

BEARS NOTEBOOK

Bastrop taking week off to fix things, take care of themselves

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With an off week and a 3-0 record, the Bastrop Bears have decided to take a little "me" time.

The Bears are taking care of themselves, healing and they are catching up on their studies.

"We aren't thinking about Pflugerville or anything and focusing on ourselves right now," said head coach Gerald Perry. "We are shortening practices and putting a lot of time into fixing areas we need to work on."

Bastrop spent Monday

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Contributed photos by Larry Overall
Adam Mack (with ball) runs through a hole made by Bastrop's offensive line. The Bears have yet to score a touchdown on the ground.

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after school in a study hall catching up on home work.

Perry got the team back to practice Tuesday and will probably make the trip to Round Rock on Friday to watch their Sept. 25 opponent — Pflugerville.

PENALTIES, PENALTIES: Bastrop struggled with penalties for the second game this season.

The Bears were called for 12 penalties that equaled 91 yards Friday at Shoemaker.

Sometimes those penalties came at the most inopportune time.

In the fourth quarter, Bastrop got the ball on the Shoemaker 19-yard-line after a bad snap on a punt by the Grey Wolves.

The Bears were called for a 10-yard holding penalty on first down and on the very next play got a 15-yard personal foul.

Instead of capitalizing on the good field position, Bastrop was forced to punt from the Shoemaker 38-yard-line after two incomplete passes and a minus-4-yard run from Josiah Monroe.

"It's something we are definitely working on," Perry said. "I am not making excuses, but we have one returning lineman from last year. Sometimes with inexperience, there is poor footwork that will result in penalties.

RUNNING GAME A NO GO: Bastrop's offense is struggling to find an identity on the ground.

Josiah Monroe is still

Josiah Monroe, but outside his team-high 123 rushing yards, Bastrop is struggling on the ground.

The Bears have yet to score a single rushing touchdown, something they did five times in Bastrop's first three games last year.

Their leading rusher, that isn't a quarterback, is Mark Jackson, who is averaging just 25 yards per game.

DEFENSE WINS CHAMPIONSHIPS: As an offensive minded head coach, Perry still believes that a strong defense is going to be the difference maker.

"I still think you have to have both a good offense and a good defense," Perry said. "But you don't win a championship without a good defense."