

KINSTON HIGH SCHOOL

Vikings

Location: Kinston
Colors: white, forest green, Vegas gold
Conference: Eastern Carolina
Principal: Tina Letchworth
Athletic Director: Perry Tyndall
Head Coach: Perry Tyndall
Record: 25-4

Perennial power Kinston returns to the NCHSAA men's championship... back in championship for an amazing 21st time and seventh time in nine seasons...three-time defending state champ with 10-10 mark in previous state title games, and it has played in all four classes... downed North Rowan 67-57 in 2014 final, with **Brandon Ingram** the MVP...beat Cuthbertson in close games for 2-A titles in '12 and '13, and won '10 crown over West Caldwell 51-29 behind 15 points by **Reggie Bullock**... also earned state titles in 1950,'55, '56, '64 and '65...beat Fairmont 86-59 for Eastern Regional crown, led by regional MVP **Ingram** as Vikings made 5th straight regional appearance and had five in double figures in final...highly recruited Ingram was Eastern Carolina Conference Player of Year and has great numbers (21.2 ppg, 10.1 rpg, 3.9 assists, 2.3 blocks)...**Darnell Dunn** chips in 13.6 ppg and gets 9.1 rebounds...**Mykel Hart** (12.7 ppg, 7.9 rpg) and **Jaquan Artis** (7.2 ppg, 8.6 rpg) are key contributors...Dunn and Hart also made all-conference...**Dy'Quan Waters** knocks in 8.4 ppg and pulls down 5.2 rpg... 23-6 record in 2011, losing in regional final, 28-4 in 2012, 28-2 in '13, 26-4 in '14...third-ranked team in final 2-A regular season poll by NCPreps.com, third seed in 2-A East bracket...**Perry Tyndall** in 3rd year at helm.

EAST LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

Mustangs

Location: Denver
Colors: green, orange
Conference: Southern District Seven
Principal: Samantha Campbell
Athletic Director: Mike Byus
Head Coach: Neil Hodges
Record: 24-0

East Lincoln qualifies for the NCHSAA men's hoop championship for the first time...East pursuing historic achievement, because rarely has an NCHSAA school going unbeaten in football and men's basketball and East did that in '14 football season in winning state title...Ayden only other achiever in 1966-67...Mustangs outlasted tough Smoky Mountain 52-50 in Western final...East Lincoln has been in NCHSAA playoffs for 10 consecutive seasons and has won 20 or more games for three consecutive seasons and 7 out of the last 10 years...junior point guard **Chazz Surratt** was named Player of the Year in the Southern District 7 and was selected as MVP of Western Regional—and he was QB for the football team and MVP of that state final...he shoots 39% from beyond the arc and scores 20.5 ppg with 6.5 rpg and whopping 9.2 assists...his brother, sophomore small forward **Sage Surratt** (team-leading 24.8 ppg, 9.5 rpg) was named to all-conference team along with soph center **Cameron Dollar** (13.2 ppg, 6.4 rpg)...Mustangs are averaging over 84 points per game and shoot 54% from floor as team for season...there is only one senior (shooting guard **Connor Ashley**) in starting lineup...Mustangs were rated first among state 2-A men's teams in final regular season poll by NCPreps.com and were seeded second in 2-A West bracket.

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