



Some of Hollywood's most inspirational movies were born from the world of sports. One in particular inspired not only sports fans but anyone with a pulse. In 2006 Walt Disney Pictures continued their triumphant tradition of motivating sports stories with the release of INVINCIBLE. It's a stirring football drama starring Mark Wahlberg as **Vince Papale**, an ordinary guy who, against all odds, takes his shot at every fan's fantasy of going from the grandstands to the gridiron. It has been described that Papale's odds of achieving his wildest lifelong dream of playing for the Eagles as "one in a gazillion!"

It was 1976 when this 30 year old, a teacher and coach at his HS Alma mater, part-time bartender and die hard Eagles fan decided to act on a whim and a dare and entered the unprecedented public tryouts for his beloved Eagles. Inspired by this quote from his high school coach mentor, "Happy are those who dream dreams and are willing to pay the price to make those dreams come true", he figured he had nothing to lose. Papale, a ten year season ticket holder and former track star who did not play a down of college football, not only paid the price and made the cut . . . he made history!

It was a time when Philadelphia fans were buried in 11 years of defeat, when Americans were battling the lingering effects of Watergate, the Vietnam War and a sweeping energy crisis. Ordinary people appeared badly in need of a champion from their ranks and Vince answered the call. Now, in today's uncertain economic times he continues to respond to the need for a motivating hero who knows what it's like to battle and overcome adversity.

Instantly electrifying the fans and eventually winning over skeptical teammates with his gritty play, Papale helps...

## Vince Papale

### Speech Topics

- ▮ Teambuilding
- ▮ Sports
- ▮ Peak Performance
- ▮ Overcoming Adversity
- ▮ Motivation
- ▮ Marketing



## Testimonials

▮ "You were inspirational to me at a very young age, I knew I could do anything regardless of what anyone thought and I have. Presently I continue work with the Army as a contractor; I'm preparing for my third trip to Iraq, with two trips to Afghanistan, one each to Bosnia, Kosovo, and Serbia under my belt. I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for helping me to believe I could accomplish anything regardless of the obstacles." ▮

- Mike, Army Range.

▮ "The best way to describe last night was . . . Perfect! Vince was a big hit with our guests, and the energy and enthusiasm made it our best one ever" ▮

- David E. Farber, The RVH Group.