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LITTLE ROCK (AP) \_ Basil Shabazz, the most highly touted running back in Arkansas in years, is everything they say.

Shabazz put together a highlight-film first half and carried Pine Bluff to a 33-13 victory over Texarkana in the finals of the Class AAAA high school football playoff on Friday night. He wound up with five touchdowns.

The 192-pound Shabazz, state record holder in the 200 meters, carried 10 times for 157 yards and three touchdowns in the first half as the Zebras opened a 21-7 lead. The third TD was the most spectacular.

On third-and-eight from the Pine Bluff 33, Shabazz headed to his right and the Texarkana backers started a cheer as it looked the defense had him surrounded. He shook off a defender, reversed his field and reached the left sideline. As he neared the 25, a couple of defenders closed in. Shabazz cut back across the field, outran a couple of Texarkana players pursuing from upfield, and scored just inside the right pylon.

That was with 27 seconds left in the half.

For good measure, Shabazz returned the second-half kickoff 77 yards for a 27-7 lead. Texarkana kicked short down the middle to Vincent Wright who dropped the ball. Shabazz, the deep man, picked it up and was gone by the time he reached his own 40. He scored 12 seconds deep in the second half.

Shabazz did all that against a Texarkana team that had pitched eight shutouts this year and had allowed only one team to score more than eight points.

Pine Bluff, champion of AAAA-Central, finished 12-1. The Zebras' only loss was 21-13 to Little Rock Central in the second game of the season. Texarkana, winner of AAAA-South, finished 13-1.

Even Shabazz's 2-yard scoring run midway through the third quarter was impressive. He was hit at the 3, but kept his legs moving and finally broke free to make it 33-7.

Texarkana took a 7-0 lead on Mike Cherry's 12-yard floater to Rah Man Wilson with 6:0 left in the first quarter. There was a gasp when Shabazz almost broke loose on a squib kickoff. On third-and-eight from the Texarkana 24, Shabazz took a pitch right and showed his sprinter speed for 14 yards. From the 16, he took a pitch into the short side, gave a stutter step and was gone up the right sideline.

The Zebras started from their own 30 early in the second quarter and eventually faced third-and-nine at the Texarkana 44. Bradley Benton rifled an 11-yard pass to a well-covered Marcus Goodwin. On first down from the 33, Shabazz popped over the left side and zipped past everybody. Benton ran the option for the 2-point conversion.

Pine Bluff beat Blytheville 35-0, Watson Chapel 35-10 and Fort Smith Southside 27-7. Texarkana beat Springdale 30-0, Jacksonville 22-8 and Little Rock Central 30-0 to reach the finals.

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LITTLE ROCK (AP) \_ Punter Greg Hyatt threw a 47-yard touchdown pass to Pat Williams to break a third-quarter tie and help Rison end Barton's winning streak at 63 games, 27-20, in the finals of the Class A state playoff.

Barton inherited the title as the team with the longest winning streak in the country when Animas, N.M., lost to the Lordsburg, N.M., Mavericks Oct. 26, ending a 69-game streak.

Barton started from its 6 and penetrated the Rison 10 in the fourth quarter, but Chris Brandon preserved the victory when he one-handed an interception in the end zone with less than four minutes remaining.

Brandon was pleased that Barton's streak was halted.

"It was time, I saw it coming," Brandon said.

"We're disappointed with the loss, but we'll take a 63-1 record anytime," Barton coach Frank McClellan said.

Rison shredded Barton's proud defense which had allowed only six points in three previous playoff games. In fact, Gillett was the only Arkansas team that had scored on the Bears in 10 games. The Wildcats, who rushed for 342 yards, finished 10-3. Barton, seeking its fifth straight state title, wound up 12-1.

There was nothing fluky about the victory.

Rison covered 67 yards, 84 yards with a split-second interruption, 95 yards and 74 yards for its touchdowns. In the first half, Rison rushed for 269 yards and averaged 6 yards a pop. The Wildcats spread Barton all over the field and then Jonathon Young pounded the Bears inside and quarterback Brad Phillips fooled them on the option. Each had more than 100 yards in the first half. It was Phillips who scored easily on a quarterback sneak from inches away with four seconds left in the half for an 18-14 lead. On a trick play out of a kicking formation, Phillips threw a 2-point conversion pass to Brian Rawls for a 20-14 advantage.

Barton took the second half kickoff and tied the game in 66 seconds. John Randall banged over left tackle, cut across the field and went 62 yards on the third play of the third quarter.

Barton tried Jerry Pryor sweeping left once too often and Eric Lee made the tackle to knot the game at 20.

Rison started from its 26 and, on second-and-seven from the 40, Phillips threw his first pass of the game to Daniel Fore for 15 yards. Randall dropped Phillips for a 7-yard loss and the Wildcats eventually faced fourth-and-12 at the Barton 47.

Hyatt, in punt formation, took the deep snap and floated one to Williams at the Barton 30. Only Pryor was deep and Williams sidestepped him at the 10. Brandon kicked it to 27-20 with 6:25 left in the third period.

Barton started from its 32 and put together a couple of first downs before getting a holding penalty. Pryor was way short on fourth-and-eight.

Rison served notice on its first possession \_ 67 yards in seven plays. the big play was Phillips' 33-yard run on the option. Young scored from the 8. Rison failed on fourth-and-one from its 38 and Barton covered the distance in three plays to tie the score. Pryor went the final 11 yards.

A clipping penalty wiped out Brandon's 87-yard kickoff return and Rison started from its 16. Young had runs of 13, 16 and 19 before Phillips ran the option left for 10 yards and a first down at 13. Williams fumbled, Jerome Davis recovered, took a step, fumbled and Hyatt recovered at the 6. Williams scored untouched from the 5.

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A 5-yard pass from Tyrone Caldwell to Davis reached the Rison 3 and Pryor scored from there. Pryor's 2-point conversion put Barton on top 14-12 with 9:15 remaining.

Randall's fumble recovery and 18-yard return put Barton in business at the Rison 15 and pass interference produced a first down at the Wildcats' 3. But, Randall fumbled and John Reeves recovered at the 5. Young gained 6 on the first play of the 16-play drive and then went over 100 yards when he made 10 more on second down. Phillips topped 100 when he ran the option right for 18 yards and a first down at the Bears' 26. Young wound up with 15 on 27 attempts and Phillips netted 103 on 12 tries. Randall led Barton with 113 yards on 17 attempts.

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LITTLE ROCK (AP) \_ Clark Watkins converted fake punts on two touchdown drives and then completed three big passes in an 80-yard TD drive that lifted Fordyce to a 20-16 victory over McGehee in the finals of the Class AA playoff Saturday night.

On the 13th play of the final drive, Tom Russell scored from inches away with 2:45 left in the game.

Both teams came in 13-0 and McGehee was seeking its fourth straight state championship.

The Redbugs, who did not make a first down in the third period, started their final drive with 9:08 left and McGehee leading 16-13.

On third-and-6, Watkins raised up and hit tight end Toby Nutt for 12 yards. Watkins came up inches short on third-and-2 and Russell made a tough yard on fourth down. From the Fordyce 47, Watkins and Nutt hooked up for 7 more yards. Watkins weaved his way for 6 yards and a first down at the McGehee 40. On first down, Watkins pump faked for Nutt and threw deep for Corey Smith who made a leaping catch for 34 yards. Russell carried three straight times for the touchdown.

Fordyce recovered the opening kickoff and went 46 yards for a 7-0 lead. On fourth-and-8 from the 32, Watkins lined up deep and Fordyce split one man to each side. McGehee covered one but Jason Gill was wide open and he caught Watkins' pass for 19 yards. Russell made 6 on first down and eventually scored from the 1.

Jimmy Jordan's fumble recovery at the Fordyce 21 led to McGehee's first touchdown. Rolando Hyché made 12 yards on first down and Carlton Nelson covered the final 9 yards, knocking a defender into the end zone.

McGehee started at the Fordyce 44 after Thurman King's interception and 8-yard return. The Owls overcame a holding penalty when Roy Watkins broke loose for 21 yards to the 5. Two plays lost 3 yards and the Owls settled for Boo Williams' field goal and a 9-7 lead.

Fordyce faced fourth-and-9 at its 39 when the snap went to Watkins in punt formation. The Redbugs lined up tight this time, but J.L. Smith slipped out and Watkins' well-thrown pass was good for 20 yards. Watkins showed touch on a 26-yarder to Jason Jimerson but the Redbugs faced fourth-and-3 at the 4 when Watkins kept right and vaulted into the end zone.

Fordyce dipped into its bag of tricks to start the second half, but this one backfired. On second down, Watkins pitched to Quincy Sargent who handed to Marty Morris who threw downfield. Patrick Morris intercepted and returned it 14 yards to the Fordyce 26. Roy Watkins scored eight plays later from the 2 for a 16-13 lead.

Fordyce beat Berryville, Greenbrier and Paris to reach the finals. McGehee eliminated Pocahontas, Dermott and Lonoke.

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LITTLE ROCK (AP) \_ Dollarway converted the only turnover of the game into a touchdown and the Cardinals' defense did the rest as Dollarway won its third straight Class AAA championship, 6-3, over Van Buren on Saturday.

The victory was the 38th straight for the Cardinals and completed a 14-0 season.

Defenses dominated.

Dollarway had 154 yards on 54 plays, including only two of nine passes for 11 yards.

Van Buren, which finished 11-2-1, managed 38 yards on 40 plays. That total included a pitch to Freddie Thomas that bounced out of bounds after a 24-yard gain. The Pointers attempted two passes, both incomplete.

Van Buren's only score \_ a 32-yard field goal by William Bray \_ came in the second quarter after Dollarway punter Reginald Murphy chased down a high snap for a 21-yard loss and the Pointers started at the Dollarway 16. The Pointers were still there after three plays.

On Van Buren's second possession, Tino Criswell fumbled at the Pointers' 21. Scotty McDaniel picked up the ball and returned it 7 yards to the Van Buren 14.

Eric Rhodes made 4, 7 and 5 before Walter Ashley leaped for a yard and then scored from the 1. The touchdown came with 3:21 left in the first quarter and a bad snap foiled the extra point attempt.

Dollarway had five first downs in the first half; Van Buren two. The Cardinals wound up with a 12-5 edge in that department.

Van Buren did not cross midfield in the second half.

Dollarway had a chance to wrap it up late when Carl Kidd ripped off gains of 13 and 6 and the Cardinals reached the Van Buren 16. On third-and-7, Kenneth Bradley was dropped for a 3-yard loss. Keith Medlock sniffed out a tight end reverse and dropped Carl Johnson for a 7-yard loss.

Van Buren's final possession ended when a fake punt fooled no one and Howard Simmons lost 2 yards.

Dollarway shut out eight opponents during the year and only Pulaski Robinson scored in double digits against the Cardinals. Dollarway beat Robinson 31-12 in the second round of the playoffs. Dollarway also knocked off Camden Fairview 36-0 and Newport 28-9 to reach the final. Van Buren beat Greene County Tech, Arkadelphia and Morrilton in the playoffs.

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LITTLE ROCK (AP) \_ Barton's 63-game winning streak is history.

Rison ended it with knock-'em-off-the-ball running and a fake punt. In the first half, the Wildcats scored 20 points \_ more than Barton had given up in 10 other games against Arkansas opponents.

Then, when the Bears finally forced a punting situation midway through the third quarter, Rison was ready.

'I knew it was going to be a heckuva gamble,' said Rison coach Mark Whatley. 'But, we had planned to try it the first time that we had to punt.'

The deep snap went to punter Greg Hyatt who pushed a pass to Pat Williams. Jerry Pryor, the only deep man on the punt return, went for a fake at the 10 and Williams completed the 47-yard play with 6:25 left in the third quarter. That touchdown broke a tie and was the difference in a 27-20 victory in the finals of the Class A high school football playoff Friday night.

Rison finished 11-2. Barton dropped to 12-1, and its winning ended at 63 after four straight state championships.

'We knew it was going to end one time or another,' said Barton coach Frank McClellan. 'We'll take 63-1 any time. We're not going to dwell on the loss. We're going to dwell on the other 63.'

Barton took over as the team with the longest winning streak in the country when Animas, N.M., lost to the Lordsburg, N.M., Mavericks Oct. 26, ending a 69-game streak.

Barton's best chance to pull it out came in the final minutes.

Pryor made a first down on fourth-and-5 from the Rison 23 and two tries by John Randall moved the ball inside the 10, but the Bears were caught holding. Tyron Caldwell's pass sailed over Jerome Davis and Chris Brandon one-handed the interception.

In the first half, Rison spread the field and then ran at the Bears with Jonathon Young, who topped 100 yards in the first half. Once Young got the Bears' attention, quarterback Brad Phillips would fake to Young and keep outside on the option. He also rushed for more than 100 yards in the first half.

Young's 8-yard run ended a 67-yard scoring drive on Rison's first possession, but Pryor answered with an 11-yard run. Rison started from its 16 and reached the Barton 13. Williams fumbled, Davis recovered, took a step and fumbled and Hyatt recovered at the 6. Williams scored untouched on a counter play from the 5.

A 45-yard pass from Caldwell to Davis led to Pryor's 3-yard scoring run and a 2-point conversion put Barton on top 14-12. The Bears had a chance to expand on the lead after Randall returned a fumble recovery 18 yards to the Rison 15. But, on first down from the 3, Randall fumbled and John Reeves recovered for Rison. From the 5, the Wildcats put together a 16-play touchdown drive. Phillips made a big first down at the Barton 20 when he made 6 yards on third-and-5.

With the ball inches from the goal, Rison used its last timeout with six seconds remaining. Phillips scored easily over left guard and then threw a 2-point conversion pass to Brian Rawls out of a kicking formation.

Randall, who finished with 173 yards on 17 carries, tied it at 20 when he went 62 yards on the third play of the second half.

'It's still hard for me to believe,' Pryor said. 'It just doesn't seem real.'

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LITTLE ROCK (AP) \_ For many in the pressbox, the benchmark was Jerry Eckwood.

By halftime of the Class AAAA championship game Friday night, they agreed that Basil Shabazz of Pine Bluff was better than the running back from Brinkley who wowed 'em almost 20 years ago.

Texarkana coach Johnny Toombs had another point of reference \_ Heisman Trophy winner Billy Sims.

"I guess it's too early to say if he will be that good," Toombs said. "Not in 24 years of coaching have I seen a player like him. I'd seen him on film, but you don't get an idea of how fantastic he is until you see him on the field."

Shabazz, who has speed, power and elusiveness, scored five touchdowns in a 33-13 victory over the Razorbacks. And, he did it against a team that was 13-0 with eight shutouts.

"What else can I say about him," Pine Bluff coach Marion Glover said.

"He's the greatest back I've ever coached in 32 years," said Pine Bluff assistant Billy Bock. "He can turn it on. He can turn it off. He can stop on a dime. You can't coach that."

All season long, it was the same story \_ Pine Bluff needed a big play and Shabazz produced. The bigger the game, the better he played, Glover said.

"They said they were going to kill me," Shabazz said. "That just made me play harder."

Texarkana took the opening kickoff and looked sharp in a 68-yard drive that ended when Mike Cherry floated a 12-yard touchdown pass to Rah Man Wilson.

Pine Bluff made two first downs and, on third-and-8, Shabazz took a pitch and went right for 14 yards. From the 16, he headed to the short side of the field, hesitated and then was gone up the sideline. Texarkana failed on a fourth-and-8 pass and Pine Bluff took over at its 30. Seven plays later, Shabazz went off left tackle and was clear two steps past the line of scrimmage.

Lamont Martin made a couple of nice gains on a wingback reverse and Chad Cowling picked up yardage inside as the Razorbacks moved from their 22 to the Pine Bluff 20. On second down, Martin started left on the reverse and dropped the ball. Lev Bradford recovered with little more than a minute left in the half.

Shabazz went in motion and Bradley Benton dropped to pass, but he was pressured and fumbled. Marcus Goodwin picked up the ball and almost got back to the line of scrimmage. On third-and-8 from the 33, Shabazz took a pitch right. Hemmed in at the hash mark, he reversed his field and reached the left sideline. Texarkana defenders took the angle and he cut back inside of them at the 25. He ran away from other pursuers and scored just inside the right pylon. Shabazz finished the first half with 157 yards on 10 carries.

"The whole ball game came down to the play right before the half," Toombs said. "We were going in for a touchdown and fumbled. So, instead of it being 14-14, before I can blink it's 21-7."

Any Texarkana hope went down the drain on the second half kickoff. Vincent Wright muffed it, Shabazz picked it up at his 23 and burst up the middle. He was out of the pack in seconds and it was 27-7.

"It's hard to tackle Superman," Toombs said.

Pine Bluff, which finished 12-1, beat Blytheville, Watson Chapel and Fort Smith Southside to reach the finals. Texarkana knocked off Springdale, Jacksonville and Little Rock Central in the playoffs.