

BASTROP FOOTBALL

Bears to begin practice Monday with added depth to running game

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When the Bastrop Bears suit up for practice Monday, there will be a new face that wasn't there during spring drills.

Former Smithville running back Adam Mack will join Bastrop's football team Monday.

The addition of Mack means the competition at the running back position should highlight fall practice.

"When you have talent and some good athletes it makes it a lot easier to coach," said running backs coach Stephen Mayberry. "We are loaded at the running back position kind of like we were in the past. Competition makes everyone better."

Mack, a senior, will be competing with returning varsity players Mark Jackson and Mustafa

Akbar along with newcomers Marcus Reed and Colton Tucker, who each had pretty good spring drills.

As a junior at Smithville, Mack was an All-Bastrop County and a second-team All-District 25-3A selection.

He ran for 544 yards on 69 carries and had five touchdowns, averaging 7.9 yards per carry while splitting time in the backfield with Jordan Runnels.

Mack is an explosive back with a lot of speed like Akbar and Jackson and will give Bastrop a different feel to its offense when District 25-5A play begins.

Mayberry said it's going to be really important to have that running game when district begins.

"It's not going to do anything but help out," he said. "I'm looking forward to it."

Mack, who has been on



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The addition of Adam Mack, far right, adds more depth to Bastrop's running game as the Bears start practice Monday at 6 p.m.

Bastrop's campus this summer attending various camps and working out with teammates, is aware of the challenge ahead of him.

"I have to try as hard as I can and prove myself to new coaches and new players," Mack said. "The com-

petition is going to be tough, but I am looking forward to it."

Bastrop begins practice Monday at 6 p.m.

The offense will practice on Erhard Field while the defense will practice on the practice field adjacent to the stadium.