## **BUNN**

## Wildcats

Location: Bunn

Conference: Northern Carolina Colors: green, gold and white Principal: Leslie Wehner Athletic Director: Chris Lewis

**Head Coach**: David Howle (special teams coordinator)

Assistant Coaches: Chris Lewis (Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Backs); Asper Brigman (Offensive Line); Jess Richardson (Wide Receivers /First Responder); Steve Chromy (Defensive Coordinator); Donnie Ray (Defensive Line); Al Smith (Defensive Line); Dale Murphy (Defensive Backs); Larry McKeithan (Defensive Backs); Rodney

Medlin(Special Teams/First Responder); Ashleigh Lea (LAT/Trainer)

Players to Watch: RB Tevin Perry, OL Dillon Hopkins, QB/S Quenten Wright, DL Omar

Rosa, RB Bruce Adams, RB Chris Bumpers

This Year's Record: 13-2

**NOTES**: Bunn makes its first appearance in an NCHSAA football championship game ... Wildcats are number-two seed in 2-AA Eastern bracket but were not ranked in final 2-A Associated Press regular season poll... Bunn has won or shared the conference regular season title four out of the last five years...team has been in the NCHSAA playoffs for 24 of the last 25 years and in its 25<sup>th</sup> trip to postseason play since 1972, compiling mark of 29-24 in that time...RB Tevin Perry was the Offensive Back of the Year in the Northern Carolina Conference...he has over 2000 yards rushing and 10.5 yards per carry...Dillon Hopkins was the Offensive Lineman of the Year in the conference...All Conference selections included Quenten Wright (QB/S), Jackson Leggett (OL), Justin Holder (OL), Bruce Adams (RB), Chris Bumpers (RB), Trevor Gupton (OL), Omar Rosa (DL), and Ian Land (OL)...team has 18 seniors that have played together for the last four years so there is indeed a

veteran presence....Wildcats had to get past perennial power Clinton in thrilling 30-29 Eastern Regional final...kicker Fabian Avila-Soria booted a 24-yard field goal with a second to play to force overtime game that was eventually decided by a Clinton missed PAT.

BUNN			
SEASON AT A GLANCE			
L	42-43		
W	72-0		
L.	13-21		
W	49-18		
W	62-6		
W	77-37		
W	51-18		
W	42-7		
W	63-34		
W	47-18		
W	69-32		
W	49-6		
W	56-34		
W	36-29		
W	30-29		
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## **MONROE**

## Redhawks

Location: Monroe

Conference: Rocky River Colors: red, gray and black Principal: Michael Harvey

Athletic Director: Tim Niedermeier

Head Coach: Johnny Sowell (offensive coordinator)

Assistant Coaches: Daniel Goings (assistant head coach, defensive coordinator), Leroy Osborne (running backs), David Presson (quarterbacks), Quartell Wright (wide receivers), Ashley Stevens (wide receivers), Chris Linthicum (offense line), Monteray Evans (linebackers), Bobby Cloninger (linebackers), Greg Covington (defensive backs), Roy Cureton (defensive backs), Daryle Crowder (defensive line, special teams), Shawn Dodd (kickers), Purnell Sowell

Players to Watch: WR/DB Braxton Knotts, RB/LB Izaiah Thomas, K Brayan Diaz, QB Zephaniah Wall, WR/DB Jadarius McManus, OL/DL Dashawn Goings, TE/LB Dontaviaus Covington, WR/DB Desmen Robinson, OL/DL Nequan Hailey

This Year's Record: 15-0

NOTES: Monroe is in an NCHSAA football championship game for the third time in modern era and is still seeking its first state title in the sport with 0-2 mark in previous championships...last appearance was in 2013 when Monroe fell to High Point Andrews 18-14 in 2-AA final...lost in 1989 2-A final to Clayton...Redhawks are number-one seed in 2-AA Western bracket and were ranked third in final 2-A Associated Press regular season poll...26th postseason appearance for Monroe since 1972 in school history with 32-25 record in playoff games...Monroe enjoying most victories in a season in school history and is now 58-17 over the past five seasons...coach Johnny Sowell was Rocky River Coach of the Year in football and has also led a team. to the NCHSAA men's basketball finals...Braxton Knotts was named the Rocky River Conference Offensive Player of the Year while Izaiah Thomas won the defensive honor and Brayan

Diaz captured special teams player honor...high scoring offense averaging around 45 points per game and Redhawks yielding just 10...QB Zephaniah Wall right at 3000 yards passing with 37 TDs in first 14 games...blew past defending state champ East Lincoln 46-6 in regional.

MONROE				
SEASON AT A GLANCE				
Sun Valley	W	49-25		
Marvin Ridge	W	36-14		
Gastonia Hunter Huss	W	45-0		
Weddington	W	45-38		
Anson	W	35-7		
Cuthbertson	W	31-7		
Central Academy	W	44-0		
Mount Pleasant	W	45-20		
Parkwood	W	38-0		
West Stanly	W	56-0		
Forest Hills	W	41-8		
NCHSAA PLAYOFFS				
Forbush	W	55-7		
Maiden	W	58-20		

50-7

46-6

Franklin

East Lincoln