

As the West High Rebels practice Wednesday, one coach can be seen wearing a mask, and the scoreboard reminds all what year it is. The high school football season is scheduled to start this week despite the coronavirus pandemic. Please see high school previews for football, volleyball, girls' soccer and girls' cross country in Sports and Recreation, Section B, of this week's Focus.

Pressure? New Central head coach says he's excited

By Steve Williams

The season opener is days away and his feelings could change as kickoff time nears Friday night. After all, Central's football team has won back-to-back Class 5A state championships and it will be Nick Craney's first

school head coach. He'll be close to 85 miles from friendly Fountain City, too. But when asked if he was feeling any pressure, Craney didn't

gulp or blink.

time on the sidelines as a high



F.A.M.I.L.Y. ... "Forget About Me I Love You " ... the foundation of

the Central High football program. behind the same desk that Bryson Rosser had occupied the

"I'm excited for our players. I'm excited for where the program

three trips to the state finals in the past four years.

Craney said he feels fortunate to be part of a program that has had success on and off the field. He's also proud to have helped build the current foundation of that program

When Rosser left Central for family reasons. Craney was named interim head coach and let it be known he wanted to continue the program's "family"

foundation. "I'm extremely excited and honestly the pressure is not

The program could cost the district up to \$1.5 million for the fall semester and should not exceed \$3 million if used again in the spring of 2021.

used by Metro Nashville, which is beginning its academic year exclusively with distance learning. KCS is opening its schools on

The Florida Virtual School model is the same one being

students and their parents have opted to attend school remotely this fall.

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