

BEARS NOTEBOOK

Don't expect Bastrop to be gracious hosts in new home

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The Bastrop Bears will open their new home — BISD Memorial Stadium — Friday night against San Marcos.

The Rattlers shouldn't expect the Bears (1-0) to be gracious hosts.

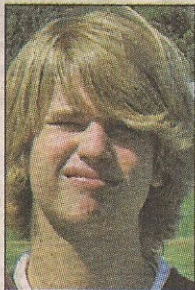
Last year's 27-26 loss to San Marcos is still leaving a bad taste throughout the locker room.

Probably the one player who wants redemption is kicker Lee McMillan, who missed two extra points - his only misses of the season - last year against the Rattlers.

McMillan, who is one of the more accurate kickers in Central Texas, had two field goals Friday in Bastrop's season opener.

His first was a 44-yarder that

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LEE MCMILLAN



Contributed photo by Larry Overall
Bastrop's Mustafa Akbar (25) gets tackled Friday at Bob Shelton Stadium in the Bears opening game against Hays.

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had enough foot behind it to be made from 55-yards out.

The senior's second was from 31 yards out.

McMillan was perfect much like he was all season last year, with the exception of the San Marcos game, one head coach Gerald Perry said Bastrop "should have won."

RUNNING RATTLERS: San Marcos (0-1) is looking for its first win of the season Friday after getting manhandled by Waco University last week.

The Rattlers are young, but do return some experience with five returnees on each side of the ball.

Bastrop's defense will get a test from running backs Andre Ray, Tyler Walker and Michael Wilburn.

The Bears gave up 380 yards on the ground last year to San Marcos, which only attempted four passes.

WELCOME TO THE POLLS: An unfamiliar face graced the Austin American-Statesman and the Austin Community Newspapers weekly polls.

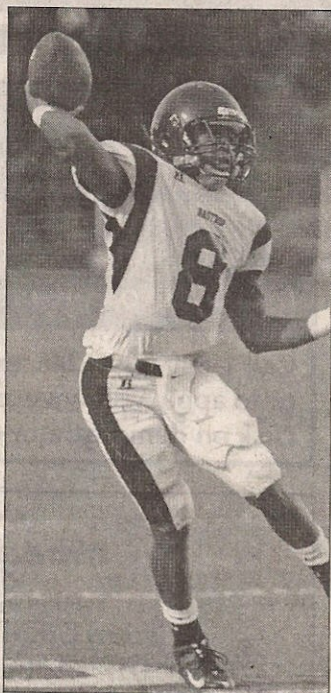
Bastrop was ranked No. 8 along with District 25-5A rival Austin High, in the Austin American-Statesman poll and was alone at No. 8 in the ACN Top 10.

District 25-5A was well represented in both polls as Pflugerville, Bowie and Westlake were in the Top 5 in both polls.

PENALTIES DO HURT: Bastrop did win Friday by 20 points, but it could have been a lot worse than that if it wasn't for pesky penalties.

The Bears had six penalties for 58 yards that included two 15-yard personal fouls.

ALL QBs DO IT: That large gasp coming from



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Bastrop quarterback Josiah Monroe makes a pass Friday in the Bears game against the Hays Rebels.

Bob Shelton Stadium Friday night was Bastrop fans who watched quarterback Josiah Monroe take a hit on his leg on the final play of the first half.

Monroe had a 45-yard run downfield and was 15 yards from the endzone when two Hays players got a hit on the quarterback, who didn't slide.

Monroe got up, but limped back to the locker room.

Perry said he took a helmet to his calf.

"He made some great plays, but he's got to learn that when he's got all the yards he can get to get out of bounds or slide," Perry said. "There was one play where he pulled the ball, pitched it to (Austin) Shipley and instead of standing there, ran up field and tattooed a kid. In that situation he's supposed to just stop and we told him, great job, but you don't do that."