

Hoops target emerging on the gridiron



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Until earlier this spring, it had been all basketball for this 6-foot-5, 220-pound Upstate junior.

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Davaris McGowens, who attends Eastside High School in Taylors, hadn't played football since his two years with the Freetown Cowboys. He was about 10 or 11.

As a sophomore, McGowens joined the Eagles' football team, to play outside linebacker, defensive end and wide receiver.

On Friday, his first high school football game, he had eight tackles.

"I was feeling good out there. I was doing good, ready to play," McGowens said in an interview with **CUTigers.com**.

On the hardwood, he has contact with Clemson, South Carolina, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest, PC and Jacksonville. There's already an offer from Jacksonville.

Associate head coach **Rick Ray** serves as the primary recruiter to Tigertown. They last spoke after the July evaluation period.

Clemson had McGowens in for the 2010 elite camp. His only other time in Clemson was for a basketball game, which was not an unofficial visit.

"The facilities and stuff they're all nice. I liked the practice gyms," he said.

Last weekend, McGowens visited PC for their elite camp. He also toured the campus.

McGowens said he planned to take the ACT this fall, and he would also like to take a few visits.

If he catches some momentum, his visits could be football unofficials, too.

Was that part of the plan in getting back on the gridiron?

"You could say that. My coaches said [it] could help me out in basketball, too. I was talking to my dad about it. He wanted me to play," McGowens said. "I just gave it a shot again."

Defensive end would be the position of choice.

As a sophomore hoopster at Eastside, he averaged 19 points, eight rebounds and eight assists.