

Surprised?

Bears at 3-0 not really much of a shocker

Have you noticed that when Central Texas talks about “surprise teams” this year, Bastrop is not even given a thought?

That’s because this Bears football team at 3-0 is not really that much of a surprise.

Bastrop has defeated a Hays team that has been the whipping stick of other District 25-5A teams Anderson and Bowie.

They defeated San Marcos team that is 1-2 and a re-building Shoemaker team.

Most pundits would agree, those are games Bastrop was expected to win.

Which brings me to Anderson, the Cinderella darlings of 25-5A.

The Trojans are more of a surprise, but should they be?

They beat a 1-2 McCallum team, an 0-3 Hays and an 0-3 Georgetown.

“Coach (Mark) Reiland does a great job with his kids,” said Bastrop head coach Gerald Perry. “They are a running team and do it well, but there is a lot of talent in this district. No one is guaranteed a win.”



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While most of the district has this week off, there are two games.

Pflugerville plays rival Round Rock and Connally travels to Killeen.

A Pflugerville win would set up a match up between two 3-0 teams on Sept. 25 at BISD Memorial Stadium.

The surprise in this district is, if there is one, that all eight teams will begin district play with a winning record, with four — Bastrop, Bowie, Anderson and Pflugerville — all starting

district play with perfect records.

Westlake and Austin High both are 2-1 going into the off week and the parody is that Bowie, who was the

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district offensive leader in 2008, is behind Anderson in total offense and the Trojans also have the best defense in the district.

Who are the Trojans behind in points?

Yep, you guessed it, Bastrop.

"That's why you play," Perry said. "This is the way it should be, especially in 5A football. Week after week we have to be ready to play and get fired up for every team."

Prediction: That Bastrop-Anderson game on homecoming Oct. 15 is going to have a whole lot of meaning.

Bastrop could be 2-1 and Anderson could be 1-2 and at that point in the season, this game could end up having tie-breaker implications for the fourth playoff spot.



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Lee McMillan, right, is perfect this year in extra points and field goals with his longest field goal being from 44-yards out.