



Ronnie Clark

NEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

1961 - 1964

DEMOGRAPHICS

MONROE, LA

HEIGHT: 5'9"

WEIGHT: 150LBS

NUMBER: 14

SPORTS

FOOTBALL

POLE VAULT

BASEBALL

BASKETBALL

IN LOVING MEMORY

JUNE 28TH, 1946

TO

MARCH 30TH, 2026

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Here lies the most cherished memories of Ronnie Clark's time spent as an athlete at Neville High School.

FOOTBALL

He played all 4 years at Neville High School making the playoffs every year except 1963.

In 1961 as a freshman playing for Junior Varsity under Coach Buck Stewart, he started at quarterback and defensive back where they went undefeated with every game being a shutout. Varsity went on to win states.

In 1962 as a sophomore playing under Coach Ruple, Coach Brown, and Chic Childress, he started and won every game at half back, defensive back, and kicker/punter. The team went on to win 10 games with 0 losses, finalizing the season by winning a state championship against Reserve High School, 14-7, at NLU where he kicked both extra points. All the players, including Ronnie, received a ring.

In 1963 as the Junior starting quarterback under Coach Brown, it went on to be known as a "bad year" due to losing to West Monroe.

In 1964 as a senior, he decided to play primarily as a half back and defensive back under Coach Brown & Coach Chic Childress (who still begged him to play quarterback). He was awarded most versatile player since he played offense, defense, and special teams (punter and kick returner). The MVP went to Robert McSherry, who later played for LSU.

His most notable play was as a senior when he played Shreveport at the Shreveport Fairgrounds. He received a punt at the 15-yard line and broke 13 tackles on the run back of the punt and continued till he fell at the 10-yard line. Once he made it to the sideline, he proceeded to pass out and was taken to the Shreveport hospital. The following week, after the victory, Coach Chic at the pep rally read aloud the article in the Shreveport Times that

declared that the head X-Ray found nothing (All the students & staff attending busted out in laughter).

POLE VAULT

At District championships with no pole, dressed in nothing but street clothes, and injured he decided to participate in the pole vault. To make this happen Van Nolan, a friend, lent him his own pole due to his injuries and the manager, Joe Coats, gave him a shirt and shorts that were 3 sizes too large. So, with one 13-foot, district record breaking jump, disregarding Coach Buck Stewart's orders, he was able to qualify. Coach Buck came running upset that he was disobeyed but also was happy that Neville won the meet. Ronnie then asked the bar to be raised to 13' 6" and vaulted that to claim the state record all the while being injured. The next week back at Neville, he continued to cough up blood and had to miss states due to being hospitalized but the coach and the team still made a visit while on the way.