

Invincible

In the 1970s, amid factory shutdowns, labour strikes, and the general decline of the working class, Philadelphians looked to their professional sports teams for inspiration and hope.

They didn't get much back from the Eagles.

That is, until new coach Dick Vermeil held open tryouts.

That historical moment created an opportunity for Vince Papale, a lifelong Philadelphia fan who struggled to make ends meet as a substitute teacher and bartender, to live out his dream of playing for the Eagles.

Invincible, starring Mark Wahlberg and Greg Kinnear, tells the true story of Papale, who went on to play for the Eagles' special teams and became a hero to Philly fans.

The film is fun and worth watching. It has some great lessons about individual character, confidence, and determination. But more than anything, this is a story about how one person can inspire and create hope in an entire community by simply trying out.

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