

# **Coach Carlson's Comments on the 2013 Recruiting Class**

## **Justin Banks – WR**

“Justin played quarterback as a senior, but wide receiver as a junior. He is an excellent athlete with good speed and a great burst. Having been a QB, he has an excellent understanding of defensive schemes. He is a football player.”

## **Grayson Bastin – RB**

“Grayson has excellent ball skills. He has good speed to the outside and is productive inside as well. He is an excellent pass receiver, which is important for our backs. He comes out of one of the best high school programs in Indiana. He could also end up as a slot receiver and will compete for time in the return game as well.”

## **Michael Buchanan – DL**

“Michael brings size and quickness to our defensive line. We needed to recruit bigger linemen, and Michael fits that bill for us. He has played both end and tackle, so he is a versatile player as well.”

## **Denzell Conway – RB**

“Denzell brings track speed to the running back position for us. Denzell has already clocked in the 11.0 range for the 100 with a chance for a sub-11 as the weather heats up. His speed and size will be a great addition to our offense.”

## **Connor Conzelman – LB**

“Connor was an excellent two-way player at Jacobs High School playing linebacker and tight end. He will start off on defense but could also play tight end/H-back as well. He has the frame to put on weight and has excellent hands.”

## **John Coyne – DL**

“John is another athletic defensive lineman in our class. He is an excellent long snapper as well and will compete for that position in the fall. John played against some of the best competition in the Tampa area.”

## **Brandon Doepke – DL**

“Brandon played both tackle and end. He was athletic enough to make his high school basketball team as a senior and was the team's sixth man and defensive specialist. His athleticism is a great boost to our defensive line, along with his size and speed.”

## **Nate Emminger – WR**

“Nate is a Wes Welker type receiver. He can make plays both catching the ball and running on the jet sweep type plays. He is an excellent return man who will compete at those spots in the fall.”

## **Derrick Estell – RB/WR**

“Derrick was a Wendy's Heisman finalist in Missouri this past season. He is another track athlete who is capable of a sub-11 100 meter this season. He brings speed to our team and can play either running back or slot receiver. He is an excellent returner as well.”

## **Kenneth Floyd – RB**

“Kenny is a power back with the speed to get to the edge. He runs with great vision and is a playmaker. He is physical and will excel in all three phases – running, catching, and blocking. I see him excelling in special teams play as well due to his physical play.”

## **Tim Foley – DB**

“Tim comes from one of the best programs in Florida. Tim is a safety who sees the field well. He is physical and an excellent tackler. He has football smarts and always seems to be in position for a tackle, a pass break-up or a turnover.”

## **Brett Fox – TE**

“Brett brings size and quickness to our tight end position. He is physical at the point of attack. I see him being able to play in the H-Back position as well. Brett's film shows he loves contact. He is another player who can make a mark on our special teams.”

**Jonathan Hammond – DL**

“Jonathon played both on the offensive and defensive lines in high school. He showed excellent athleticism as St. Patrick’s starting center in 2012. His physical play and ability to change direction will see Jonathon starting out as a defensive lineman for the Crusaders.”

**David Horak – OL**

“David brings good size and quickness to our offensive line. He is a physical player who could play either guard or tackle. He shows a good football IQ as well“

**Matt Jaeger – OL**

“Matt played in one of the toughest conferences in southern California at arguably the best Lutheran High School football program in the country. He has the frame to put on 25-30 pounds and could develop into an excellent center for us.”

**Kyle Jones – OL**

“Kyle is a physical offensive guard. He has good feet and plays with a nasty streak, which is exactly what we are looking for in an offensive guard.”

**Idode Kerobo - DB**

“Idode is a tough, physical corner. He shows good cover skills, good ball skills, and is an excellent tackler. He brings a bigger frame than our current corners, which is a plus.”

**Cody Labanowitz – ATH**

“Cody was an all-state quarterback in Florida running the option. He will start out at wide receiver for us, but could play defensive back. He has good size and speed.”

**Brian Lang – OL**

“Brian played in the ultra-competitive Chicago Catholic League. He is tall with long arms and good feet. He is a prototype offensive tackle with excellent football IQ, great feet, and physical play.”

**Lucas Lanzon – LB**

“Lucas started at both quarterback and linebacker this past year. He is a heady football player who just makes plays on both offense and defense. He will bring excellent athleticism to our linebacker corp.”

**Remy Linares – OL**

“Remy is another long offensive lineman. He will play tackle for us. He has good feet and plays with intensity. His high school went from 8-man football to 12-man state champions over the course of his high school career.”

**Johnathan Mangelluzzi – DB**

“Johnathan is another outstanding athlete who could play multiple positions. He played against some of the best programs in northeast Ohio. Jonathon is a speedster who will be able to impact our special teams as well.”

**Hannibal Mathis – DB**

“Hannibal is another bigger-bodied defensive back that brings physical play to the corner spot. His film showed excellent cover skills and great tackling ability. He should match up well against PFL receivers.”

**Matt McGinnis – DL**

“Matt was the first verbal commitment of 2013. He brings the ability to rush the passer from defensive end, as well as a physical presence against the run. He is another player with a high football IQ.”

**Jake Newman – K**

“Jake has shown a strong leg on both place kicks and kick-offs. He is very consistent in both areas. Jake was one of the first kickers we identified in this recruiting class and I am very pleased he ended up a Crusader.”

**Jonathan “Bama” Powell - DL**

“Bama was an outstanding offensive lineman in Warren Central’s ground and pound offense. As a junior at Guerin High School, he started on both offense and defense. Bama is a great fit at our nose tackle position.”

**William (Connor) Retig – OL**

“Connor is a versatile, physical offensive lineman who can play center or guard. Centerville High School is known for their quality offensive linemen and physical style of play. Connor will bring these attributes to our program.”

**Garrett Rothenberg – TE**

“Garrett is an excellent fit for our offense. He has played as a tight end with his hand on the ground, in the slot, and as a wide receiver. He runs excellent routes, has good hands, and is a physical blocker.”

**Dillon Sampson – OL**

“Dillon brings good size and excellent feet to the offensive guard position. He plays physical and with a mean streak. That is the description of the guards we want in our program.”

**Ryan Shea – WR**

“Ryan is a speedster who could play either inside at the slot or outside at wide receiver. He has good hands, runs excellent routes, and makes plays. I expect him to compete on special teams as well with his athleticism.”

**Kurtis Slenk – WR**

“Kurtis is the younger brother of former Crusader Eric Slenk ’13. He has excellent speed and good hands. He has the ability to play both slot and wide receiver. He is another recruit who could contribute on special teams due to his athletic ability.”

**Eric Swope – DL**

“Eric has the ability to play both end and tackle for the Crusaders. Eric brings a physical presence and tenacity to our defensive line. Eric has played against some of the best competition in the Pittsburgh area and will bring great determination to our program.”

**James “Tyler” Tanton – OL**

“Tyler is another tall tackle with long arms. He has the frame to grow out and the feet to become a force in the PFL. Tyler blocked a number of speed players in his high school career. That experience will aid in his transition to college.”

**Dan Terrana – DL**

“Dan is a defensive lineman that we targeted last summer. He brings an excellent frame, quickness, and strength to the defensive interior. Dan was an outstanding wrestler in high school. That skill set will serve him well as a college defensive lineman. He is tenacious and physical in his play.”

**Justin Ward – WR**

“Justin is a tall wide receiver with good ball skills. He runs good routes, catches everything thrown to him, and gets yards after the catch.”

**Gunnar Wolfe – LB**

“Gunnar is a physical linebacker who can run. He played in a tough private school conference in southern California against many Division-I caliber athletes. He is technically sound and can run – a great combination at linebacker.”