

BASTROP FOOTBALL

7-on-7 team qualifies for state tourney

Bears making first trip since 1999

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If fans are looking for a few more signs things are looking up for the Bastrop football program, the Bears' 7-on-7 team's performance could be just enough evidence.

Bastrop placed second at a 7-on-7 state qualifier tournament at Waco Midway on May 30 to make their first trip to the State 7-on-7 Tournament since 1999.

Arlington Lamar won the tournament and defeated Bastrop 27-22 in the championship game.

The Bears picked up wins over Temple, Mercedes and Mabank while tying Round Rock 27-27.

Bastrop had three games where the team came from behind to win.

The tournament took place the day after the spring game.

"This is a big deal," said Bastrop head coach Gerald Perry. "We don't change too much for 7-on-7. The kids are out there running our offensive plays. Passing teams usually do well in 7-on-7 and it should help us in the fall when we put the pads on."

Coaches are not permitted to have contact or instruct players during 7-on-7 competition, due to UIL rules.

Perry said several parents have been volunteering during these qualifiers.

Bastrop is also hosting a 7-on-7 league which includes Giddings, Elgin and other teams.

The state 7-on-7 tournament will be held in College Station on July 10-11.