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Outgoing CBS football coach gets nice parting gift with signings

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Andre Johansen, who recently stepped down as Christian Brothers football coach after turning around what had been a struggling program in his six years at the school, got a nice parting gift today on National Signing Day.

Three of his players are moving on to play in college. Tight end Bryan Lane is headed for Nevada, defensive back Ade' Jackson to Penn and wide receiver/tight end Robby Templeton to Princeton.

"That's the biggest thing I'm going to miss about Christian Brothers," Johansen said. "There are so many quality kids."

Lane, Jackson and Templeton were all versatile performers on a CBS team that went 6-5 overall and 3-2 in the Capital Valley Conference last fall.

The 6-foot-4, 215-pound Lane played tight end, fullback, linebacker and safety; 5-11, 180-pound Jackson was a wide receiver, defensive back and kick returner; 6-1, 180-pound Templeton a receiver, safety and placekicker.

Said Johansen of each:

- Bryan Lane: "He's got a huge upside. He just turned 17. He's a phenomenal athlete, a super kid, one of my all-time favorites. He's going to blossom nicely at Nevada." Lane caught 15 passes for 220 yards and three touchdowns and had a team-high 78 tackles.
- Ade' Jackson: "Great player, great scholar who had a lot of college options because he's also an outstanding student. He had offers from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where his brother (Asa Jackson) plays, and UC Davis. Jackson rushed 15 times for 123 yards and a touchdown, caught six passes for 99 yards and a touchdown; had 66 tackles and averaged better than 44 yards on kickoff returns.
- Robby Templeton: "Another great kid and student. Would do anything you asked of him. Very versatile." Templeton caught nine passes for 175 yards and two touchdowns, had 36 tackles and kicked 29 PATs.

Jackson and Templeton also were Christian Brothers co-Scholar Athletes of the Year.

"They're going to be our second and third kids to play in the Ivy League, joining Matt McCarthy (Class of 2008) of Harvard," Johansen said. "They're both going to be very successful."

Johansen said that three other CBS athletes might be late signees - team MVP running back-defensive back Aaron Terrell-Byrd; wide receiver-defensive back Dondre Butler and quarterback-defensive back Jeremiah Sims.

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