

Bears preserve perfect record, 6-0 after Westlake

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The Bears' football team finished the 08-09 school year with a 2-8 record, a new coach named Gerald Perry, and high hopes for the season ahead. With a 5-0 record, the Bears worked hard to prepare for the game against the Westlake Chaparrals.

"We wanted that legacy that Westlake had, and that's why we worked so hard" head football coach Perry said.

Not letting the win against Pflugerville get to their heads, the Bears worked harder than ever to prepare for the game against Westlake.

"We paid lots of attention to the film," defensive back Bernard Blake said. "And we really listened to the coaches."

Knowing from previous years how the Chaps worked,



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A Bastrop Bear stares down the competition with an intimidating look.

the win seemed inevitable in most of the football players' eyes.

"Winning against Westlake was expected from most of us," outside linebacker Cade Staton said.

Westlake scored first and then the Bears answered with a field goal that would, in the end, give them their first place in district.

"The hardest part of playing Westlake was knowing that at

any given moment something big could happen," Blake said.

And something big did happen. With 55 seconds left Westlake quarterback Tanner Price threw the ball long to

a seemingly open receiver. Bastrop corner Bernard Blake intercepted the ball and ran it back to the 40 yard line, sealing the win for the Bastrop Bears.

"All I could think of at that point was that we had won the game," Blake said.

The unbelievable had happened. The Bears were back, and for the first time since 1998 Bastrop had a 6-0 record.

"I believed in all of our varsity players," quarterback Josiah Monroe said. "I believed that we could do it, and the scoreboard shows that people should believe in us."

With a 24-21 win against the Chaps, the Bears are now looking forward to the game against Bowie and a title as 25 5A district champions.

"If we play to our full potential nothing can stop us," Staton said.