

Colin Scotts

NFL star, WWF pro-Wrestler, business leader & inspiring Aussie hero

Colin Scotts is the only Australian to win a football scholarship in the United States of America and then have an outstanding career in the NFL. Colin played defensive end for the University of Hawaii, the St Louis Cardinals, the Arizona Cardinals and the Houston Oilers. He played five years of college football and five years as a professional.

Colin's sports career was one that delivered some great times - money, travel, women, good mates. It was also one that delivered setbacks and disasters that tested his endurance and courage in a world where success is



measured in dollars, statistics and TV ratings. It was a lonely and often brutal existence, but through it all, Colin's irrepressible spirit and Aussie humour shone through.

A highly motivational speaker, Colin's personal story is entertaining while providing an enlightening insight into human nature. Colin is regularly engaged to help train corporate groups in team building. He uses his experiences to show others how they can overcome hardship to succeed against the odds.

More about Colin Scotts:

Colin Scotts was brought up with five sisters and two brothers on Sydney's Palm Beach, surfing and making mischief. While he loved all sports, rugby was his passion and his dream was to be a Wallaby like his uncle. It was odd then that the 1981 Australian Schoolboys rugby tour was going to change all that forever.

On that tour, a University of Hawaii talent scout spotted Colin and offered him a football scholarship. As an outsider in the competitive and often brutal world of American college football he faced resentment by those who thought he had "stolen" a place meant for an American. He was victimised and subjected to physical violence on and off the field but, with his trademark humour and determination, he overcame the obstacles & odds of one in a million to become a household name and then to be drafted into the NFL on the front line of the St Louis Cardinals' defence. No other Aussie has achieved that before or since.

This achievement catapulted him into the world of professional American sport where he thrived for the next four years until, playing for the Houston Oilers, a freak injury taught him why the NFL



is known as the Not For Long League. Colin stayed on in the States, living the high life, taking on the world as a WWF pro-wrestler, becoming a successful businessman in the area of natural gas, telecommunications, and home health care, before returning to Sydney for the Olympics.

Back in Australia he wrote *All Balls*, a book about his experiences, which was published by PanMacmillan in late 2002.

Colin is passionate about helping Australian children stay healthy and avoid obesity. He is an active ambassador for Bluearth, a unique movement approach to learning that improves children's behaviour, self esteem, confidence, health and academic achievements.

Client testimonials

- Colin creates a real affinity with his audience both men and women alike...When Colin speaks, he really gets his audience thinking about what they can achieve and the importance of goal setting and vision... He shows convincingly that setting direction, aligning constituents and motivation are key to successful leadership. Colin's sense of humour, strong presence and air of confidence make him stand out from the pack.
- Tony Stoker, Executive Director, Kelloggs Australia
- "He is the most unique, rugged individual that I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. If you ever have the opportunity to hear Colin Scotts speak...take it!
- Greg Norman
- Colin Scotts is one of the uncelebrated achieving Australians. What he did in taking his athletic talents from here to the incredibly competitive world of American football is something few would contemplate, and even fewer could successfully negotiate. He did that and more. Colin Scotts is a personable and achieving Australian. Someone who's happy to tilt at windmills. And we can never have enough of them.
- Alan Jones Australian Broadcaster
- "Colin had the whole room captivated from the minute he started until he finished one hour later. The highest form of achievement is to help someone, and Colin was able to do this with my colleagues. His life story is a 'one off" experience and must be heard. It was a rollercoaster of emotions that touched everyone. I have never had such positive feedback about a speaker.
- IAG (Insurance Australia Group)
- "A natural intelligent funny and heartfelt speaker. His message, vision and presence are inspiring.



- Joe Kennedy - US Congressman

VIEW SPEAKER'S BIO ONLINE 3