

Bossier loses heartbreaker

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It will take a while for the Bossier Barkats to get over their 28-27 Class 3A first-round playoff loss to Jewel Sumner Friday night.

Bossier rallied from a 14-point deficit in the fourth quarter to get within one on a 9-yard pass from Samuel Dudley to Jaquarius Tutt with 26 seconds left to play.

But a mishandled snap on the extra point prevented Bossier tying it.

The No. 8 seed Barkats finished the season 7-4. Jewel Sumner (6-4), the 25th seed, will host Bossier's District 1-3A rival North DeSoto in the second round.

Yes, the loss hurt. But when the Barkats look back on the 2012 season, they will realize they won the game that truly mattered.

That was a 28-21 overtime victory over North DeSoto in Week 10 that gave Bossier its second straight District 1-3A championship. It was a game nobody expected the Barkats to win.

They will also remember winning six straight games after starting the season 1-3.

Against Jewel Sumner, Bossier played catchup the entire game.

The Cowboys took advantage of some Bossier mistakes to build a 21-7 halftime lead.

Dudley's 1-yard touchdown run made it 21-14 in the third quarter.

Jewel Sumner took advantage of a short Bossier punt to go up 28-14.

A big punt return by Tevin Robertson set up a 3-yard touchdown run by Dudley, and the Barkats were within seven with just less than four minutes to play.

The Bossier defense did its job and forced an Eagles punt.

Dudley completed four passes on the touchdown drive that got his team within one.

Dudley finished with 53 yards rushing and 43 passing. Terrick Evans led the Barkats with 72 yards on 11 carries. Tutt had 61 on 11.

The Bossier defense held Sumner to just 219 total yards and seven first downs.

The Barkats will lose several seniors who played key roles in the back-to-back district titles.

Among those are Dudley, Tutt, Robertson, Evans, Xavier Chism, Harlan Stewart, Terrell Brewer and Jalen Davis.

Deandre Federick was a starter on the Barkats' 2011 team but missed almost the entire 2012 season with an injury.