

SPRING FOOTBALL

Bears offense shines at scrimmage

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Bastrop football coach Gerald Perry got his first good look at his 2009 team Thursday during spring football drills.

Thursday was the first day of scrimmaging since Bastrop began spring practice on Tuesday.

Perry said he felt his team was way ahead of where they were this time last year during spring ball.

"I thought we had some really good moments," Perry said. "The secondary had some really good moments and we had some really good

things happen with our offense. I am pleased with the direction we seem to be going."

If it's possible, quarterback Josiah Monroe looked like he hadn't lost a step in the off-season.

Monroe; the All-Bastrop County Offensive Player of the Year in 2008, threw for 1,649 yards, ran for another 434 and scored a total of 19

touchdowns.

He is becoming a Web sensation as you can find his highlight reel of his leap over a player from Westlake to score a touchdown on YouTube, among other Web sites.

On Thursday, he was slipping and sliding through defenders and looking like he did at the end of the season last year.

"Josiah looked real slippery and wavy," Perry said. "He looked pretty good."

The first-team offense looked to be clicking on all cylinders Thursday when the offense and defense scrimmaged.

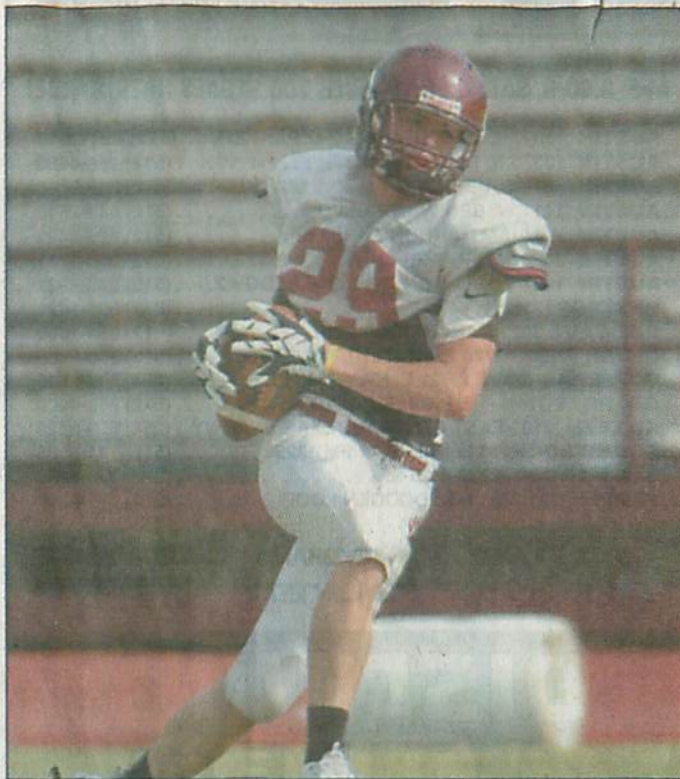
The offense was a little ahead of the defense in their first scrimmage, but that's to be expected, according to Perry.

"We have a lot of weapons on offense this year," Perry said. "This early in spring practice you tend to expect the offense to be ahead of the defense. The defense will catch up."

There are a lot of weapons on defense too.

Defensive back Bernard Blake, Bastrop's top recruit for the Class of 2010, is said the competition this year during spring drills is really high.

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Staff photo by Michael Adams

Wide receiver Chris Fletcher hauls in a pass during a scrimmage at Erhard Field Thursday at Bastrop's spring practice.



JOSIAH MONROE

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"I love this," Blake said. "This is the time that all the work you do in the off-season starts to pay off. We are all out here competing for our positions. That makes it fun."

Bastrop will pick up with spring drills again Monday at approximately 4 p.m. and will continue next week through Thursday.

The Bears will not practice on Friday due to

having several athletes competing at the Region IV-5A Track and Field Championships in San Antonio.

The Bastrop Spring Showcase is scheduled for Friday, May 29.

All practices are open to the public.

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