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Notebook: Prep football career over for MBA QB

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Montgomery Bell Academy quarterback Luke Colbert's prep career ended before it really got started.

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The senior, who took over for the graduated Spencer Wise this fall, suffered a fractured vertebrae and a concussion in MBA's 50-21 loss Friday against Ensworth and will miss the remainder of the season.

"Basketball could be a possibility. There's a chance he could play baseball," Coach Daniel McGugin said.

Injured late in the second quarter while scoring MBA's first touchdown, Colbert completed 28 of 47 passes for 293 yards and four touchdowns for the season.

Colbert was released from St. Thomas Hospital over the weekend in a neck brace and briefly visited practice Monday.

Replacing Colbert for Friday's game at Independence will be junior Van East, who finished out the Ensworth game.

Better outlook: Ravenwood quarterback Alex Williams, who suffered a knee injury in Thursday's 13-12 loss to Hillsboro, could return for Friday's matchup at Page.

"He's not currently practicing, but we think he's going to be all right," Raptors Coach Tom Shuman said. "He's still sore."

The turf where Williams was tackled was just soft and loose enough for his cleats to slide on impact, Shuman said, preventing any serious damage

With backup Keegan Lehver still recovering from a broken collarbone, freshman Dylan Speight will get the call if Williams can't go.

"We've been repping him really hard," Shuman said. "He's going to be a dandy, but he's still a freshman."

Grand opening: St. Cecilia Academy and the Overbrook School will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new \$1.5 million soccer and track complex at The Dominican Campus off West End prior to Thursday's girls soccer game against Donelson Christian Academy.

"It was supposed to have opened a month ago, but the weather didn't cooperate," St. Cecilia Coach Emily Marcouiller said of the new Bermuda grass field. "The girls can't wait to play on it."

Bordering the regulation-size soccer field is an eight-lane rubberized track with dual high jump and long jump pits as well as areas for shot put and discus events.

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MBA quarterback Luke Colbert is injured after he scores a touchdown against Ensworth. (JAE S. LEE / THE TENNESSEAN)

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