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AP Photo Philadelphia Eagles tight end Brent Celek (87) celebrates his touchdown with wide receiver DeSean Jackson (10) during the first quarter of Saturday's game against the Cowboys in Arlington, Texas.

Too little, too late for Eagles

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ARLINGTON, Texas - Andy Reid arrived as a head coach with the infamous "pickle juice" win at Dallas.

Now it's time to wonder how long his rein with the Eagles continues despite a 20-7 win over the Cowboys here Saturday.

**EAGLES 20
COWBOYS 7**

The Eagles were eliminated from the playoffs before the end of the first quarter. With a 7-8 record, they need to beat the lowly Washington Redskins this week to avoid a losing season.

When Reid sits down with Eagles ownership in a few weeks, he must explain why he couldn't make a playoff team out of a collection of talent that set the Eagles back more than \$225 million.

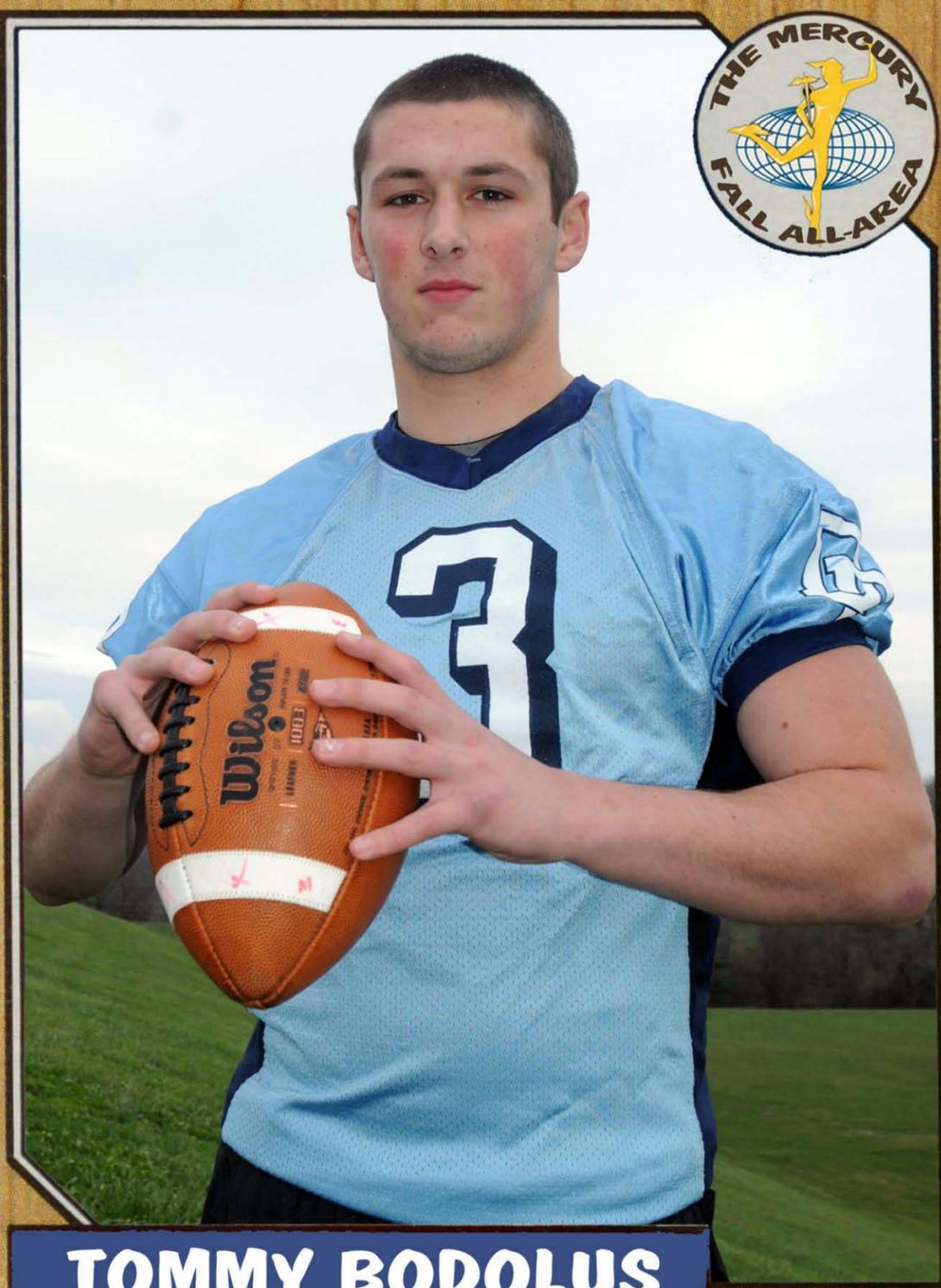
They're not going to add this Eagles-Cowboys game to the NFL classics.

It became a grudge match for the Eagles, who received the opening kickoff in the late afternoon, once their playoff quest ended with the New York Giants' 29-14 win over the New York Jets in an early game.

The Cowboys (8-7) crawled away bloody but breathing. They had nothing to gain from a victory as the Giants

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**TOMMY BODOLUS
DANIEL BOONE**

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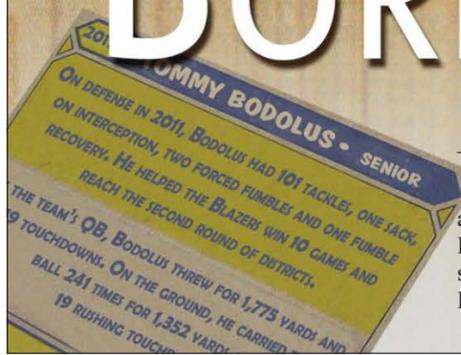
Through pre-school, kindergarten and on up into second grade, Tommy Bodolus spent nearly every afternoon sitting through football practices at St. Pius X, where his father was the head

coach.

"We didn't have a babysitter," Bodolus recalled. "I didn't have much of a choice."

Bodolus wasn't force-fed football, mind you, but it didn't take long for

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Temple example of stability compared to Pitt, PSU

By Genaro C. Armas
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STATE COLLEGE - Major college football is in a state of flux at Penn State and Pittsburgh.

By comparison, Temple - Pennsylvania's other Football Bowl Subdivision school - is on steady ground.

In Steve Addazio's first season - taking over Al Golden's rebuilding project - Temple finished its second nine-win season in three years with a 37-15 victory last week over Wyoming in the New Mexico Bowl.

"I just think, obviously, right now we're focused on

trying to do the best job we can in recruiting," Addazio said Thursday in a phone interview when asked to assess how the situations at Penn State and Pitt might impact Temple from a football standpoint.

"Right now this is a great opportunity to build our brand, to help people focus in on where Temple has come from and where (it's) headed," Addazio said. "What it does is it helps you continue to strengthen yourself in the state of Pennsylvania."

Temple went 1-11 its first season under Golden in 2006, then won 26 over the next four years before Golden left to coach Mi-

ami. Addazio, the former assistant at Florida under Urban Meyer, maintained the momentum with a 9-4 season.

Now he's on a well-deserved holiday break and resting up before the January recruiting push.

"You get a great surge, a tremendous finish," Addazio said, referring to Temple's season-ending four-game winning streak. "The national exposure helps you when you come back."

A member of the Mid-American Conference, Temple doesn't play in a league with an automatic BCS bid like Penn State and Pitt.

But those schools have also had unstable coaching situations.

That once was never an issue at Penn State under the 46-year tenure of Hall of Famer Joe Paterno as head coach.

But he was fired Nov. 9 in the aftermath of child sex abuse charges against retired defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky. Paterno, who testified before a grand jury investigating Sandusky, is not a target of the probe. Sandusky is awaiting trial after pleading not guilty to the allegations.

Longtime assistant

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AP Photo Temple, led by head coach Steve Addazio, above, is surprisingly the most stable major Division I college football program in Pennsylvania, compared to the current unrest at Pitt and Penn State.