

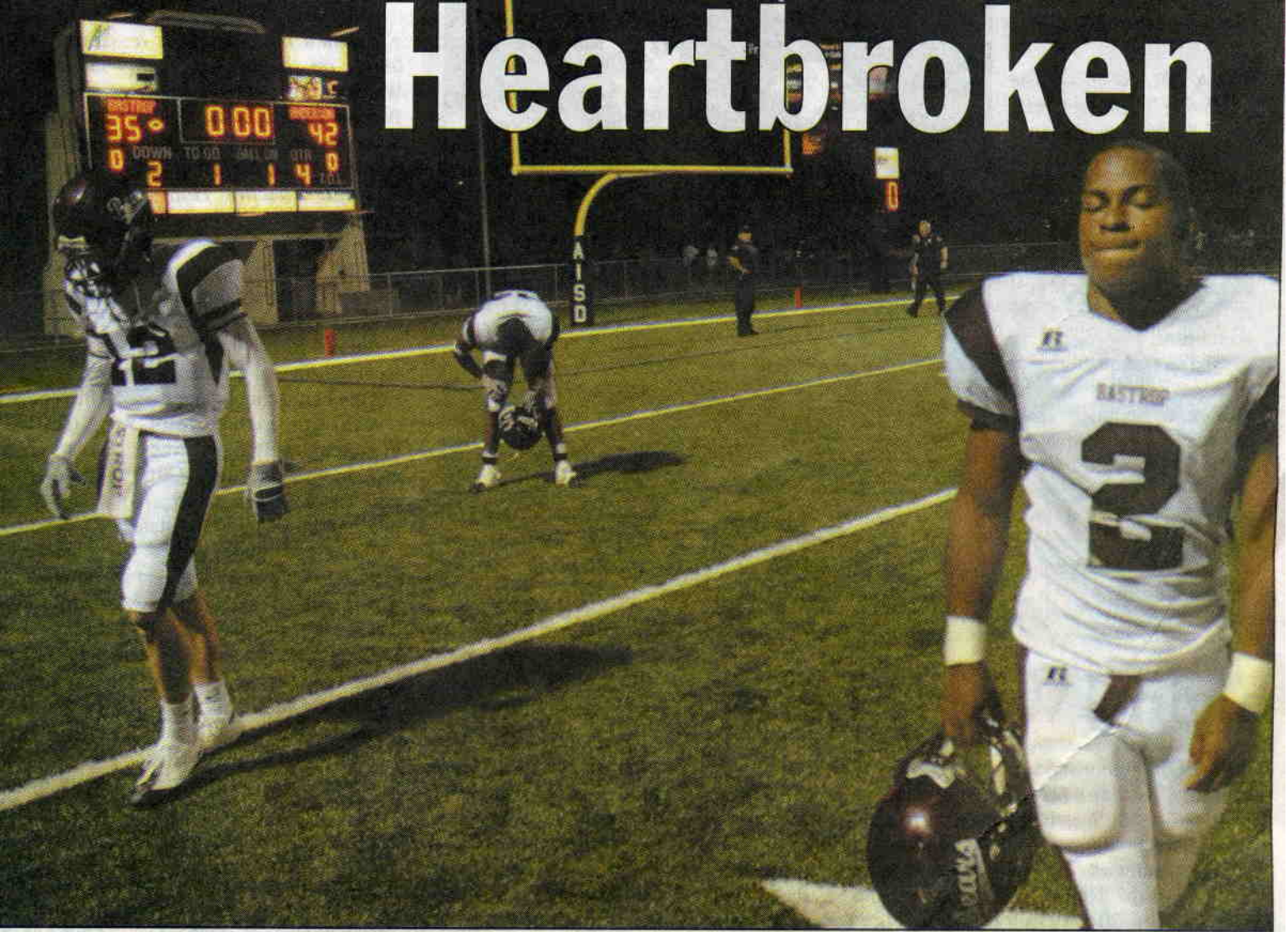


## Heartbreaker

Bastrop's Daryl McFarland stops Anderson's Connor Sheehan with help from Ashton Bogardts, left, and Grayson Hernandez (70) Thursday at House Park Stadium Thursday against Anderson High in Austin. For a complete recap of the game see Page 1B.

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# Heartbroken



Bastrop's Matt Homesley (12), Dominic Brown (2) and Bubba Johnson walk off the field at House Park Stadium after not reaching the end zone on the final play to tie the game.

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# Anderson slips by Bastrop 42-35

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AUSTIN — Three feet might as well have been three miles for Bastrop's Bubba Johnson.

With the Anderson Trojans leading by seven, Bastrop drove the ball 88 yards in the final minute to put the Bears on the 1-yard-line. On the final play of the game Anderson stopped Johnson on an outside sweep to seal the 42-35 win at House Park Stadium in Austin.

"I was very disappointed as were the kids because we felt this was a game we should have won," said head coach Gerald Perry. "We had the numbers on that last play to score, but we missed a block."

With 1:15 left in the game, Bastrop quarterback Josiah Monroe was looking to be the hero as he led the Bears 88-yards and put them in a position to tie the game.

Starting from the Bastrop 11-yard-line, Monroe completed passes of 11 and 18 yards while having runs of 10 and 35 yards to put Bastrop in the red zone.

Monroe moved even closer with a 19-yard pass to Jon Ross to put Bastrop on the 1-yard-line.

But Anderson's defense came



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**Auston Shipley (4) eludes Anderson's Josh Zu-Bolton (33) to get a first down Thursday night at House Park Stadium in Austin.**

up big when it was supposed to and ended the heroics of Monroe, who completed 14 of 23 passes for 205 yards and had three touchdowns.

"Josiah is a calm kid and it was impressive to see him drive the ball down field," Perry said. "I thought he handled it very well. Anderson is a well-

coached football team and has a lot of weapons."

Anderson running back P.J. Henderson ran for 100 yards on 18 carries and had one touchdown.

The Trojans (2-5, 2-2 District 25-5A) capitalized on three Bastrop turnovers and scored on five of its final seven posses-

sions.

Conner Sheehan returned an interception 32 yards in the final seconds of the first half for a touchdown and a Ryan De Nucci extra point put the Trojans ahead 28-21 at halftime.

Bastrop (1-6, 0-4) jumped out to a 14-0 lead and held

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**Bastrop quarterback Josiah Monroe (8) stiff-arms Anderson's Armin Salek (29) during a run for a first down in the fourth quarter Thursday at House Park Stadium in Austin.**

## Bastrop

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Anderson to just 84 yards in the first quarter.

Monroe connected on a 22-yard pass to Mark Jackson for the Bears first score with 7:15 left in the quarter.

After a Bastrop interception at the Anderson 6-yard-line, Jackson scored on a 1-yard run to put the Bears ahead.

The Trojans returned the favor in the second quarter, holding Bastrop to just 25 yards of offense, but not until Monroe gave Bastrop a 21-7 lead with 10:54 left in the first half on a 38-yard pass to Auston Shipley.

Anderson, however, scored 21 unanswered points in the final minutes of the half on touchdowns by Ty Neal, Henderson and Sheehan.

Things didn't start off well for Bastrop in the second half as Johnson fumbled

on the Bastrop 6-yard line on the Bears first possession of the half.

That led to a touchdown run by Anderson's Jeff Arnold to put Bastrop in a 14-point hole.

Bastrop rebounded quickly as Monroe completed passes for 10 and five yards to go with an 11-yard run that set up a 37-yard touchdown pass to Johnson to cut the Trojans lead to seven.

Anderson marched down field on its next possession and converted on a third-and-17 after Arnold connected with Cameron Gravelle for 38 yards from the Trojans' 16-yard-line.

The Trojans converted on a second third down during the drive that set up a 26-yard touchdown pass on a flea-flicker by Justin Romero to Gravelle with 3:32 left in the third quarter.

Bastrop caught a break on

its next possession as an Anderson interception was reversed on a holding penalty by the Trojans. The penalty set up a 5-yard touchdown by Johnson to move the Bears to within striking distance.

After a Bastrop interception, Monroe led the Bears to the Anderson 12-yard-line in the early minutes of the fourth quarter, but the Trojans stopped the Bears on fourth down.

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