

Against all odds on a gridiron in South Bend, Indiana, **Daniel Rudy Ruettiger** in twenty seven seconds, carved his name into history books as perhaps the most famous graduate of the University of Notre Dame.

The son of an oil refinery worker and third of 14 children, Rudy rose from valleys of discouragement and despair to the pinnacles of success. Today, he is one of the most popular motivational speakers in the United States. It took years of fierce determination to overcome obstacles and criticisms, yet Rudy achieved his first dream - to attend Notre Dame and play football for the Fighting Irish. As fans cheered RU-DY, RU-DY, he sacked the quarterback in the last 27 seconds of the only play in the only game of his college football career. He is the only player in the school's history to be carried off the field on his teammates' shoulders. In 1993, TRISTAR Productions immortalized his life story with the blockbuster film, RUDY. Written and produced by Angelo Pizzo and David Anspaugh, the awardwinning team who brought us HOOSIERS, the critically acclaimed RUDY received Two Thumbs Up from Siskel and Ebert and continues to inspire millions worldwide. Today, a highly sought after motivational speaker, Rudy entertains international corporate audiences with a unique, passionate, and heartfelt style of communicating. He reaches university students, corporate audiences and professional athletes with the same enthusiasm, portraying the human spirit that comes from his personal experiences of adversity and triumph. His captivating personality and powerful message of YES I CAN stays with his audiences forever. Rudy shares the speaking platform with great leaders and speakers including President George Bush, First Lady Barbara B...

## **Rudy Ruettiger**

## **Speech Topics**

Youth

Sports

Overcoming Adversity

Motivation

Attitude



## **Testimonials**

"Having met Rudy and exchanging mutual philosophies, I find him to be an individual of exceptional character and broad goodwill. His resolve stands as a testament to the enduring belief that an individual can rise above extraordinary obstacles to achieve a positive result in this incredibly competitive world."

- Sylvester Stallone.

"Mr. Ruettiger's list of accomplishments and contributions speaks for itself. He serves as an excellent inspiration for our young people, an example that hard work and determination are the pathways to success."

- Shelley Berkley Congresswomen.