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**Jeremy Boyce**

Hi, my name is Jeremy Boyce, I’m 15 and a part of the Pararoos. To me football means everything it has changed me so much as a person and for me to represent my country makes me think I was blessed.

With the Pararoos I believe that there is so much more to football than just training and pushing to the best, I believe that everyone in the squad at the moment is pushing for massive changes and to leave a legacy for the young players like me and even for kids that aren’t born yet. Since I started with the Pararoos my dream is to make my debut and show Australia and countries around the world the talents that you can have even if you were disabled.

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Growing up I wouldn’t pick the path that I have taken with my life even though I’m still young, I couldn't imagine that I would be at the point I am playing in the national team and having others look up to me.

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When I go into camps with either the NSW Paralympic team or the Pararoos I feel as if that I'm apart of a family, a family that is striving for greatness and bigger things than just winning games we are breaking down barriers. One of my favourite things about football is when people underestimate me because they know I'm ‘disabled’ and then I turn around and show them what I can do, This is one thing Pararoos have taught me, to prove people wrong and break down barriers.

Just remember, I am Jeremy Boyce and I will leave a legacy.