

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Ice hockey old-timers in Colorado Springs say that Doug Palazzari is the greatest Tiger ever to don the Colorado College jersey for a program that is one of the nation's best. A native of the Minnesota Iron Range hockey hotbed, Eveleth, he grew up in a hockey-rich family. His dad, Aldo, played for the New York Rangers and Boston Bruins and taught his son the game. At Colorado College from 1970-74 the short but powerful athlete was one of the most feared scorers in the nation, blistering the nets for 95 goals, 228 points and 133 assists. He was a two-time All-American and Western Collegiate Hockey Association MVP for the Tigers, playing on teams that were not as accomplished as later CC powerhouses. He signed with the St. Louis Blues after graduation from CC, playing in 108 NHL games and scoring 18 goals over his NHL stints. His greatest impact came while playing for the Salt Lake City Golden Eagles (1977-1982) of the Central Hockey League, the top farm club of the Blues, where he was twice named the league's MVP and named as the CHL's all-time greatest player in 1977. The Tiger great served as an assistant coach at his alma mater for six seasons (1985-1991) and was named to the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame and the Colorado College Athletics Hall of Fame in 2000. USA Hockey named him as the organization's Executive Director in 1999, and he served the national governing body in that capacity until 2005.