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Bowl will help Harp; Boone makes game-winning catch

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LEXINGTON -- Kentucky receivers Aaron Boone and Chase Harp both had enjoyable experiences at last weekend's Paradise Bowl in St. George, Utah.

Harp, a tight end, had two catches for 48 yards and impressed NFL scouts with his blocking and route running.

"He probably got to run more routes in the first half than he did all season at Kentucky," said Sam Harp, Chase's father. "It was really a good experience for him and got him a lot of looks from pro scouts. It should really help his chances of getting into a NFL training camp."

Boone, a Utah native, missed most of the practice sessions after pulling a muscle in his leg. However, he did manage to play and had three catches for 68 yards, including the game-winning 39-yard touchdown catch in the final minute that delighted about 150 family members and friends who came to watch him play.

"I easily had the biggest fan section. They even had T-shirts made that said Big Play Boone on them and then underneath that it had my website (aaronrboone.com)," said Boone. "It felt great to be able to perform despite my injury. I probably only got about 10 to 15 plays total because I didn't want to push anything."

Eighty-five scouts from 31 professional teams were at the first two practice sessions and many stayed to watch the game.

Those at the game also got to see a rare sight -- Harp with a Louisville logo on his helmet. He got it from Louisville defensive lineman Keshawn Lowe.

"They all swapped decals and some guys had so many that you could barely see their helmet," said Sam Harp. "But it was a different sight seeing Chase with the Louisville logo. That's the first, and probably last, time you will ever see that."

McBride backer: Apparently new UK linebackers coach Ron McBride is having no trouble relating to players.

McBride has not coached defense in over 30 years and spent the last 26 years as head coach at Utah before joining UK coach Rich Brooks' staff last month.

"Coach McBride is already our favorite," said Paul Schuler, the father of

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recruit Joe Schuler of Evansville. "He is the life of the party. It's no wonder his players at Utah loved him so much. He is already hugging and grabbing the UK players and recruits like he is their favorite uncle."

[Boyle girls, Danville boys wins swim meet](#)

Joe Schuler, a linebacker, made his official visit to Kentucky last weekend and had Justin Haydock, a returning linebacker, as his host.

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"The new coaching staff is impressive and enjoyable to be around," Paul Schuler said. "The coaching staff hosted all the players and their parents for dinner Saturday night and the collection of championship and Super Bowl rings on their fingers were very noticeable."

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Schuler said Brooks told his son that he's hoping he can contribute next season because new defensive coordinator Mike Archer plans to use a 3-4 defense that will require four linebackers on the field. With UK's lack of depth at linebacker, Archer will be looking for incoming freshmen for help.

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"Coach Brooks said they will evaluate Joe before the first game and is he hasn't developed like they wanted, then they will redshirt him. Coach Brooks said he always wants to redshirt as many freshmen as possible to give them extra time to develop," Paul Schuler said.

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Schuler also said that highly-touted quarterback Michael Bush of Male seemed to enjoy his visit to UK last weekend.

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Looking: Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith knows the Wildcats need another post player for next year and says the Cats are looking.

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"We need to sign a center and we are hard at work scouting the country and other countries for big men," Smith said.

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Smith brought assistant Scott Rigot to UK from Hawaii this year because of his European recruiting connections.

[Ads reach All 'A' title by defeating Burgin](#)

Top seed: ESPN.com's Joe Lunardi seeds the NCAA Tournament field weekly based on what the bracket would like look if the tournament started today.

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His latest bracket has Kentucky as the No. 1 seed in the East Region with Florida No. 1 in the south, Pittsburgh No. 1 in the Midwest and Arizona No. 1 in the West.

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Why does he have UK No. 1?

He lists quality wins over Indiana, Notre Dame and Alabama, all in the top 25 of the RPI ratings. The Cats also have wins over Arizona State, Gonzaga, North Carolina and Auburn, who are all in the RPI top 50. No other team in the nation has seven wins over teams in the top 50 of the RPI. He also cites UK's 9-2 road-neutral court record.

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His only cautionary note is that UK does play two of its next three games on the road at South Carolina and Mississippi.

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