



STEVE BARTALO

DOHERTY HIGH SCHOOL | COLORADO STATE FOOTBALL STAR

Bartalo followed his prep career at Doherty High School as a quarterback and went to Colorado State University in 1982 as a walk-on. What followed is the stuff of legends.

Bartalo went to CSU with very little. He had no scholarship and was lacking the physical gifts – size and speed – that most everyone considering playing big-time college football possessed. But the former Doherty star was convinced that he could play and was willing to run over anyone who doubted him.

He made the CSU roster and quickly became a scout-team legend for a very simple reason, no one could seem to tackle him. When he finally got his chance to play as a redshirt freshman in 1983, he was CSU's most reliable offensive weapon, twice recording a mind-boggling 47 carries in a single game. He went on to lead the Western Athletic Conference in rushing four consecutive years and was a three-time all-league pick, and a second-team All-American. He was drafted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and played one season in the NFL and two more in Europe as part of the World League.

Bartalo finished his career in 1986 with 4,813 yards – still tops on Colorado State's all-time rushing list 33 years later by nearly 1,200 yards. He carried the ball an incredible 1,211 times in four years which still ranks second in the history of college football.