

[Forte shines at MLK Classic](#)

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I hadn't seen Cameron Forte play before Monday, and truthfully, didn't know who he was, but the 6-foot-5 junior from McClintock put on quite the show in the Martin Luther King Classic at Wells Fargo Arena.

He had 34 points and 12 rebounds as the Chargers blew away No. 1 ranked Phoenix Sunnyslope in the second-to-last game of the night.

Forte played with Woolridge and Mesa guard Jahii Carson on an AAU club basketball team in the past, so he's obviously not a complete unknown, but he sat out last year after transferring in from Marcos de Niza so he might be under the radar.

His jumpshot has a sideways spin and the form isn't the greatest, so that's something he will have to improve, but Forte has very good body control and drove into the lane at ease against the Vikings. He actually reminded me quite a bit of James Harden, in that he's a lefty without great athleticism, but a player who uses his body and angles to get to the basket.

If Forte grows another couple inches and measures out to be 6-foot-7 or so, he could be an intriguing prospect as a small forward. He said schools looking at him right now are Northern Arizona, Cal Poly and Drake. Forte said being on TV - the game was shown locally on Cox-7 - was in the back of his mind, but he tried to block it out.

"I try to not let it get to me, because then you start thinking that, oh, I have to get so many of these (certain stats)," he said. "It gets ahead of you, and then you can't do what you're trying to do, and that's just getting the win."

The Chargers got the win easily, reinforcing the notion that they will be a contender in the 4A-I state tournament.