

## Dudley football player breaks neck; no paralysis

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GREENSBORO — Brandon Burkes, a rising junior at Dudley High School, suffered a broken neck during football practice Monday and is awaiting surgery this afternoon at Moses Cone Hospital.

“By the grace of God he’s not paralyzed, and I’m just so blessed and thankful for that,” Dudley football coach Steve Davis said.

Burkes, who broke his neck in two places, is “in good spirits,” according to a family source reached by telephone at the hospital this afternoon. The source said doctors are being cautious.

Burkes, who has played numerous positions at Dudley, was expected to start at linebacker in the season opener at home against Carver on Aug. 20. Burkes is also a standout infielder and pitcher for the Panthers’ baseball team and earned honorable mention on the 2010 News & Record All-Area team.

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