

Bears' 'D' seals up W again

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Bernard Blake sealed the win Friday with an interception on Westlake's final drive.

Blake put the Bears offense into victory formation and sent the 3,000 Bastrop faithful in attendance into thunderous cheers echoing off the Austin skyline in a distance.

He's also had two huge special-team plays that have been key for Bastrop.

Blake blocked a Cody Rademacher field goal Friday one week after blocking a Connally field goal.

"He's a special player," said Bastrop head coach Gerald Perry. "He's really picked up his game."

It's been the second week in a row Bastrop's defense have put the final stamp on a Bears victory.

Two weeks ago, Kyle Myers recovered a fumble on the Bastrop 32-yard-line as Connally threatened in the final minute.

Myers' fumble recovery sealed that win for Bastrop.

A year ago, Bastrop's defense gave up 475 yards of offense to the Chaparrals.

Westlake gained just 344 yards this year.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Josiah Monroe had a total of 335 yards Friday against Westlake. He was just nine-yards shy of out-gaining the entire Chaparral offense.

Monroe has already been tabbed the Central Texas Player of

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Contributed photo by Larry Overall
Bastrop's Herman Gonzalez takes down
running back Van Gramann (34) Friday.

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the Week by Fox 7, the *Austin American-Statesman* and KVUE.

DISTRICT 25-5A CHAMPIONSHIP TALK:

Bastrop's win puts the Bears in the driver's seat to the district championship.

The only team that stands in the way of Bastrop and the District 25-5A championship could be Austin High, who is the only other unbeaten team in the district.

The Bears and Maroons play next Thursday at House Park Stadium in Austin.

Perry has not even begun

to talk about winning a district title to his team.

"We won't start talking about that until the Akins game," he said. "We haven't even thought about it."

If Bastrop defeats Austin High next week, the Bears should make some room in the trophy case for the District 25-5A Championship.

PLAYOFF PICTURE

Bastrop's magic number is one with a Pflugerville and Connally loss, which could happen this week.

If Bastrop defeats Anderson and Pflugerville loses to Austin High and

Connally loses to Westlake Friday, the Bears are in the playoffs for the first time since 2005.

Bastrop could also seal up a playoff spot with two wins in its final four games.

There is also the question of what division Bastrop will end up in.

Under the current scenario, the Bears would go Division I and would either match up against San Antonio Madison or Smithson Valley.

If Bowie sneaks into the playoffs, Bastrop would go in the small-school division.