

JAMES B. HUNT HIGH SCHOOL

Warriors

Location: Wilson
Colors: royal blue and silver
Conference: Big East
Principal: Charles Blanchard
Athletic Director: Stevie Hinnant
Head Coach: Dwight Taylor
Record: 25-2

Hunt seeks its first men's NCHSAA state basketball title in first trip to championship game...Warriors defeated top seeded Orange 66-60 in Eastern Regional championship, coming from behind with a big third quarter...**Keenan Tabron** earned regional MVP honors and had 16 points in final in Fayetteville...Hunt has great balance in its offensive attack with four players averaging between 11.3 and 13.4 ppg and a fifth at 8.3, so it gets scoring from lots of places...senior **Quan Hunt** tops team with 13.4 ppg and led club with 17 in regional title game...Tabron chips in with 12.2 ppg while senior **Justin Jefferson** adds 12.1 ppg to go with 4.5 rebounds...**Josh Willingham** tops on boards at 9.4 rpg to go with 11.3 ppg and shoots sizzling 65% from field...**Dexter Wright** and soph **Ra'Shod Shipman** have made solid contributions on boards...Warriors were ranked fifth in the state among 3-A men's teams in final regular season poll by NCPreps.com

FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL

Patriots

Location: Morganton
Colors: red, white and blue
Conference: Northwestern
Principal: Mike Swan
Athletic Director: Casey Rogers
Head Coach: Casey Rogers
Record: 30-1

Freedom is back in the NCHSAA men's basketball championship for the third time, first since 1998...4-A state titles in 1994 and '98, beating Pine Forest 74-59 in last trip to finals...downed North Forsyth 76-59 in Western Regional championship behind performance of regional MVP **Gabe Logan** (20 points, 7 rebounds) despite 39 points by North's Kedrick Flomo...**Khris Gardin's** three-pointer with 0.2 seconds left lifted Pats to 63-60 win over Weddington in regional semi...Freedom averages 75.6 ppg, led by **Jeron Hemphill** (15.1 ppg, 8.4 rpg, 61.5% shooter from field)...Logan has been solid all year (14.0 ppg, 50% shooter from field)...**Chris Bridges** (11.3 ppg) and Gardin at 11.1 ppg in balanced attack...Gardin hits 34.6% from beyond the arc...great basketball tradition, as school has had 21 20-win seasons and nine 25-win years since it opened in 1973...Freedom has won 824 games in its history, right at a .750 all-time winning percentage...enjoyed 18-game win streak earlier...Patriots were rated as the number two team in state in final 3-A men's regular season poll by NCPreps.com...team with lots of experience...**Casey Rogers** in eighth year as head coach.

Class AAA Eastern Champion
HUNT HIGH SCHOOL
WARRIORS
Wilson, NC

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	YEAR
1	Jaylen Gilliam	F	165	6' 3"
3	Keenon Tabron*	G	165	6' 1"
5	Justin Jefferson*	G	180	6' 3"
10	Samad Jones	F	160	6' 4"
11	Chris Felts	G	160	5' 11"
14	Amate Dawes	G	150	5' 10"
15	Orlando Dickens	G	150	5' 9"
21	Ra'Shod Shipman	F	170	6' 5"
23	Quan Kent*	G	165	6' 0"
31	Josh Willingham*	F	205	6' 4"
32	Justen Williams	F	175	6' 2"
33	Dexter Wright*	F	210	6' 3"

(*) Notes Starters

HEAD COACH:	Dwight Taylor
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OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORE
East Chapel Hill	W	58-57
Middle Creek	L	64083
Goldsboro	W	69-51
Corinth Holders	W	50-46
Kinston	L	60-65
Goldsboro	W	78-64
Beddingfield	W	51-49
Smithfield-Selma	W	62-39
Fike	L	50-52
Corinth Holders	W	66-44
Kinston	W	69-58
Northern Nash	W	66-45
Rocky Mount	W	86-58
Beddingfield	W	54-52
Nash Central	W	66-45
Fike	W	83-68
Rocky Mount	W	62-60
Southern Nash	W	62-50
Northern Nash	W	74-59
Nash Central	W	75-47
Fike	W	69-61
Fike	W	77-59
Rocky Mount	W	68-61
Eastern Wayne	W	85-60
Northern Guilford	W	72-51
Westover	W	59-43
Havelock	W	68-60
Orange	W	66-60

Class AAA Western Champion
FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL
PATRIOTS
Morganton, NC

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	YEAR
1	Jeron Hemphill*	G	6' 4"	Senior
3	Austin Butler	G	5' 10"	Sophomore
5	Ty Hemphill	G	6' 3"	Junior
10	Khris Gardin*	G	5' 8"	Senior
12	Kasen Wilson*	F	6' 1"	Senior
14	Gabe Logan*	G	6' 0"	Senior
15	Sam Stephens	G	5' 11"	Senior
21	Chris Bridges*	G	5' 10"	Senior
23	Niguel Moore	G	5' 11"	Freshman
24	Marcus Wakefield	F	5' 11"	Senior
50	Jharon King	F	6' 1"	Senior

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OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORE
Draughn	W	60-33
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McDowell	W	72-53
East Burke	W	61-55
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Fred T. Foard	W	59-46
East Burke	W	58-35
TC Roberson	W	90-44
Forestview	W	82-63
West Mecklenburg	W	71-49
Hickory	W	67-63
Watauga	W	82-71
South Caldwell	W	92-35
Hibriten	W	64-32
St. Stephens	W	71-56
Patton	W	85-60
Fred T. Foard	W	73-63
Watauga	W	75-65
South Caldwell	W	71-41
Hickory	W	61-49
Hibriten	W	91-53
St. Stephens	W	72-48
Patton	W	68-55
South Caldwell	W	82-35
Watauga	W	85-73
Fred T. Foard	W	65-50
West Rowan	W	93-64
Hickory	W	86-76
North Buncombe	W	84-66
Weddington	W	63-60
North Forsyth	W	76-59