

A chance at history

Bears seeking first 3-0 start since 1998

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The Bastrop Bears are starting history right in the face.

There have been two presidents and three elections since the last time a Bastrop football team has started a season 3-0.

The 2009 Bears (2-0) have a chance to re-write the history books Friday when Bastrop travels to Killeen to take on the Jameill Showers-less Shoemaker Grey Wolves.

The record isn't on the mind of the Bears, however.

They just want redemption for last year's 36-15 beating Bastrop suffered from Shoemaker.

It was the Bears' worst loss of 2008.

"We expect to win every game," said head coach Gerald Perry. "I think a 3-0 start would be huge for the psyche of these kids and would be big going into district in two weeks against Pflugerville."

Showers, who has committed to Texas A&M, is out with an injury.

He threw for 137 yards against Bastrop last season and finished the season just shy of 2,000 yards passing.

Even without Showers, Perry is hoping Friday's matchup against Shoemaker isn't a "trap" game.

"They are down, but there is still a lot of speed on that field," he said. "Last Friday, we came out a little flat and I saw it before the game started. It was an emotional night and the kids were a little in awe of the new stadium."

Bastrop's defense had another huge game Friday, holding San Marcos' offense



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Bastrop's Josh Taylor hauls in a pass in this photo from Aug. 28 at Bob Shelton Stadium in the Bears game against Hays.

without a score.

Colton Tucker and Cade Staton each recovered a fumble on the Rattlers first two possessions, respectively.

Staton's fumble recovery led to a 47-yard touchdown pass to Auston Shipley from Josiah Monroe.

"Our defense has a different mentality with the new coaches," Perry said. "They are flying to the football and are very aggressive."

Bastrop at Shoemaker

Kickoff: 7:30 p.m.

Radio: www.kmacsports.com

Directions: Take Texas 71 West to Tollway 130. Take 130 north to Georgetown and IH-35. Head north on IH-35. Take US 190 West. Turn right on S 38th Street. Turn right on Atkinson Ave. Stay on Atkinson Ave and Stadium will be on the left.

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