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**Special Olympics**

**Virginia**

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Name: Mitchell Basdeo

Hometown: Portsmouth, VA

National Games Sport: Soccer

Special Olympics Virginia Athlete: Since 1993

Other Competitive Sports: Basketball, Track & Field

**Team Virginia will send 33 athletes and 14 coaches to the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games in Nebraska, July 18-23. Alongside 3,000 other athletes from across the nation, they will bring the spirit of Special Olympics to life.**

Special Olympics is truly a family affair for the Basdeos. When Mitchell takes to the soccer fields, his father and brother are coaching from the sidelines, while his mother helps run the local Portsmouth Special Olympics program. This July, they'll all make the trek to Nebraska for the Games: Mitchell, head coach Matthew, assistant coach Ramnath (dad) and the team's biggest fan, Sadie (mom).

"I can't wait to fly in an airplane and win," said Matthew, who also enjoys music and dancing.

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