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Springdale's (Springdale, Ark.) [Deandre Murray](#) is a truly electrifying athlete that can affect the game in a number of different ways. Whether it's busting monster gains from the running back position, snagging a post route at wide receiver or out running the opposition returning a kick, the talented junior is definitely a game-breaker.

"I would say I'm pretty elusive on the field," claimed Murray. "I believe I have good vision and I give it my all every time I'm out there. I'm pretty athletic and I also play basketball and run track. During track season I do the 200 meters, the long jump and the 100 meters."

To say he has blazing speed would be an understatement.

Earlier this spring, at a football camp at Missouri State, the 5-foot-11, 175-pound prospect was clocked running a 4.41 in the 40-yard dash. In week four of this season, he demonstrated his top-notch speed by rushing for 271 yards and six touchdowns. By putting up some pretty impressive numbers, the speed burner has attracted the attention of some pretty good programs.

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"I haven't received any offers yet, but I started hearing from some teams," he shared. "I've been hearing from Arkansas, Arkansas State, Tulsa, Mississippi and a little from Notre Dame."

Murray was kind of in shocked when Irish defensive back coach Bob Elliott stopped by Springdale, but he was excited to know that Notre Dame knew who he was.

"Notre Dame is a very popular school," stated the talented junior. "I really like their academics and they have a very good team. Coach Elliott came to one of our practices a while back to check me out. He said he'd heard fondly of me and asked if I could come to a camp when they have it. He said if I couldn't it would be okay, because they would still recruit me."

Being that it still very early in the recruiting process, the Arkansas standout has just started to figure out what he'll be looking for in a college program.

"Really, I'm just looking for good academics and finding a good coaching staff," explained Murray. "I really don't want to move too far away from Arkansas, but we'll see what happens with recruiting."

With the future of his football playing career coming into focus, some might wonder just what position he'll be playing at the next level.

"I got some people recruiting me at running back and some recruiting me at wide receiver," he shared. "It really doesn't matter to me where I play, but I've been playing running back since I was in the fourth grade, so I'm pretty comfortable in that position."

Now that things have started to pick up recruiting-wise could the dynamic athlete see himself visiting South Bend in the future?

"I am really trying to decide where I'm going to visit yet, but I'm definitely planning on getting up to Notre Dame sometime next spring."