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Semper Fi: Mister Anonymous

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Maryland longsnapper commit Nate Adams learned on his official visit that he'll be front-and-center on special teams next season.

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. -- Long snappers generally don't get a lot of love when it comes to the fame game of football, but a good one can be worth his weight in gold. For [Maryland](#), that good one is 2014 commit and Semper Fidelis All-American [Nate Adams](#).

"I had a couple offers for linebacker, too, but they liked that I was a good athlete, as well, and I've been doing well at the combines," said Adams, who's ranked second in the country for longsnapping.

During his recent official visit, Adams was that not only would the Terrapins be adding six new uniforms next season, but that he'd be on the field, wearing them, as the starting longsnapper.

"They said I'm starting next year as a true freshman," Adams said. "It's the Big 10 next year, so we'll play [Ohio State](#), [Michigan State](#)."

Adams, hailing from Phoenix (Ariz.) Gateway, works out with Arizona long snapping guru Ben Bernard, who trained perhaps the most famous longsnapper of recent years: Fellow Arizona native [Nick Sundberg](#) of the [Washington Redskins](#), who played the entire second half of a 2012 game against the [New Orleans Saints](#) with a broken arm.

"I train with Nick," Adams told Scout.com as he checked in. "I've known Nick since I've been there. He's been helping out all the younger guys, and I started going there in sixth grade. He used to help out with us, and he taught me a lot. He was at Cal. I think it was his junior or senior year at Cal when I was there."

A typical snapping workout for Adams includes lifting, and then heading to a local high school for a round of short, soft snaps (about 25), then 25 long snaps and finishing up with 25 short snaps, as well as blocking work during both long and short snaps.

Bernard also has his snappers work with weighted balls, and lately, they've been working in a basketball gym. Adams can even sink a snap into the hoop, both banking and swishing.

"It takes me about 15 tries, but I can do it," he smiles. "You've got to feel the distance and stuff, get a couple in, and then I usually hit it."

Adams took his official visit in the middle of December, and loved it.

"All the recruits hit it off," said Adams, who's just fine with the change in weather from Arizona to the Chesapeake. "I'll get used to it."

Adams said that the coolest part about his visit was "all of it."

"Seeing the facilities, all the new equipment they showed us, going out with the players and the recruits and just having fun, that was my favorite part," Adams said.

Coming out to [California](#) for the All-American game, Adams is just happy to be recognized. It is a longsnapper's lot in life to be anonymous; in fact, most prefer it that way. The only way your name gets called is if you miss a snap, after all.

"It's great to get recognized not only for my football abilities, but through Semper Fi, they recognize your character and school activity, and that's pretty awesome. It's an honor. All my hard work's paying off," said Adams, who has a 3.97 unweighted GPA, and a 4.3 weighted GPA.

Adams wants to major in business or business management, and said that Maryland's business school was one

of the reasons why he picked the Terps.

“They have a lot of connections with Under Armour, and a lot of internships,” Adams said.

Adams had a longsnapping offer from [Air Force](#), and said that [Stanford](#) and [Washington State](#) wanted to wait until after Signing Day before possibly offering him.

“I looked at Maryland, liked it up there, and my whole goal when I started was to get my school paid for, and I got that accomplished, so I was like, ‘Why wait?’ I loved it up there and committed,” Adams said.

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