

49ers Hold First Practice

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The University of Charlotte football team held its first practice in school history Wednesday afternoon. Head coach Brad Lambert welcomed 57 walk-ons — some of whom didn't even play high school football — hoping to earn a spot on the roster. Lambert said maybe a handful or two of the kids trying out this week will have a shot

to make the team, which officially starts playing football in 2013.

More than 100 Charlotte students attended the original meeting months ago about tryouts for non-scholarship players, but only 57 were invited to practice. Lambert and his staff opened the tryouts to any students who met three criteria — they were academically compliant, still had college eligibility and passed a medical examination.

For more than an hour they hustled through conditioning drills before splitting off to work with position coaches. There were no pads or helmets and many wore t-shirts or shorts bearing their high school football program's name or another small-school college. Some did wear 49ers gear.