

Derek Daly



Name:	Derek Patrick Daly
Born:	March 11, 1953
Birthplace:	Dublin, Ireland
Home:	Noblesville, Indiana
Wife:	Rhonda
Children:	Conor(15), Colin(13) & Christian(10)
American Citizenship	September 28, 1993
Favorite American Sport:	NFL Football
Favorite Pastime:	Being with his family,

Professional Athlete

Derek competed as a professional race car driver for 17 years before becoming a television motor sports personality and businessman. Derek raced in Formula One, Indy Car and World Sports Cars.

*Derek went from being a laborer in the iron ore mines of Australia in 1973 to winning the **Irish Formula Ford Championship** in 1975. After living in a school bus for a year in 1976, he won the **British Formula Three Championship** in 1977. That catapulted him into the **Formula One World Championship**. His Formula One career spanned 49 Grand Prix starts. He was ranked 10th in the World Championship in 1980. In 1983, Derek made his first of 6 starts at the **Indianapolis 500**.*

In 1984, Derek survived one of the worst on track crashes ever seen at the Michigan International Speedway. He spent three years in therapy. In 1990, Derek won the prestigious Sebring 12 hour endurance. Just for good measure, he won it again in 1991. He retired from competition in 1992.

Television & Radio

*In 1985 Derek started a ten year association as a motor sport color analyst on **ESPN** – America’s premier cable sports channel. In 1992 USA **Today’s** television critic Rudy Martzke, highlighted Derek as “**the best new face on sports television**”.. A poll sponsored by and featured in **IndyCar Racing** magazine, voted Derek “**the most popular motor sports television announcer**”. Derek has worked for NBC Sports, CBS Sports, Fox, ESPN and Speed Channel.*

Special Awards

*In 1993, he received the Joules Goux Award from Moët & Chandon champagne for his outstanding contributions to motor sports television. He was also nominated in the same year for an **Ace Award** by **ESPN**. In December 2000, Derek received the prestigious **Hall of Fame Award** from “Motor Sport Ireland” for his leadership of Irish motor sport.*

Derek Daly Academy

Partnering with BMW North America in 1996, Derek opened the most advanced driver training / racing school in the USA – **Derek Daly Performance Driving Academy**.

Derek's performance driving academy, located at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, has been voted "**the best driving school in America**" by **MOTOR TREND and AUTOMOBILE** magazines. **Sylvester Stallone** chose Derek's program for his own race driving preparation for the film, **Driven**. Other professionals to attend the academies driving programs include; Robin Yount, Pete Sampras, Aerosmith, John Oates and Vin Diesel.

MotorVation

In 2002, Derek founded MotorVation, a unique provider of consulting and learning solutions. His belief was that the pace of doing business would only get faster in the future and that the ideal model for the speed of doing business in the future was motor sports. Hence the creation of a company that overlaid the motor sports model over the business model to produce energized learning and enabling environments.

Derek Daly Design

In 2007, Derek launched a new race track design partnership with Paxton Waters, a nationally known race track facility architect and planner. Under the banner, Derek Daly Design (DDD), Derek will specialize in bringing back some of the character of the great race tracks of the world that has been lost over the past two decades.

Electronic Arts

In February 1996, Derek moved into the world of high-tech video games when Electronic Arts signed him to be the voice of its new Andretti Racing video game. EA Sports is best known for top selling video and computer games such as Formula One Racing, John Madden's NFL Football and NHL Hockey '96.

Irish Children's Fund

Derek was one of the primary fundraisers for the Indianapolis chapter of the Irish Children's Fund. Many famous names such as Arie Luyendyk, Eddie Cheever and Al Unser Jr. supported Derek's efforts to bring children from war torn Belfast, N. Ireland, to Indianapolis every summer. The goal of the Irish Children's Fund is to build a long-term program that would promote harmony and friendship without political or religious borders.