

Determination

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Sam Pickerign is inspiring to me because he has yet to play a down in college football, but he still puts in the work. To me football is the sport where you must put in the hardest work that you will ever put in and have the most determination every day. Football is my favorite sport because of some of the backstories of how people got there. Sam is one of those people with an incredible backstory.

Sam Pickerign, a 6th year man out of the University of Minnesota, has loved the sport of football ever since was a kid. He picked up his love for football from his Father. His Father played football for the University of Minnesota as well. Sam said that if he could change one thing about football that it would be to stop all injuries from happening.

Sam also enjoys listening to and writing music. Sam once got to perform one of his songs as a halftime show at a scrimmage game. After interviewing Sam, I have picked up a lot of information about him. I have learned that you can find his music on Spotify and his favorite artist as of right now is Zac Bryan. His favorite song by him is called, "Something in The Orange".

After his parents married, they moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where Sam lived throughout his childhood. Sam has always been a Minnesota fan. His favorite college football team is the Gophers, and his favorite NFL team is the Minnesota Vikings.

Sam went to college for 6 years in Minnesota and never played a snap on the field. While at the University of Minnesota Sam received a master's degree in business. He has attended every game, home or away. Sam is a very patient person. Pickerign attended practice, put in the work, and never received the chance to play a single down thus far in his college era.

During our interview, Pickerign told me that coach Fleck always pushes you to do your best. I think that this is one of the greatest things that coach Fleck could do. Sam said that the best advice that he could give to anybody that wants to be involved with the sport of football is, "Don't let anything stop you" and "Never give up, even when people don't believe in you." I will never forget this piece of advice from Sam.

Throughout his life, Sam has accomplished many things, including some of his dreams. From a young age Pickerign set his mind towards playing football and or to be a famous singer. He has accomplished his dream of playing football by playing for the University of Minnesota. He has always wanted to follow in his dad's footsteps because his dad played for Minnesota as well. Even though Pickerign has his music on Spotify, he can still work for more people to know him.

Sam says that his favorite all-time award, while playing at Minnesota is the Paul Bunyan Trophy. To win the Paul Bunyan trophy you must play and win against the Wisconsin Badgers. The game the most played rivalry game in the NCAA Division.

There is a lot more to Sam that you and I have learned. After one interview with Sam, I can figure out that he is a very fun guy to talk to. I have learned so many things about him, including how he has wanted to play football and be a famous music artist ever since he was a kid. His determination is inspiring and I am so grateful to be in the situation where I received the chance to talk to Sam.