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Elk Grove's Zeke Burnett runs the ball 8 yards for a first down during the first quarter in the game at Lincoln High School in Lincoln on Sept. 17.

Elk Grove's Burnett commits to Sacramento State

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Every year, the Sacramento area produces scores of Division I football recruits. Every winter, more than a dozen athletes from the area sign

National Letter of Intent papers to continue their careers at the collegiate level.

The class of 2022 had its recruitments slowed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Most seniors were able to produce some game film clips for recruiters from the spring season, but most are using this fall

as their last chance to earn an athletic scholarship at any level.

Other players expected to commit to a Division I school soon from the senior class include:

- Capital Christian quarterback Anthony Garcia and his teammate Cameron Sampson, who plays offense and defense.
- Rocklin receiver Nathan Kent and Rocklin lineman Brad Baur.
- Sacramento receiver/cornerback Lamont Johnson-Burrell.
- Christian Brothers running back D.J. Crowther.
- Inderkum defensive back Amani Pressley
- Vacaville running back Darian Leon-Guerrero.
- Jesuit defensive back Garrett McGriff.

A closer peek at those who have given verbal commitments:

Zeke Burnett, RB, Elk Grove

Burnett committed to Sacramento State this week. He picked the Hornets over Colorado, Colorado State, Fresno State, Nevada and UNLV, among others. The 5-foot-11, 190 pound senior started his prep career at Capital Christian before transferring to Elk Grove during his junior season. Burnett didn't play during the spring due to injury, but in six

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