

EAST CARTERET HIGH SCHOOL Mariners

Location: Beaufort
Colors: blue and gold
Conference: Coastal Plains
Principal: April Lilley
Athletic Director: Billy Anderson
Head Coach: Billy Anderson
Record: 27-2

East Carteret is in the NCHSAA men's basketball final for the second straight year...Mariners dropped a 72-71 decision to Winston-Salem Prep in last year's exciting 1-A final, so this is a rematch of 2014 game in which there were 10 lead changes...Mariners rolled past Northside 75-62 for Eastern Regional title... **Jacque Brown** earned regional MVP honors for second consecutive year and had monster Eastern final (29 points, 7 rebounds, 6 assists)...Brown will leave East Carteret with over 2,000 points, and school all-time leader in points, assists, steals, and wins...amazingly, team features four 1000-point career scorers, including Brown (23.4 ppg, whopping 8.8 assists), **Trevor Willis** (15.4 ppg), **Sam Johnson** (18.6 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 3.5 assists) and **Ty Simmons** (11.7 ppg, 7.8 rpg)...Johnson will finish career among top three-point shooters in NCHSAA history—he is shooting 43.6 percent from beyond arc this year— and Mariners love to shoot the three ...explosive team averaging better than 80 points a game...ranked first in final regular season poll for 1-A men's teams by NCPreps.com and seeded first in 1-A Eastern bracket.

WINSTON-SALEM PREP ACADEMY Phoenix

Location: Winston-Salem
Colors: red, black and white
Conference: Northwest
Principal: Richard Watts
Athletic Director: Rick Holt
Head Coach: Andre Gould
Record: 20-7

Winston-Salem Prep is in the NCHSAA men's basketball finals for the fifth time in the last eight years and fourth straight time...first championship appearance was in 2008 when big **Reggie Johnson** (who went to Univ. of Miami) scored 25 and pulled down 23 boards in 73-42 win over Pamlico...beat Plymouth 61-49 in 2012 1-A state final, led by **Mike Hughes**, to finish 31-1 overall...W-S Prep won in 2013 over Rocky Mount Prep 53-41 with Hughes the MVP again and won last year in terrific 72-71 game over East Carteret...Phoenix beat Albemarle 64-43 for Western Regional championship, with **Kwa'tre Hollingsworth** earning MVP honors...he is averaging 14.2 ppg...**Zaire Williams** tallies 12.2 ppg and **Davien Williamson** is at 12.1 ppg...**Kendrick Edwards** tops on boards at 10.1 rpg and freshman guard **Justice Goodloe** handing out amazing 10.1 assists per game...very young team this year, with eight of top 10 players underclassmen...have won 23 straight playoff games...W-S Prep was honorable mention in final regular season poll for 1-A men's teams by NCPreps.com and was seventh seed in 1-A West.