

BASTROP FOOTBALL

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Auston Shipley (4) runs downfield while being chased by Austin High's Dylan Watson (24) Thursday night at House Park Stadium in Austin. Bastrop defeated the Maroons 14-7 to move within a game of the district title. Below, Pete Rodriguez, right, defends Austin High's Cayleb Jones.

Bears hold on to defeat Austin, move to within a game of title

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AUSTIN — It didn't matter how ugly it was, the Bastrop Bears found a way to win — again.

In what has become a weekly tradition, the cardiac kids from Bastrop held on to a lead and had its defense come up big to secure a win.

Bastrop defeated Austin High 14-7 Thursday night at House Park Stadium in Austin, but like wins against Connally and Westlake the Bears defense forced a big turnover at the end of the game.

The win moves Bastrop (8-0, 5-0) to within one game of clinching the District 25-5A Championship outright and could do so Friday at home with a win against last-place Akins or with a

Westlake loss.

"These kids are a bunch of fighters," said head coach Gerald Perry. "We want that title outright. Last year, there were three teams that shared it. We don't want anyone else's name on that trophy other than Bastrop."

Austin High tied the game early in the third quarter by capitalizing on a Bears fumble on Bastrop's first offensive series of the half.

It was short lived, however, as the Bastrop defense held Austin High's high-powered offense to a 4-and-out.

Josiah Monroe marched Bastrop down the field, setting up a 32-yard touchdown pass to Auston Shipley with a 53-yard run on third down.

The Bears defense conserved the Bastrop lead and shut down the

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Herman Gonzalez, right, wraps up Austin High quarterback Hunter-George Thursday at House Park Stadium.

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Maroons (5-3, 3-2) for the remainder of the game.

Bastrop's defense gave up just one big offensive play out of nine from the Maroons.

But like at Connally and Westlake, the Bears defense forced a key fourth quarter turnover in the last minutes to seal a win.

This time it was back-to-back interceptions.

With Austin High threatening, Justin

Froncek pulled down an interception on fourth down in the endzone.

The Maroons held Bastrop to a 4-and-out and on their first offensive play Pete Rodriguez had another key interception to seal the win.

Austin High did, however, play without starting quarterback Jacob Morgan, who was suspended for Thursday's game for breaking team rules.