

No pretenders here



Above: Chris Fletcher (17) hauls in a pass Friday in Bastrop's District 25-5A game with Pflugerville. Below: Bastrop's Adam Mack (3) gets stopped by Pflugerville's Michael Bowser. Bastrop defeated Pflugerville 41-26.

Bears prove to be legit contenders with win

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CEDAR CREEK — If anyone doubted Bastrop's legitimacy as playoff contenders in District 25-5A, they can't anymore.

Just ask the Pflugerville Panthers.

Bastrop dominated Pflugerville through three quarters and knocked off the defending District 25-5A champions 41-26 Friday night at BISD Memorial Stadium in the Bears' biggest win in years.

It's a big step for a program that has warranted just three district wins in the last two years.

This was Bastrop's night, however.

The Bears (4-0, 1-0 25-5A) held the Panthers scoreless in the first half and only gave up four first downs.

Bastrop looked more like



the defending champions and stamped their place in the 25-5A race.

Lee McMillan put the Bears ahead in the first quarter with a 49-yard field goal and then Bastrop scored 28 unanswered points in the second quarter, including a 30-yard punt return by

Justin Fronceck on a blocked punt by the Bastrop defense.

The Bears defense was dominating as the Panthers (2-2, 0-1) couldn't muster up any offense without star running back Stormy Woods, who was injured in last week's loss to Round Rock.

Pflugerville had just 79

yards of total offense in the first half.

In contrast, Bastrop had no problem moving the football.

Josiah Monroe had two touchdown passes to Adam Mack of 21 and 30 yards and ran in two touchdowns, both in the second quarter.

Pflugerville finally got on the scoreboard in the third quarter on a 31-yard run by Drew Travis, but Monroe answered right back with one of his touchdown passes to take a 38-7 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Panthers tried to make a comeback with 14 quick points in the fourth quarter, including a 83 and 23-yard touchdown runs by quarterback Alex Dean.

McMillan hit a 23-yard field goal with less than a minute to play in the game to secure Bastrop's first ever win over Pflugerville.