



Mohd Safri Bin Ramis

Athlete - M
Age: 25 / Malay - SO Sabah

Sport – Badminton

Event 1 - Singles
Event 2 - Doubles
Event 3 - Unified Sport* Doubles



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Mohd Safri, described as a slow learner and somewhat shy by his father, faced challenges during his school years. After being bullied by classmates, he left school and tried a vocational center, but struggled to fit in and faced pressures that led to unhealthy habits. However, his life took a positive turn when he joined a Pusat Didikan Khas (PDK) that better supports individuals with disabilities.

Now 25 years old, Safri has a calm demeanor, is weaning off unwanted habits, and feels more comfortable with his friends in Special Olympics. Despite his friendly nature, Safri finds it difficult to accept feedback from his coaches and unified partner. While he can emotionally react and struggle with criticism on the badminton court, he never loses his temper and maintains his cheery disposition.

Safri's natural athleticism sets him apart. He forms an exceptional partnership with his unified partner, Ricco, in badminton. They have a remarkable synchronicity, moving together with lightning speed and anticipating each other's movements on the court. Ricco, who initially felt uneasy, now considers Safri his best badminton partner.

Apart from badminton, Safri enjoys various sports like athletics and volleyball. He is a student at PDK in Kudat, Sabah, where his favorite subjects are Bahasa Melayu, History, and Mathematics. His mixed doubles partner, Syakila, resides in Melaka, and although Safri gets nervous during training with her, he is determined to overcome his nerves before the Berlin World Games through more practice together.



Safri's story exemplifies resilience and determination in the face of challenges. With the support of his family, PDK, and Special Olympics, he has found his passion for sports and continues to grow as an athlete. Safri's journey serves as an inspiration, reminding us that disabilities should not define a person's potential or limit their ability to excel in their chosen field.