

Barker draws attention of college coaches

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If Kolby Barker knows where he'll play college football, the McNary senior is keeping it quiet.

"I'm just going to play this season out and then make my decision," he said.

Barker's recruiting blew up in May. Wyoming was the first to offer a full scholarship. Portland State, Northern Arizona, UC Davis, Air Force and Columbia soon followed.

Asked if he had a dream school, Barker smiled and replied, "no comment."

In June, Barker went to camps at Boise State, University of California, Northern Arizona and Nevada. He then visited the University of Oregon on Aug. 12, watching practice and getting a tour of

the facilities.

"It's been crazy," Barker said. "I started this thing really hoping to make it to a D-II school and now the sky's the limit."

While a football program with a winning tradition is important, Barker, a 4.0 student at McNary, noted academics is his biggest priority.

"You're a student athlete not an athlete student so I'm looking for a great education," he said.

At 6-4, 240 pounds, Barker is being recruited as a defensive end

but he'll primarily play middle linebacker and offensive tackle for the Celtics this season.

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Kolby Barker has offers from Wyoming, Portland State, Northern Arizona, UC Davis, Air Force and Columbia.

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