

GUY RUBEN BITOM MANKEUH



AGE: 21

HOMETOWN: Yaoundi

COUNTRY: Cameroon

POSITION: Middle Attacker/Defender



STORY: Guy Ruben is a 21-year old Special Olympics athlete from Cameroon who has been playing football for five years. He currently plays for two teams and he likes to play midfield and defense. Guy is very involved with his teams—he's the one who shows up to practice with the equipment, brings the players together in unison and always helps bring order to the game. When he plays football he says that it's his greatest moment of satisfaction. He is at ease on the field and in front of a large audience, so he's very excited about the opportunity to participate in the Unity Cup.

Guy is an ambitious and hard-working young man whom Special Olympics Cameroon program director accepted into a football camp for training a few years ago. Prior to joining Special Olympics, Guy did not have the chance to go to school but has since begun attending class on a regular basis and recently obtained his primary school certificate. When he's not on the football field, he helps Special Olympics Cameroon deliver their mail to the neighborhood and assists his coaches in mentoring younger players.

After accomplishing so much in school and with Special Olympics, Guy told his mother that he wanted to become a professional footballer. His persistence and passion has paid off as his dream of playing football with famous athletes will come true at the Unity Cup. Guy Ruben says that thanks to Special Olympics Cameroon he has had the opportunity to play football, to know who he really is and to be happy with himself. He says that before Special Olympics introduced him to football, many others would not give him a chance to show his abilities. Today, he is happy to be with his friends at Special Olympics and loves to play football.