

# ALL-AREA FOOTBALL: FIRST TEAM CAPSULES

ALL-AREA from C4

## DANNY MICHAELS, POTTS GROVE

Linebacker ... Senior ... 5-11, 175 ... Credited with 49 tackles ... Had one sack ... Intercepted team-high three passes ... On offense, 54 times for 490 yards and four touchdowns ... Key two-way starter in team's drive to the District 1-AAA championship ... All PAC-10 selection.



POTTS GROVE'S DANNY MICHAELS (13)

## CHRIS MULLER, BOYERTOWN

Offensive Guard ... Senior ... 6-6, 305 ... Anchored offensive line that helped the Bears average 299.1 yards rushing per game and produced two 1,000-yard rushers on the season ... Will attend Rutgers on football scholarship ... All PAC-10 selection.

## VINNY NATTLE, PHOENIXVILLE

Fullback ... Senior ... 6-1, 185 ... Carried 237 times for 1,456 yards and 13 touchdowns, becoming program's first 1,000-yard rusher in eight seasons ... Caught nine passes for 159 yards ... Also in on 18 tackles, with two sacks and a fumble recovery on defense in helping team to the District 1-AAA final ... All PAC-10 selection.



PHOENIXVILLE'S VINNY NATTLE

## JON NEIMAN, BOYERTOWN

Defensive Back ... Senior ... 5-11, 185 ... Credited with 65 tackles with a team-high 14 passes defended and two interceptions ... On offense, carried 174 times for 1,257 yards and 14 touchdowns and caught 12 passes for 91 yards ... Named team MVP ... All PAC-10 selection.

## KEVIN NYCE, SPRING-FORD

Defensive Interior Lineman ... Senior ... 6-0, 205 ... Credited with 63 tackles ... Had team-high 10 sacks ... Forced one fumble and recovered one ... Defensive key in team's drive to the PAC-10 championship and first postseason appearance ... All PAC-10 selection.

## MADISON O'CONNOR, POTTS GROVE

Offensive Tackle ... Junior ... 6-6, 330 ... Helped anchor offensive line that led the area in rushing (327 yards a game) and total offense (374 yards a game) ... Key in team's drive to the District 1-AAA championship ... All PAC-10 selection.

## RYAN O'HARA, SPRING-FORD

Kicker ... Senior ... 5-10, 175 ... Led the area in kick scoring, converting 58 of 60 point-after (the other two were blocked) and four field goals for 70 points ... Also had 12 touchbacks on kickoffs for the PAC-10 champions ... All PAC-10 selection.



HILL SCHOOL'S ADAM REGENSBURG

## JOHN OLSON, UPPER PERKIOMEN

Running Back ... Senior ... 6-1, 195 ... Carried an area-high 251 times for 1,468 yards - the area's third-best total - and scored 16 touchdowns ... Also caught 15 passes for 109 yards ... All PAC-10 selection.



UPPER PERKIOMEN'S JOHN OLSON

## ADAM REGENSBURG, HILL SCHOOL

Defensive Back ... Junior ... 6-0, 185 ... Credited with 73 tackles ... Led area with eight interceptions, returning one for a touchdown ... On offense, caught 38 passes for 383 yards and five touchdowns and ran 62 times for 295 yards and a score ... All-MAPL selection.

## ZACH ROBINSON, DANIEL BOONE

Defensive Interior Lineman ... Senior ... 6-1, 215 ... Credited with 88 tackles, including 18 for losses ... Led area with 12 sacks, and had a team-high seven quarterback-hurries ... Forced two fumbles and recovered two ... All-Berks selection ... BFL Section One's Defensive Lineman of the Year ... The Mercury's Defensive Player of the Year.



SPRING-FORD'S ANDREW SCANLAN

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Wide Receiver/Defensive Back ... Senior ... 6-2, 190 ... Tied for second in the area in receptions with 52 for 839 yards and area-high 10 touchdowns ... On defense, credited with 53 tackles with a team-high 12 passes defended, three interceptions, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery ... All PAC-10 selection ... The Mercury's Two-Way Player of the Year.

## DARRELL SCOTT, DANIEL BOONE

Running Back ... Senior ... 5-10, 195 ... Carried 123 times for 994 yards and 11 touchdowns ... Caught an area-high 59 passes for an area-high 888 yards and eight touchdowns ... On defense, was credited with 33 tackles, including six for losses ... Had three sacks ... Intercepted two passes, returning one for a touchdown ... All-Berks selection ... BFL Section One's Receiver of the Year.



PERKIOMEN VALLEY'S JASON UGWU

## JASON UGWU, PERKIOMEN VALLEY

Linebacker ... Senior ... 6-0, 220 ... Credited with 61 tackles ... Had seven sacks ... Forced six fumbles, recovered two ... Blocked two kicks ... Also contributed on offense when injuries cut into the team's backfield ... All PAC-10 selection. ... The Mercury's Most Improved Player of the Year.

## TYLER YAZUJIAN, SPRING-FORD

Tight End ... Senior ... 5-11, 205 ... Very proficient blocker in team's run game ... Caught 22 passes for 336 yards and four touchdowns ... Also contributed 12 tackles with one sack to help in team's drive to the PAC-10 championship and first postseason appearance ... All PAC-10 selection.



SPRING-FORD'S TYLER YAZUJIAN

## CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR

CHAD BRUBAKER, SPRING-FORD  
RICK PENNYPACKER, POTTS GROVE

In his second year at Spring-Ford, Brubaker - because of graduation - had to replace 10 of 11 starters on defense. But he still managed to lead the Rams to an unbeaten run through the Pioneer Athletic Conference for their first league title since 1998; the program's first postseason appearance in the District 1-AAAA playoffs; and a 10-2 overall record. ... In his 23rd year at Pottsgrove, Pennypacker - despite losing nearly half his starting lineup - guided the Falcons to a runner-up finish in the Pioneer Athletic Conference; their second District 1-Class AAA title in three years; and an 11-3 overall record.



PENNYPACKER



BRUBAKER



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Tommy Bodolus spent his formative years on the sideline learning all about football as his dad, Dave Bodolus, coached for St. Pius X and then Daniel Boone. The younger Bodolus put all he learned to great use as the Blazers quarterback the past two seasons.

# Blazers' Bodolus was born to be a football standout

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the toddler to become fond of the game. His interest - and good behavior, of course - earned him a promotion to water boy at just 5 years of age. But when he wasn't lugging the water bottles onto the field during timeouts and into the locker room at halftime, he was watching ... and learning.

He continued to learn more and more about the game as a little-older, but still-very-young sideline helper for his dad when he became the head coach at Daniel Boone, too.

And, as they say, he learned well.

So well, in fact, that he just may be remembered as one of the best who ever played at Daniel Boone, especially after being named the Berks Football League's Offensive Back of the Year and (that's right and) Defensive Back of the Year ... not to mention The Mercury's Player of the Year.

And to think he just wanted to be like one of the guys he used to watch every afternoon and cater to - with the water bottles, that is - on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons.

"I always looked up to (the St. Pius and Daniel Boone) players when I was young," Bodolus explained. "I used to watch them, pick up the little things they did. I wanted to be like them when I became their age."

"Tommy had the opportunity to watch all those guys coming up through our programs at Pius and Boone," added his dad, Dave Bodolus. "He was always very observant, and picked up things real well. That made it very easy to coach him."

Real easy when considering what he accomplished during his four years in the lineup - all four in the defensive secondary and three on the offensive side of the ball - one as a wideout and the last two as the Blazers' quarterback.

And there's no question this past season was his best.

On defense, the 6-foot-1, 192-pound senior was credited with 101 tackles, including one sack. He intercepted one pass, forced two fumbles, recovered one and, what many may not have noticed, forced a lot of opposing coaches to scheme away from him. On offense, he not only completed 140 of 223 attempts for 1,775 yards and 19 touchdowns, but kept the ball himself 241 times in running for an additional 1,352 yards and 19 touchdowns.

That all adds up to 3,127 yards of offense ... and, one way or the other, accounts for 38 of the Blazers' 53 touchdowns.

"Sometimes you have to play the hand your dealt," Dave Bodolus said when reminded his son

threw for more yards (1,906) and touchdowns (25) and ran for a lot less yards (538) and touchdowns (7) a year ago. "We were a different team this year, and Tommy, by running more, helped make us a better team."

Few could argue that point. A year ago, Tommy Bodolus' work on both sides of the ball helped the Blazers reach the District 3-AAAA quarterfinals and finish with a school-record 11 wins. This year, again taking few if any plays off, he helped the Blazers to the second round of the District 3-AAAA playoffs and 10 more wins.

In his four years, Daniel Boone qualified for the playoffs each season and won 38 of 49 games.

"Tommy started out in (the youth program) at Boyertown," Dave Bodolus said of his son, who is being recruited by a number of Ivy and Patriot league schools, with Bucknell, Colgate, Holy Cross and Lafayette leading the race right now. "By the time he was in sixth grade he was playing running back, receiver ... just about every position.

"But we thought he had the skills to be a quarterback. He did, too. He made good decisions with the ball, and that's what you want. You want someone who can get out there and make the right decisions. That's more important than any physical attribute. Hey, some guys can certainly look the part, but that alone doesn't make you a good quarterback."

"I always wanted to be a quarterback," Tommy Bodolus said. "I always liked the position. You're always touching the ball on every play."

With everyone else on the team and around Berks County knowing his father was the head coach surely added to the pressure to perform, too. But he certainly responded.

"I'm sure he felt a little pressure," Dave Bodolus said. "But I always felt if he was as hard a worker and as dedicated as everyone else that was good enough. Tommy has always had a great work ethic ... and he always had those great football smarts."

Tommy Bodolus admitted he got a little "smarter" growing up on the practice fields and on the sidelines at St. Pius X and Daniel Boone ... watching all those quarterbacks (and other players, too).

There was Matt Troutman, who helped lead St. Pius to the PIAA-Class A state semifinals in 2001 - his dad's final year at the school. At Daniel Boone there was the record-breaking Chris Bokosky, followed by Casey Smith and Jon Monteiro, who Bodolus actually played alongside with as a freshman and sophomore.

"I learned a lot from those guys," he said.