

Vince Papale

When nothing seemed to fit anymore Vince Papale, then a thirty year old substitute teacher and part-time bartender, took a chance on himself to prove that no dream is too big.

Vince is a Philadelphia native who graduated from Interboro High School and was granted full athletic scholarship for Track and Field to St. Josephs College where he received his MS Degree in Marketing/Management Science. He taught in Interboro School District from 1968 until 1974 when he left teaching to play football with the Philadelphia Bell of the World Football League, which in just two short seasons folded and took Vince's football dreams with it.

That year, in the summer of 1976, when it seemed as though not only he, but the city of Philadelphia had nothing left to believe in Papale, against almost impossible odds attended an open try-out for the Philadelphia Eagles. Making every football fans greatest fantasy come true beating out 799 other athletes Vince was placed on the roster and named the oldest rookie in the NFL, a record which he still holds today.

Making the team was only part of the battle as Vince was quickly reminded that thousands were either with him, or against him. Vince's determination and drive led him to a four year stay with the Eagles as a wide receiver. Papale was named Special Teams Captain by his teammates and "Man of the Year" in 1978 by the Philadelphia Eagles. In 1979 a shoulder injury ended Papale's football career but left him with nothing short of a legacy.



After leaving the Eagles Papale worked as a TV and Radio personality for eight years, and then took up his current position as Marketing Executive and Special Projects Director for Sallie Mae. Vince makes his home in Cherry Hill, NJ with his wife Janet and two children, Gabriella & Vincent.



In August Walt Disney Pictures released "Invincible" in theatres across the nation. The story focuses on Papales hometown-hero Cinderella story that takes him from the down-on-luck streets of south Philly to the 50 yard line of Veterans Stadium for opening day. Vince's struggle on and off the turf glorifies mans ability to be knocked down and in the same motion brush off his pads and be back at the line.

Vince shares a greater story than just that of making the Philadelphia Eagles football team. He shares a story of dreams, of determination, and of believing in yourself. He can bring his knowledge of football, broadcasting, and business together for a variety of situations which makes him a great addition to any corporate and private function. He truly is an inspiration to everyone meets.

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