

## Spring football notebook: Ritenour's Wagner headed to Sikeston; Hazelwood West into quarantine



**Rory Seals** has waited 16 months to coach a football game.

What's a few more weeks?

Hazelwood West was put into quarantine due to a positive COVID-19 test within the program the first weekend of March. The Wildcats will miss the first two games of the season and should all things go well return to action March 27 against Pattonville.

It's beyond frustrating to be so close only to have it yanked away. But it has only reaffirmed the mantra Seals preaches to his players.

"We have to accept the things we can't control and this is one of them," Seals said. "It's another obstacle we have to hurdle."

Hazelwood West graduated a significant portion of its experience in the spring of 2020. There are only three seniors out for the team this spring and there will be an emphasis on getting the underclassmen as many reps as possible. When the fall season comes around again Seals said the roster will get a boost from players who were ineligible this spring due to transfer or academics.

"We're looking forward to the fall of '21," Seals said.



# Hazelwood Central thankful for spring football season



ST. LOUIS COUNTY, Mo—A high school football season like no other kicks off in the St. Louis region this weekend when schools which did not compete in the fall due to the coronavirus pandemic kick off an abbreviated spring slate.

On Friday and Saturday, it's the Missouri side's turn, with schools and districts predominantly in North St. Louis County and the city of St. Louis hitting the gridiron.

Next weekend, Illinois high schools join the fray.

FOX2 spoke with **Hazelwood Central Head Coach Carey Davis** about getting back out on the field, and for one of his players, a last chance to make an impression for a college opportunity.

Hazelwood Central visits McCluer North Saturday

at 12 pm.

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