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West's seventh grade was on a mission Thursday when they faced their cross-town rivals, and they were able to accomplish all their goals with a dominating 52-0 win to cap a perfect season and an Ark River League championship.

West took the opening kick-off and put the ball in the hands of their standout running back, Cesar Burciaga, on the first play. He swept around the right side and was tackled deep in Apache territory.

After that West coach Butch King put the ball in the hands of other players.

"We did see that they put a strong safety opposite of Cesar," King said. "They were keying on him. I try to spread the ball around so we don't have just one person as a weapon. If they shut that down you are in trouble. Other plays were working, and other players stepped up."

PERFECT SEASON Warrior 7th goes 7-0, wins league

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Burciaga scored two touchdowns on punt returns. Jose Aguilera scored two touchdown runs, Isaiah Witherspoon scored two touchdown runs, Max Valles ran for a touchdown, and Jett Brown scored on a touchdown run.

The perfect season was the first for King.

“Teams like this don’t come around very often,” he said. “I am very, very proud of them. We met in May, and a lot of them came in the summertime to lift weights. They hit the ground running Aug. 19. They did a tremendous job all season long.”