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Camyn Boone growing into role

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Arizona's 2012 class of prospects is very loaded with some good talent for college coaches, as many prospects in the class are already receiving serious recruiting interest.



Mesa Mountain View's 6-foot-6, 235-pound junior forward Camyn Boone has the potential to become a very good looking college prospect.

This class of prospects has proven itself very early, as many of the top performers in the class saw major varsity action last season, and then proved themselves on the spring and summer AAU/club circuit.

Mesa Mountain View High School's 6-foot-6, 235-pound junior forward **Camyn Boone** saw some good action at the varsity level last season - starting a good number of games for legendary Head Coach **Gary Ernst** as a sophomore. While the school does not permit freshmen to compete in varsity level sports, Boone's first season at the varsity level came last season.

Boone was not asked to do much scoring last season in a limited scoring role, but he did provide good interior defense and rebounding - providing the Toros with a good inside presence on the floor.

Boone now looks to come into his own as a junior, as he will be asked to take much more of a leadership role on the team. Boone will need to increase his offensive production and rebounding this season to keep the Toros among the top teams in the 5A Division-I conference.

Boone is coming off a solid showing this spring and summer on the AAU/club circuit, as he competed with the **Arizona Premier U17's** this past summer. While Boone was not a star performer this summer on the club circuit, he did mature nicely into a player that should benefit a great deal this high school season from the top-notch competition he faced in the off-season.

Boone is a wide-body with very broad shoulders and excellent physical toughness. Still a very young talent, Boone's exceptional body is much more mature than his approach to the game still, as he is still feeling his way into a top-rated young prospect. Still growing a great deal as well, Boone could grow nicely into a much taller and bigger body before the end of his high school career - something that could change his college recruitment immensely.

Make no mistake about it, Boone is and will be a power forward regardless of the growth process, but he also is very skilled for his size and youth and should continue to progress nicely as a player this high school season. Boone's physical strength and toughness is his best asset as a player - allowing him to overpower opposing defenders on the low block for inside baskets and offensive putbacks.

Boone has very good low-post footwork already, and has a nice variety of low post moves and jump hooks around the basket area - making him tough to defend for smaller low post defenders. He also has a soft touch from the perimeter out to 15-18 feet and is capable of putting the basketball on the floor from the wing and getting to the basket, where he is a strong finisher. Boone's aggressive style of play often leads to him taking trips to the free throw line. This aspect of his game should develop nicely over time as he continues to mature as a player, and gets more touches of the basketball.

Boone is at his best when rebounding the basketball, especially since he takes up so much space on

the floor and utilizes his body very well to gain very good inside position. He is also a very good offensive rebounder. As Boone begins to play with more intensity on the floor and with a better motor, he should see his overall production improve dramatically, but this should come with maturity.

Boone runs the floor well for his size already, and as he matures physically he should gain better coordination and footspeed, as well as better explosiveness off the floor. More explosiveness will add to his ability to finish around the rim, and also beat defenders down the floor for easy transition baskets.

Boone clearly has the potential to become one of the elite prospects in Arizona's 2012 class. While he has already shown excellent promise as a young prospect, just how good he becomes will be up to him, as his overall work ethic, on and off the floor, will contribute to his development as player.

Only time will tell just how good Boone will be, but this season should be a major part of that development for this young man. Mesa Mountain View's success as a team this season will depend on