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Formula 1 and Indy Driver, Master of Fast, Entrepreneur, Best-Selling Author, Professional Speaker, International Racing Champion

Irish driving legend Derek Daly is the epitome of the Complete Champion. From the Victory Circle to the Announcer's Desk, **Hall of Fame Race Car Driver and Network Television Color Analyst** Daly has spent nearly **three decades as the face of the motorsport world**. He counts **Sylvester Stallone, David Letterman** and **Jay Leno** amongst his friends.

Born and raised in Dublin, Ireland to a middle class working family, Derek's career path was set at the age of twelve when he attended his first auto race. From that moment, his commitment to the dream of being a professional driver was unshakeable. On the way to his dream he worked as **a laborer in the iron ore mines of Australia** and, while travelling the race tracks of England, even **taking up residence in a school bus**.

Derek's professional racing career spanned 17 years and his experiences are nothing short of breathtaking. Daly's story is one that precious few have lived to tell. In 1984, **Derek suffered one of the hardest crash impacts that a driver had ever survived** when he hit the wall at Michigan International Speedway at 212 MPH. After **fourteen surgeries and three years in therapy**, he returned to full-time racing. He competed in the **12 Hours of Sebring** - one of the premier motorsport endurance races in the US – **and won the race two years in a row**.

His early dreams became reality when **he won Irish, British and European championship events**. In 1978, he competed in the **Formula One World Championship**, and two short years later Derek was **ranked 10th in the world**. In 1983, he made his first of six starts in the **Indianapolis 500**.

In 1985, Derek started a **10 year association with ESPN** as a motor sport color analyst. He became the face of motor sports, seen on **NBC, CBS, Fox and Speed Channel**. **USA Today** highlighted Derek as **"the best new face on sports television"** and IndyCar Racing magazine voted Derek **"the most popular motor sports television announcer."**

Moet & Chandon champagne awarded Derek the Joules Goux Award for his outstanding contributions to motor sports television. He was later nominated by **ESPN** for an **Ace Award**, and Derek received the 2000 **Hall of Fame Award** from "Motor Sport Ireland" for his leadership of Irish motor sport. In 2010, he was inducted into the Sebring Hall of Fame.

Derek literally wrote the book on how to become a 'Complete Champion'. **Race To Win: How to Become a Complete Champion** was heralded a "future classic" by the *Irish Times*. Friend, former race competitor and international auto racing superstar **Mario Andretti** contributed the foreword: "Derek's book teaches lessons it took guys like me years to learn. Quite honestly, I believe the advice in this book resonates far beyond the racing industry." His second book, **A Champions Path: Be Extraordinary** was published in 2017.

Derek's gift of communication has made him one of the most sought after motivational speakers in America. His *Be Extraordinary Model* and *Speed of Business Principles* have influenced Fortune 500 companies and the US Government.

Derek and his three sons reside outside of Indianapolis, Indiana. Derek became an American Citizen on September 28, 1993.