

THE CLINCHER!



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It was just another Friday night showcase for the Bears' Josiah Monroe, who racked up 62 yards on the ground and 235 yards through the air while accounting for three of Bastrop's four touchdowns.

With help, Bears seal up 1st playoff berth in 4 years

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It's been four years since the Bastrop Bears have earned a berth in Texas football playoffs.

The wait is over.

Bastrop defeated Anderson 31-28 and got help with wins by Bowie and Westlake to seal up their first playoff berth since 2005.

More importantly, Bastrop took over sole possession of first place with an Austin High loss to Pflugerville.

It wasn't easy for the Bears, as Anderson frustrated a usually stingy Bears defense, converting 4-of-5 fourth down conversions, scoring on a fake field goal and rushing for 317 yards.

Auston Shipley with a 38-yard touchdown pass to put the Bears up by 10 with three minutes left to play in the game.

Anderson answered with its two-minute offense when Sam Wehmeyer hit Cameron Gravelle for a 14-yard pass for a touchdown to move within three.

Bastrop recovered the onside kick attempt by the Trojans (4-3, 1-3) and played ball control to hold on for the win.

Monroe had 297 yards of offense with 235 yards through the air and accounted for three of the Bears four touchdowns, including a 7-yard run for Bastrop's first score of the game.

Wehmeyer had a game-high 135 yards rushing to go with 123 yards passing. The Trojans quarterback also had a part in all four Anderson scores.

EYES ON THE PRIZE

Bastrop is in control of its own destiny in the 25-5A race for the title. It could be sealed up with a win Thursday against Austin High. Here is a quick look at a couple of scenarios for Bastrop. Check Thursday's Bastrop Advertiser for a full outlook into Bastrop's district title hopes.

TO WIN TITLE OUTRIGHT

- Defeat Austin High and Akins or Bowie.
- If Pflugerville beats Austin High, Bastrop can still lose to Austin High and still win the title outright with an Austin High loss to Westlake on Oct. 30.

SHARING TITLE

- If Austin High beats Bastrop, the Bears will need Westlake to beat the Maroons on Oct. 30, which will put all three teams into a three-way tie, assuming Bastrop beats Akins and Bowie.

