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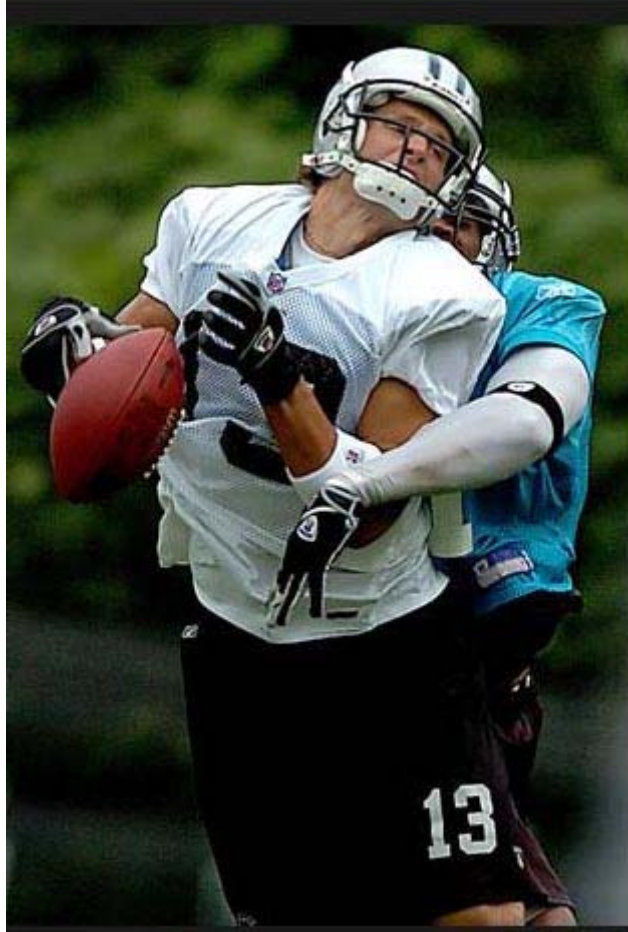
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## Special Panthers Training Camp Edition, Part II

### **Panthers Training Camp has begun**

Training Camp began on July 30 and already things are starting to cook. The Panthers traded for a highly touted WR and he seems to be the talk of the town.

I have been following some of the forums and here are some comments (both pro and con) about Aaron Boone so far. I will provide updates every couple of days or so as news comes out.



Aaron Boone being stopped by cornerback Dante Wesley

In this morning's *Charlotte Observer* at [charlotte.com](http://charlotte.com) in the brief overview of training camp, the following was noted by reporter Pat Yasinska:

**Web Site of the Day**

[aaronboone.com](http://aaronboone.com)

Receiver Aaron Boone, who is trying to make the team after a strong NFL Europe season, had to insert his middle initial to avoid confusion with baseball's Aaron Boone. -- P.Y.



Panthers running from the rain storm. Aaron Boone is #13 in the middle.

Comments from Charlotte.com Panthers Fan Forum:

July 25:

**--Don't be surprised to see Boone take Hankton's roster spot. He will be a strong special teamer with more receiver upside.**

**--I agree with you. The little I have seen of Boone, and the little research I've done he has good size and speed to play special teams and isn't afraid of contact.** I really think he is a younger version of Hankton with more receiver upside. I'd say Stubblefield will be on the practice squad unless he just shows out in training camp. With what I've seen of him he could learn a lot from Ricky Proehl and try to carve out a niche like Ricky has. Great hands and great routes is what has kept Proehl in the league for 16 years.

I'll tell you what I'm excited to have a lot of competition going on for backup roles and special teams this year. It seems we will have a lot of "hungry" guys and with many of the starting jobs locked up these guys will be looking at special teams as somewhere to stand out.

July 27:

--Panthers.com just put out position by position article. On WRs the quote by receiver coach Richard Williamson is VERY interesting. I could not copy-and-paste it, for some reason. **The main thing that struck me is that of the receivers he mentioned by name, he did not even mention Boone at all. ??**

July 28:

**--It'll probably be Smith, Gardner, Colbert, Prohel, Carter, and Boone or Stubblefield. Then you got Hankton...It we keep Boone then Hankton might become expendable as they're around the same size and Boone could take over his special team duties, but I don't know. I'm pretty ignorant to what Boone has done.**

--"I just have the feeling that though Stubblefield doesn't have the height, his consistent high level of play in college will translate into a great role in the pros."

Stubblefield doesn't have the height or speed. The speed is more of a problem than the height IMO because it could limit what he might be able to do on Special Teams. A 5th or 6th receiver MUST be able to contribute on ST, I just don't know if he has ever done that- He may have, but im not positive. **As for Boone, I understand he is a ST machine from NFLE and I know he had the most catches or yards or TDs or something in NFLE, but didn't Scott McReady have the same thing when he came to camp last year?**

"I now believe it will probably have to be somewhere else"

**I disagree with you here- to an extent- while I do not think Stubblefield or Boone will make the final roster, I do believe that one, or both could be great practice squad players.** I do not see teams running to sign either of them to their 53 man final roster- which is what they would have to do if they signed them off of our practice squad. I think they are both too unproven (at this level) for teams to take a roster spot away at least now. I could see Stubblefield on the PS for a year and possibly really competing next season.

July 31:

--The inside practice was really stupid. It was crowded and the players looked liked they were not really interested - I left after 45 min. It was my last practice I was hoping for some good action - I was too hungover to see the AM today but thaks for the info on carter - WOW and on day 2 !!! I can not wait to see him come Sept 11 - we have spent a lot of time talking about him this off season. Hope he stays healthy. **I was actually**

**impressed with Boone today when we were in the gym - from what I saw... we will see**

**--I'm wondering if Boone could push Hankton for a roster spot. Boone really made an impact on special teams in Europe this year. I'm sure he would be more than willing to take Hankton's spot on special teams for a roster spot**

## KEY DATES

8/6 - Fan Fest at Bank of America Stadium

8/24 - Training Camp Ends

8/30 - Roster cut down to 65 players

9/4 - Roster cut down to 53 players

9/11 - Regular Season begins

During training camp, the Panthers will normally practice twice a day at 9:10 a.m. and 3:10 p.m. with each practice session lasting between 90 minutes and two hours. A detailed practice schedule and other training camp info can be found here:

<http://www.panthers.com/news/trainingcamp.jsp>