

Friday Night Lights highlight the best time of the year

Ask any player who's played on a Friday night. Ask any coach who's been on the sidelines on a Friday night—there's just no other time of the year like this.

The same rings true for anyone on the sports beat who spends time with the local high schools.

As much as we're supposed to be objective observers, a lot of times we get sucked into the action and emotions of the game.

We see it all through the lens of our camera and do our best to report it in our writing.

We share in the triumphs of the teams, and we struggle in the defeats.

We're right there with the teams through it all.

As much as we try to provide a constant through our reporting, change is inevitable, just like within each of our football programs we cover.

From new faces taking snaps under

center, to the guys in the trenches holding blocks, to the new coaches on the sidelines—a lot of what we're used to changes.

The same thing is true for our coverage and the processes we go through in our reporting.

Tracy Lawrence perhaps said it best in his 1996 song, "Time Marches On," "the only thing that stays the same is everything changes."

That's a pretty true statement and our sports department is no exception.

While we'll have some new faces covering our schools in a bit of a different manner than in years past, you can depend on the most complete coverage of our Bedford and Marshall County schools on every Friday night.

From the bands marching in unison, to the fans in the stands and the cheerleaders on the sidelines, to the players on the field—we're there for it all.

We're there for the last-second victories

and the gut-wrenching defeats.

From the staff of the Times-Gazette and the Tribune, I speak for us all when I say we're eager for the season to begin and look forward to another successful season covering the gridiron.

Be sure to visit our websites, as well as our social media pages, for the most up-to-date reporting and information covering our seven high schools.

From game stories, recaps and summaries and photos, we'll be posting everything from the two counties' games.

As the late, great John Ward said, "It's football time in Tennessee!"

See you on Friday nights.

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