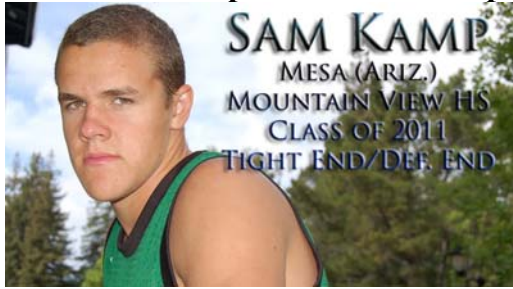


Familiar names pace Cal team camp



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The Cal football program wrapped up the second of three June summer camps over the weekend with its annual "team camp" as over 200 young high school athletes converged to Memorial Stadium from all over the country. The camp was chalk full of underclassmen from various high school teams, a lot of whom already star on their squads and could become big names in the coming years.

Sam Kamp

There is a lot to like about what Kamp brings to the table. Standing roughly 6-foot-4 1/2, 215 pounds, the younger brother of current Cal power forward Harper Kamp is a little smaller than his older sibling (Harper goes 6-foot-8, 245 pounds) but plays with the same type of grit and headiness that defines Harper as a player on the basketball court.

Sam Kamp plays on both sides of the ball and his development this upcoming year will go a long way to grasping a more vivid picture on which side of the ball he projects better on the next level. Kamp was one of several young athletes competing on the Memorial Stadium turf this past weekend and at the end of the weekend he was certainly one of the standouts.

The younger Kamp is making his own name for himself on the gridiron

"It was definitely a good camp," he said. "There were a lot of good looking kids, a lot of bigger kids out there but I definitely tried to take them on and work hard."

There were several aspects of the camp, which included fundamental

drills, 1-on-1's and live scrimmaging. The athletes got to work hands-on with the entire Cal coaching staff throughout the weekend, learning the ins-and-outs and fundamentals of high-level football.

"They broke us up into teams and I was on one of the smaller teams but our team took them on pretty good I thought," Kamp explained. "I played defensive end and tight end and I felt pretty good about our effort at the end of the camp."

"The coaches were all really cool," Kamp added. "(Pete Alamar) is a really good guy. (Tosh Lupoi) was really cool too."

Kamp is heading into his junior season at Mesa (Ariz.) Mountain View High and will be part of a team that could very well make a strong push at a major title by the end of the season.

Last year, Mesa fell 27-16 to Brophy College Prep in the state playoffs, marking Mesa's only loss of an otherwise undefeated 12-0 season. If Mesa had won that game, the squad would've traveled to tangle with Hamilton (Ariz.) High, the alma mater of current Cal running back Covaughn DeBoskie.

"We always expect a state championship because that's how we are raised to think over there, Kamp said. "I'm expecting really good things this year. We have a really solid offense. We have a young defense but we have a lot of good kids and we're going to work hard."

How would Kamp, who plays tight end and defensive end, describe himself as a player?

"I definitely try to be a leader out there," he said. "I try to keep my teammates riled up. Defensively I try to keep my motor going and never stop. So far it's working out there."

Of course, the other tidbit about Kamp's appearance this weekend was his relation to Harper, who will likely begin the season as Cal's starting center. And as Bear Territory realized quickly talking with Harper throughout his prolific high school career, Sam is much the same way. Both brothers are class acts all the way around.

"Oh yeah the trip was definitely cool," Kamp said. "I get some crap from some of the guys but it was definitely cool to come to the school that my brother goes to. It'll be cool one day to come out here because I really like Berkeley."