

# NEW PALESTINE BASKETBALL

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## SCHEDULE (21-5, 5-2 HHC)

Dec. 1	at Eastern Hancock	W 71-47
Dec. 2	RUSHVILLE	W 70-32
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Dec. 16	at Franklin Central	W 75-56
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Jan. 12	PENDLETON HTS.*	W 57-54
Jan. 16	at Richmond	W 63-59
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Feb. 23	at Greenwood	W 70-52

### Class 4A sectional at Greenfield-Central

Feb. 27	Mt. Vernon	W 58-56
March 1	Pendleton Heights	W 60-58
March 2	Championship	7:30 p.m.

\*-Hoosier Heritage Conference game  
%-Lawrenceburg Holiday Tournament

## THE DRAGONS

3	Brady Armstrong	5-11	Sr.	G
4	Moses Haynes	5-11	Jr.	G
5	Keagan Harrison	6-2	Jr.	G/F
11	Julius Gizzi	6-3	Jr.	G
13	Austin McMahan	6-3	Jr.	G/F
14	Evan Darrah	5-10	So.	G
15	Rigg Mahurin	5-11	Jr.	G
20	Liam Atkinson	6-1	So.	G/F
21	Alex Guhl	6-1	Jr.	F
22	Axtyn Hamblen	5-11	So.	G
24	Ben Slagley	6-4	Jr.	F
33	Evan Study	6-0	So.	F
41	Landon Seib	6-1	Jr.	F

**Varsity coach:** Trent Whitaker

**Varsity assistant:** Mike Gizzi

**Varsity assistant:** Jordan Myers

**Junior varsity:** Danny Davison

**Freshmen:** Doug Pardue & Greg Nicholson

## SECTIONAL PAIRINGS

Class 4A sectional at Greenfield-Central

Tuesday, Feb. 27

New Palestine 58, Mt. Vernon 56

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Muncie Central 54, Richmond 51

Greenfield-Central 50, Anderson 44

Friday, March 1

New Palestine 60, Pendleton Hts. 58

Greenfield-Central 54, Muncie Central 44

Saturday, March 2

7:30 p.m.: New Palestine (21-5) vs.

Greenfield-Central (24-0)

Winner goes to: March 9 regional vs.

Southport sectional champion (Ben Davis or Roncalli). Site/time will be announced Sunday, March 3.

## CLASS 4A SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (MARCH 2)



(15) NEW PALESTINE DRAGONS (21-5, 5-2 HHC)

HEAD COACH: Trent Whitaker (9th season, 137-89). 2023 HHC & sectional champion

(6) GREENFIELD-CENTRAL COUGARS (24-0, 7-0 HHC)

HEAD COACH: Luke Meredith (5th season, 86-32)

Time: 7:30 p.m. Site: Cougar Gymnasium, Greenfield. Broadcast: NewPalRadio.com

## SETTING THE SCENE

- The Dragons play for a sectional title for the sixth time in seven years as they meet rival Greenfield-Central. The Dragons are seeking their second straight sectional championship, their fourth in six years and their 11th overall. They have won six sectional championships since 2007.
- NP leads the all-time series with G-C 30-29. The Dragons have won six of the last nine meetings.
- This is the Dragons' 107th appearance in the IHSAA tournament, dating back to 1916-17. NP has won 10 sectional titles in its history, six of which have come since 2009. Head coach **Trent Whitaker** has led NP to three championships.
- In Class 4A (2012-15, 2018-present), the Dragons are 19-6 in sectional games and have won four sectional championships.
- The Dragons finished in the IBCA the Top 20 for the second straight year. The Dragons finished No. 14 in 2023.

## DRAGONS NOTES

- The Dragons have had the flair for the dramatic, as **Ben Slagley** scored the winning points with four seconds left in Tuesday's sectional opener against Mt. Vernon, then hit a buzzer-beater Friday in the victory over Pendleton Heights.
- Friday night, Slagley took a feed from **Moses Haynes** and laid it in for the winner. It was Slagley's third time this season scoring the winning basket in the closing seconds - he also hit a buzzer-beater against Guerin Catholic.
- The Dragons hit 10 3-pointers Friday against PH, their second-highest total of the season. They hit 11 Feb. 10 against Connersville.
- Haynes led the Dragons with 18 points, hitting four of the 10 3-pointers. He is 14-21 from deep the last three games. **Brady Armstrong** hit three 3-pointers and tied his career high with nine points. **Julius Gizzi**, the state's second-leading scorer, added 11. Slagley scored 10 to give the Dragons three double-figure scorers.
- The Dragons outlasted Mt. Vernon 58-56 Tuesday in a tremendously-played game that saw the Dragons take the lead twice in the final 20 seconds. **Julius Gizzi's** three-point play with 17 seconds left put NP up 56-54. After MV tied it on a long jumper, Slagley drew a foul and hit two free throws with four seconds left, then stole a pass at the buzzer to seal the victory.
- With 21 wins, the Dragons have tied the second-highest win total in school history. NP also won 21 games in 1989 (21-3). The school record is 23-3, set last year.
- The Dragons shot 55.6% (19-34) against MV.
- Gizzi, the state's leading second-leading scorer at 29.8 ppg, now has 748 points this season, extending his school record. He has 987 career points, moving past Matthew True into 11th place on the all-time list. He needs 13 points to both reach 1,000 points and move into the NPHS Top 10. He has tallied 20-plus points in 23 games this season and 30-plus points in 13 of the Dragons' 26 contests.
- Haynes has 171 assists this season, a school record. He is currently sixth on the NPHS career assists list with 245. He ranks fourth in the state at 7.1 apg.
- Gizzi (8.4) and Slagley (7.2) are first and second in the HHC in rebounding. Haynes is also fifth in the HHC in steals (2.1).

## SCOUTING THE COUGARS

- G-C is the state's lone unbeaten team. The Cougars are led by junior Braylon Mullins, who averages 26.1 ppg, and junior Boston Willard (11.3 ppg). Dallas Freeman scored 17 points and Mullins 16 in G-C's 54-44 victory over Muncie Central Friday. The Cougars are playing in their first sectional final since 2003.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- Tonight's winner advances to next week's one-game regional against either Roncalli or defending state champion Ben Davis. The time and site are TBA.

**2023-24 WHEN**

Home games	8-2
Road games	8-2
Neutral sites	5-1
vs. 4A schools	12-4
vs. 3A schools	7-0
vs. 2A schools	1-0
vs. 1A schools	1-0
vs. out-of-state schools	0-1
vs. ranked teams	3-2
vs. HHC teams	7-2
vs. non-conference	14-3
Circle City	2-0
Conference Indiana	1-0
Eastern Indiana	2-0
Hoosier Crossroads	1-0
Hoosier Hills	1-0
Metropolitan	0-1
Mid-Eastern	1-0
Mid-State	3-1
North Central	1-0
Pioneer	1-0
Pocket	1-0
Independents	0-1
Tuesday	3-1
Wednesday	0-1
Thursday	1-0
Friday	10-2
Saturday	7-1
December	7-2
January	5-2
February	8-1
March	1-0

Scoring 39- points	0-0
Scoring 40-49 points	0-2
Scoring 50-59 points	2-1
Scoring 60-69 points	7-2
Scoring 70-79 points	9-0
Scoring 80+ points	3-0

Allowing 39- points	2-0
Allowing 40-49 points	3-0
Allowing 50-59 points	11-2
Allowing 60-69 points	4-1
Allowing 70-79 points	1-1
Allowing 80+ points	0-1

Decided by 5 pts/less	7-1
Overtime	0-0

20-point scorer	19-5
Dbl-figure rebounder	10-1

Leading at half	17-2
Tied at half	1-0
Trailing at half	3-3

Leading after 3	19-2
Tied after 3	0-0
Trailing after 3	2-3

**2023-24 RESULTS**

Date	Opponent	Score	Points	Rebounds	Assists
Dec. 1	at Eastern Hancock	W 71-47	Gizzi 24	Slagley 11	Haynes 7
Dec. 2	RUSHVILLE	W 70-32	Gizzi 20	Gizzi 6	Gizzi 6
Dec. 8	GREENFIELD-C.*	L 54-58	Gizzi 20	Gizzi 7	Haynes 7
Dec. 15	at New Castle*	W 61-60	Gizzi 31	Slagley 9	Haynes 6
Dec. 16	at Franklin Central	W 75-56	Gizzi 43	Gizzi 8	Haynes 4
Dec. 29	vs. Jennings County%	W 83-59	Gizzi 30	Slagley 10	Slagley 9
Dec. 29	vs. Newport (Ky.)%	L 66-72	Gizzi 35	Gizzi 8	Haynes 8
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Jan. 19	RONCALLI	W 77-60	Gizzi 36	Slagley 5	Haynes 7
Jan. 20	FRANKLIN	L 67-81	Gizzi 25	Gizzi 13	Haynes 3
Jan. 24	at Lawrence North	L 48-57	Gizzi 36	McMahan 10	Slagley 3
Jan. 26	at Yorktown*	W 66-58	Gizzi 31	Gizzi 9	Haynes 7
Feb. 1	PERRY MERIDIAN	W 71-53	Gizzi 27	Gizzi 8	Haynes 10
Feb. 3	at Southport	W 73-60	Gizzi 37	Slagley 12	Haynes 9
Feb. 6	at Guerin Catholic	W 63-61	Gizzi/Haynes 17	Slagley 8	Haynes 14
Feb. 9	SHELBYVILLE*	W 72-52	Gizzi 26	Slagley 11	Haynes 10
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March 2	Greenfield-Central	7:30 p.m.			

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**SERIES HISTORY**

The Dragons meet Greenfield-Central for the 60th time. NP leads the series 30-29 but has won six of the last nine meetings.

**vs. GREENFIELD-CENTRAL**

**All-time:** New Palestine leads 30-29  
**Postseason:** Greenfield-Central leads 8-3  
**First meeting:** 2/22/73: G-C 88-67 (Shelbyville sectional)  
**LAST 10 MEETINGS**  
 12/8/23: G-C 58-54 (at NP) 12/13/19: NP 56-40 (at NP)  
 12/9/22: NP 53-46 (at G-C) 2/26/19: NP 60-45 (sect Rich)  
 12/10/21: NP 47-43 (at NP) 12/7/18: NP 75-65 (at G-C)  
 3/3/21: G-C 72-59 (sec Rich) 12/8/17: NP 56-44 (at NP)  
 12/11/20: NP 68-58 (at G-C) 12/9/16: G-C 52-40 (at G-C)

**BEATING THE BUZZER**

Junior **Ben Slagley's** buzzer-beater Feb. 6 gave the Dragons a 63-61 victory at then 3A No. 5 Guerin Catholic. Slagley rebounded **Julius Gizzi's** miss and scored just ahead of the horn to deliver the victory. He scored 16 points on 8-9 shooting in the contest, and tallied six of the Dragons' seven fourth-quarter points. Earlier, he scored on a feed from **Moses Haynes** to tie the game at 61-61 to set up the winning shot.

Slagley would become Mr. Clutch twice in the sectional. In the opener, he hit two free throws with four seconds left to give the Dragons a 58-56 victory over Mt. Vernon. He then hit a shot at the buzzer three nights later in a 60-58 victory over Pendleton Heights.

**MILESTONE TRACKER**

**BEN SLAGLEY**  
 616 career points (reached 400 12/1 vs. Eastern Hancock, 500 1/5 vs. Delta; 600 2/27 vs. Mt. Vernon)  
 412 career rebounds (reached 300 12/29 vs. Jennings County, 400 2/9 vs. Shelbyville)  
 140 career assists (reached 100 1/19 vs. Roncalli)  
**JULIUS GIZZI**  
 987 career points (reached 400 12/29 vs. Jennings Co., 500 1/5 vs. Delta, 600 1/19 vs. Roncalli, 700 1/26 vs. Yorktown, 800 2/6 at Guerin Catholic, 900 2/18 vs. Whiteland)  
 748 season points  
 288 career rebounds (reached 200 2/1 vs. Perry Meridian)  
**MOSES HAYNES**  
 383 career points (reached 200 1/16 at Richmond, 300 2/10 vs. Connersville)  
 245 career assists (reached 100 12/16 at Franklin Central; 150 1/16 at Richmond; 200 2/7 at Guerin Catholic)

**DOUBLE FIGURES**

Four Dragons have double figures in a game this season.

**Julius Gizzi (26 this season, 39 career):** 24-Eastern Hancock, 20-Rushville, 20-Greenfield-C., 31-New Castle, 43-Franklin Central, 30-Jennings Co., 35-Newport, 24-Bethesda Christian, 30-Pike Central, 34-Delta, 35-Pendleton Hts., 33-Richmond, 36-Roncalli, 25-Franklin, 36-Lawrence North, 31-Yorktown, 27-Perry Meridian, 37-Southport, 17-Guerin Catholic, 26-Shelbyville, 34-Connersville, 44-Whiteland, 27-Mt. Vernon, 17-Greenwood, 21-Mt. Vernon, 21-Pendleton Hts2  
**Moses Haynes (13 this season, 23 career):** 12-Rushville, 10-New Castle, 16-Jennings Co., 11-Newport, 14-Bethesda Christian, 13-Richmond, 19-Roncalli, 21-Franklin, 11-Southport, 17-Guerin Catholic, 12-Connersville, 24-Greenwood, 18-Pendleton Hts2  
**Ben Slagley (9 this season, 29 career):** 19-Eastern Hancock, 12-Greenfield-C., 12-Jennings Co., 10-Newport, 16-Pike Central, 16-Delta, 11-Perry Meridian, 16-Guerin Catholic, 11-Shelbyville, 10-Pendleton Heights2  
**Austin McMahan (3 this season & career):** 10-Delta, 14-Yorktown, 10-Southport

**30 ... 30 ... 40**

Junior **Julius Gizzi** has put together the biggest scoring season in NPHS history to date. He scored at least 20 points in each of the Dragons' first 18 games and has scored 30 or more points 14 times this season.

That run began Dec. 15-16. On Friday at New Castle, Gizzi scored 21 first-half points and finished with 31 on 14-of-23 shooting from the floor. He also had eight rebounds. The next night, however, was one of the greatest scoring performances in school history. He tallied 43 points in the 75-56 victory over Franklin Central, hitting 13-of-22 from the floor and 15-of-17 from the free throw line. The 43 points were the third-most in school history, the sixth 40-point game in program history, and three points shy of Ryan Curry's school record set in 2015.

Gizzi eclipsed that Feb. 17 against Whiteland, when he scored 44 points on 19-of-36 shooting and added a career-high 16 rebounds. The 44 points set a gymnasium record for most points scored in a game, and also tied for the second-highest scoring performance in school history. The 78 points scored against Whiteland and Connersville are a school record for points in consecutive games.

Gizzi's first 30-point game was the first since Blaine Nunnally tallied 31 against Yorktown Jan. 29, 2021. The 40-point game was the first since his brother Maximus Gizzi scored 41 against Whiteland Feb. 22, 2020. He became the first Dragon to score 30 points in two consecutive games since Michael Morris scored 31 against Shelbyville and 32 against Mooresville Feb. 1-2, 2013.

**MOST POINTS, SINGLE GAME**

1. 46, Ryan Curry, 2/6/15 at Shelbyville
2. 44, **Julius Gizzi, 2/18/24 vs. Whiteland**
2. 44, T.J. Ott, 1/24/98 at Hamilton SE
4. 43, **Julius Gizzi 12/16/23 at Franklin Central**
5. 41, Maximus Gizzi, 2/22/20 vs. Whiteland
6. 40, Dennis Ulrey, 11/23/74 vs. Morton Memorial
6. 40, Brent Leary 12/6/63 vs. Charlottesvillle
8. 39, Dennis Ulrey 2/7/75 at Hamilton SE
8. 39, Gary Mithoefer, 1/31/69 vs. Marshall
10. 38, Duane Riddle 2/19/65 vs. Mt. Vernon
11. 37, **Julius Gizzi 2/3/24 at Southport**

**RANKINGS**

The Dragons opened the year receiving votes in both the IBCA and AP polls. They continued to receive votes in the IBCA poll through the first two weeks of the season. They joined the IBCA Top 20 for the first time Jan. 28, entering the poll at No. 17 and have been ranked since. The Dragons received votes in the Feb. 5 AP 4A poll after a two-month absence, then dropped out.

POLL WEEK	AP	IBCA
Preseason (Nov. 19)	RV	RV
Nov. 26	--	RV
Dec. 3	--	RV
Dec. 10	--	--
Dec. 17	--	--
Dec. 31	--	RV
Jan. 7	--	RV
Jan. 14	--	RV
Jan. 21	--	--
Jan. 28	--	17
Feb. 4	RV	18
Feb. 11	--	16
Feb. 18	--	12
Feb. 25 (final)	--	15

**CLIMBING THE LIST**

Junior **Julius Gizzi's** scoring year has moved him up the NPHS single-season scoring charts. Gizzi is one of seven Dragons to score 500 points in a season. He became the school's single-season scoring leader Feb. 10 against Connersville.

**MOST POINTS, SEASON**

1. 748, **Julius Gizzi, 2021-24**
2. 608, Maximus Gizzi, 2019-20
3. 543, Royce McDougall, 1966-67
4. 512, Dennis Ulrey, 1974-75
5. 510, Steele Brasfield, 2021-22
5. 510, Ryan Curry, 2014-15
7. 507, T.J. Ott, 1997-98

**MOST POINTS, CAREER**

1. 1,612, Maximus Gizzi, 2016-20
2. 1,285, Tom Giles, 1975-79
3. 1,258, Blaine Nunnally, 2019-23
4. 1,134, Kent Raymond, 2000-04
5. 1,106, Ryan Curry, 2011-15
6. 1,081, Steele Brasfield, 2019-22
7. 1,039, Dennis Ulrey, 1972-75
8. 1,027, Michael Morris, 2009-13
9. 1,025, T.J. Ott, 1994-98
10. 1,000, Ray Hobbs, 1986-89
11. 987, **Julius Gizzi, 2021-24**
12. 974, Matthew True, 2015-19
13. 917, Royce McDougall, 1964-67
14. 910, Allen Cooper, 1975-79
15. 864, Dick Pruet, 1960-63

**STATE LEADERS**

Juniors **Julius Gizzi** and **Moses Haynes** finished the regular season in the top five in the state in points and assists. Gizzi led the state in total points scored.

IBSAA SCORING LEADERS	GP	Pts	Avg.
Josiah Ball, Maconaquah	20	602	30.1
<b>Julius Gizzi, New Palestine</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>29.8</b>
Philip Randolph, International	19	525	27.6
Cam Craig, Switzerland County	21	553	26.3
Braylon Mullins, Greenfield-C.	22	574	26.1
IBSAA ASSISTS LEADERS	GP	Ast	Avg.
Grady Carpenter, Tipton	23	192	8.3
Jevon Lewis, FW Wayne	20	150	7.5
Trent DeCrane, Sheridan	20	146	7.3
<b>Moses Haynes, New Palestine</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Kaden Muckerheide, N. Decatur	25	174	7.0

**DROPPING DIMES**

Junior **Moses Haynes** became the school's single-season assists leader during the Feb. 10 game against Connersville, when he dished nine assists to break Jeff Mitchell's 31-year-old record of 138. Four nights earlier, Haynes set a single-game school record with 14 assists in the Dragons' 63-61 victory at Guerin Catholic.

Haynes has hit double-digit assists four times, doing so the first time when he had 13 Jan. 5 against Delta. It was the first double-digit assists game for a Dragon since Duke Blackwell had 10 Jan. 31, 2016 against Perry Meridian. Prior to that, the most recent 10-assist game was when Moses' older brother Solomon Haynes dished 11 assists Dec. 16, 2010 against Morristown.

Haynes also had 10 assists against Perry Meridian and Shelbyville this season. He is in sixth place in career assists.

**MOST ASSISTS, SEASON**

1. 171, **Moses Haynes, 2023-24**
2. 138, Jeff Mitchell, 1992-93
3. 137, Mitch Miggenburg, 1995-96
4. 135, Blaine Nunnally, 2022-23
5. 118, Michael Kamp, 1996-97

**MOST ASSISTS, CAREER**

1. 423, Blaine Nunnally 2019-23
2. 375, Maximus Gizzi, 2016-20
3. 328, Mitch Miggenburg, 1993-96
4. 323, Kent Raymond, 2000-04
5. 304, Jeff Mitchell, 1990-93
6. 245, **Moses Haynes, 2021-24**
7. 222, Robert England, 2003-06

**ABOUT NPHS**

**Nickname:** Dragons  
**Colors:** Red and white  
**Town:** New Palestine  
**County:** Hancock  
**School district:** CSC Southern Hancock County  
**Enrollment:** 1,206  
**Conference:** Hoosier Heritage  
**IHSAA member since:** 1915  
**Varsity basketball began:** 1909

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Superintendent:** Dr. Lisa Lantrip  
**Principal:** Jim Voelz  
**Asst. principal:** Nick Mitchaner  
**Asst. principal:** Craig Moore  
**Athletic director:** Brian Murphy  
**Asst. AD:** Trent Whitaker  
**Assoc. AD:** Nancy Workman  
**Ath. sec.:** Summer Parsons  
**SID:** Andrew Smith

**BASKETBALL INFO**

**Head coach:** Trent Whitaker  
 HS: Eastern Hancock  
 College: Ball State  
**Assistant coaches**  
 Mike Gizzi  
 Jordan Myers  
 Danny Davison (JV)  
 Doug Pardue (F)  
 Greg Nicholson (F)

**Sectional championships**

**(10):** 1957, 1980, 1989, 1997, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2019, 2020, 2023

**Conference championships**

**(12)**  
**Hancock County:** 1957, 1959  
**East Central:** 1967  
**Big Blue River:** 1979, 1984, 1985, 1988  
**Hoosier Heritage:** 2000, 2003, 2013, 2020, 2023

**ATHLETIC HISTORY**

**Team state titles:** 10  
 Football: 2014 (4A), 2018, 2019 (5A)  
 Baseball: 2004 (3A)  
 Softball: 2004, 2007, 2008, 2017, 2018, 2019 (3A)  
**Team state runners-up:** 4  
 Football: 1990 (3A), 2015 (5A)  
 Baseball: 2003 (3A)  
 Softball: 2003 (2A)

**Individual state champs:** 8

Samuel Voelz, T&F 2017  
 Alec White, WR 2017  
 Chad Red, WR 2013-16  
 Kyle Ulrey, WR 2009  
 Lori Swegman, T&F 1976

**NPHS ATHLETICS**

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**HHC STANDINGS**

	Conf	GB	Over.
Greenfield-C.	7-0	--	24-0
Mt. Vernon	6-1	1	15-9
<b>New Palestine</b>	<b>5-2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21-5</b>
Delta	3-4	4	20-6
Pendleton Hts.	3-4	4	11-13
New Castle	2-5	5	12-12
Shelbyville	1-6	6	11-12
Yorktown	1-6	6	14-10

**Friday, March 1**

**4A at Greenfield-Central**

**New Palestine 60, PendHts. 58**

Greenfield-C. 54, Muncie C. 44

**3A at New Castle**

Yorktown 64, Hamilton Hts. 53

Delta 54, New Castle 41

**Saturday, March 2**

**4A at Greenfield-Central**

**New Palestine vs. Greenfield-C**

Yorktown vs. Delta

**AP 4A POLL**

**Final regular season**

1. Fishers (22-1)
2. Noblesville (20-2)
3. Westfield (19-2)
4. Kokomo (22-3)
5. Lawrence North (21-3)
6. Greenfield-Central (22-0)
7. Crispus Attucks (18-6)
8. Ben Davis (17-5)
9. Center Grove (18-4)
9. Terre Haute North (21-3)

**IBCA POLL**

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4. Kokomo (22-3)
5. Lawrence North (21-3)
6. Greenfield-Central (22-0)
7. Cathedral (17-5) (+1)
8. Brownstown (21-4) (+1)
9. Crispus Attucks (18-6) (-2)
10. Ben Davis (17-5) (-1)
11. SB Riley (20-4) (+3)
12. Richmond (20-3) (+1)
13. Center Grove (17-4) (+3)
14. Tipton (21-2) (-3)
15. **New Palestine (19-5) (-3)**
16. Carmel (12-10) (+1)
17. Ev. Harrison (18-4) (-2)
18. Lake Central (18-3)
19. Brebeuf (16-5)
20. TH North (21-3) (new)

**TROPHY CASE**

**NEW PALESTINE TITLES WON**

**IN LAST CALENDAR YEAR**

**Hoosier Heritage Conference:**

Boys swimming, girls basketball, football, boys soccer, girls soccer, girls golf, softball

**Sectional:** Gymnastics, boys swimming, football, girls golf, baseball

**Regional:** Football, baseball

**Team state qualifier:** Girls

golf

**HHC LEADERS**

Several Dragons ranked among the Hoosier Heritage Conference leaders during the regular season. **Julius Gizzi** led the league in scoring and rebounding, while **Moses Haynes** led in assists.

	GP	Pts	Avg.
<b>HHC SCORING LEADERS</b>			
<b>Julius Gizzi, New Palestine</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>29.8</b>
Braylon Mullins, Greenfield-C.	22	574	26.1
D'Amare Hood, Delta	16	289	18.1
Colin Taylor, New Castle	22	324	14.7
Josiah Gustin, Pendleton Hts.	22	324	14.7
<b>HHC REBOUNDING LEADERS</b>			
<b>Julius Gizzi, New Palestine</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>Ben Slagley, New Palestine</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>7.2</b>
Josiah Gustin, Pendleton Hts.	22	156	7.1
Braylon Mullins, Greenfield-C.	22	138	6.3
Tanner Teschendorf, Mt. Vernon	22	121	5.5
<b>HHC ASSISTS LEADERS</b>			
<b>Moses Haynes, New Palestine</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>7.1</b>
Boston Willard, Greenfield-C.	22	108	4.9
Jacob Grim, Yorktown	17	65	3.8
<b>Ben Slagley, New Palestine</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Jonny Manor, Delta	16	55	3.4
<b>HHC STEALS LEADERS</b>			
D'Amare Hood, Delta	16	53	3.3
Braylon Mullins, Greenfield-C.	22	72	3.3
Dallas Freeman, Greenfield-C.	22	54	2.5
Boston Willard, Greenfield-C.	22	49	2.2
<b>Moses Haynes, New Palestine</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>HHC BLOCKS LEADERS</b>			
<b>Ben Slagley, New Palestine</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Josiah Gustin, Pendleton Hts.	22	30	1.4
Mar Nicholson, Shelbyville	22	18	0.8

**LONG RANGE**

Junior guard **Moses Haynes** has made a career of setting up others for baskets, but he's also one of the Dragons' top long-range shooters. Haynes showed why in the regular season finale Feb. 23 at Greenwood, when he hit 7-8 from distance - and 8-9 from the floor overall - to score a career-high 24 points in the Dragons' 70-52 victory. Haynes followed with a 3-4 performance from deep in the sectional opener against Mt. Vernon and 4-7 against Pendleton Heights. He is 14-21 in his last three games.

**PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Junior **Julius Gizzi** was named the IBCA Player of the Week for his performance Dec. 29-30 at the Ray Furney Classic. He scored 119 points over four games - a 29.8 average - tallying 30 against Jennings County, 35 against Newport (Ky.), 24 against Bethesda Christian and 30 against Pike Central. That included a 20-point third quarter against Jennings County. Gizzi was 44-83 from the field (53%), 15-29 from deep (52%) and 16-20 from the free throw line (80%). He also averaged 6.8 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game in the tournament.

**PUSHING NO. 1**

The Dragons traveled to No. 1 Lawrence North Jan. 24 and pushed the state's top-ranked team to the wire. NP led for most of the game - including 26-21 at the half and 43-38 early in the fourth quarter. NP had a chance to tie the game in the final minute before falling 57-48. **Julius Gizzi** scored 36 points.

**STEPPING UP**

Junior **Austin McMahan** had two career games the last weekend of January. Against No. 1 Lawrence North, McMahan grabbed 10 rebounds for the Dragons, doubling his previous career high. Two nights later at Yorktown, he scored 14 points on 7-10 shooting, setting a career high. McMahan also had 10 points against Southport, scoring six in the fourth quarter as the Dragons put the game away.

**NO LONGER PERFECT**

The Dragons knocked Richmond from the ranks of the unbeaten with a 63-57 victory over the Red Devils Jan. 16 at the Tiernan Center. The victory snapped a 16-game winning streak for the Red Devils. NP trailed by five early, but **Moses Haynes'** 3-pointer gave NP a 30-27 half-time edge and **Julius Gizzi's** basket at the end of the third put NP up for good. Gizzi tallied 33 points and nine boards. Haynes had 13 points and seven assists in the victory.

**BLOCK PARTY**

**Ben Slagley** entered the season fifth on the NPHS blocked shots list and has moved up to third. Against Franklin Central, he became the fifth player to register 40 blocks in a career. He tallied 50 blocks by tying his career high with four Dec. 30 against Bethesda Christian, moving into fourth place on the career blocked shots list. He also had four blocks against New Castle and Southport. He passed Seth Cox for third place Jan. 24 at Lawrence North.

**MOST BLOCKED SHOTS: CAREER**

1. 371, John Allison, 1995-98 (state record)
2. 82, Jeff Geurin, 1991-93
3. 68, **Ben Slagley, 2021-23**
4. 54, Seth Cox, 2012-14
5. 46, Dawson Eastes, 2016-20
6. 33, Gavin Hausz, 2015-18
7. 32, Ian Stephens, 2020-23

**DOUBLE-DOUBLE x2**

In the season opener against Eastern Hancock, the Dragons recorded a double double-double. **Ben Slagley** tallied 19 points and 11 rebounds, while **Julius Gizzi** reached career highs with 24 points and 10 boards. It was the Dragons' first double double-double since Slagley and Ian Stephens did so Jan. 6, 2023 against Delta. It was Slagley's fifth career double-double and Gizzi's first.

**RECORD-SETTER**

Head coach **Trent Whitaker** became the winningest coach in NPHS history with the 77-60 victory over Roncalli Jan. 19. He is one of three Dragons coaches to win 120 games, joining Kehrt and Adam Barton, two coaches with whom he served as an assistant. Whitaker has led the Dragons to two HHC and three sectional titles in nine seasons.

**MOST COACHING WINS**

1. 137-89, **Trent Whitaker (2015-24)**
1. 126-93, Brian Kehrt (1995-2005)
3. 120-103, Adam Barton (2005-2015)
4. 116-57, Ed Frieje (1978-86)
5. 100-72, Wally Cones (1955-62)
6. 58-50, William McNamara (1949-55)
7. 56-85, Fred Keesling (1928-35)
8. 55-79, George Davis (1942-49)

**BLISTERING SHOOTING**

The Dragons had a hot-shooting performance Dec. 29 against Jennings County. They hit 35-of-56 from the floor for a 62.5% shooting percentage. **Julius Gizzi** was 12-17 for 30 points, **Ben Slagley** 6-7 for 12 points and **Moses Haynes** 6-8 for 16 points. The Dragons hit 10-of-19 from 3-point range, with Gizzi hitting 4-of-6 and Haynes 4-of-5. It marked Gizzi's third straight 30-point game and a career-high for Haynes. Slagley added 10 rebounds and nine assists.

The next day, the Dragons shot 56.9% (37-65) in a 91-48 victory over Pike Central. It was the Dragons' largest victory margin of the year and their highest point total since December 2021. Gizzi hit 11-20 - including 5-7 from deep - to score 30. Slagley hit 7-7 to score 16.

The Dragons were even better Jan. 19 against Roncalli. They hit 30-45 from the floor - a 66.7% shooting percentage - in a 77-60 victory. Gizzi was 13-18 and Haynes 7-10 in that contest.

**DOUBLE-DOUBLE MAN**

Junior **Ben Slagley** had four double-doubles in the 2022-23 season, then followed it up with a 19-point, 11-rebound performance in the Dec. 1 season opener. He had a 12-point, 10-rebound performance Dec. 29 against Jennings County. He was one assist shy of a triple-double in that game, as he had nine assists. The next day, he tallied 16 points and 11 boards against Pike Central.

Slagley had a season high with 12 rebounds Feb. 3 at Southport.

**BEN SLAGLEY'S DOUBLE-DOUBLES (8)**  
 2/9/24 vs. Shelbyville: 11 points/11 rebounds  
 12/30/23 vs. Pike Central: 16 points/11 rebounds  
 12/29/23 vs. Jennings County: 12 points/10 rebounds

12/1/23 at Eastern Hancock: 19 points/11 rebounds

2/10/23 at Shelbyville: 15 points/14 rebounds  
 1/6/23 at Delta: 14 points/11 rebounds  
 12/29/22 at Lebanon: 12 points/10 rebounds  
 12/29/22 vs. Gary 21st Century: 22 points/12 rebounds

**GIZZI IN DOUBLES**

Junior **Julius Gizzi** has six double-doubles this season. He had 24 points and 10 boards in the Dec. 1 season opener at Eastern Hancock, and then tallied 25 points and 13 rebounds Jan. 20 against Franklin. He added 34 points and 12 boards Feb. 10 against Connersville. He followed Feb. 17 with 44 points and 16 boards, both career highs, against Whiteland. A third straight double-double came with 27 points and 13 boards Feb. 20 at Mt. Vernon, and that was followed with 17 points and 13 rebounds Feb. 23 at Greenwood. He became the first Dragon to record double-doubles in consecutive games since **Ben Slagley** did so three straight games in the 2022-23 season.

**BASKETBALL FAMILY**

Juniors **Moses Haynes** and **Julius Gizzi** are cousins, but their roots run deep in basketball - especially at NPHS. Each is the third of their siblings to play basketball for the Dragons - Moses' older brothers Samson and Solomon Haynes were guards for the Dragons in the early 2010s. Gizzi's older brother Maximus is the Dragons' boys basketball career scoring leader, with 1,612 points from 2016-20. His older sister Isabella is the girls career scoring leader, with 1,676 points from 2019-23. Their mother, Sarah (Haynes) Gizzi, is second on the NPHS girls basketball scoring list and was the girls basketball varsity coach from 2017-23, winning 98 games, two sectional titles and an HHC title. Moses Haynes' father, Noah Haynes, was the head coach at Brebeuf Jesuit from 2012-14 and led the state in scoring in 1989 as a player at Frontier. Their grandfather, Bruce Haynes, was the Dragons' boys varsity coach from 1990-94, an assistant girls basketball coach from 2017-23.

**RANKED WIN**

Junior **Ben Slagley**'s putback at the buzzer sealed a ranked road victory over the Dragons Feb. 6 at Guerin Catholic. The Dragons won 63-61 over 3A's No. 5 team. Slagley had 16 points on 8-9 shooting from the floor. He added eight boards. **Moses Haynes** had 17 points and a school record 14 assists. **Julius Gizzi** added 17 points. The Dragons have two other wins against teams ranked at the time of the game - Jan. 5 against Delta (then 3A No. 2) and Jan. 16 at Richmond.

**THE NEXT LEVEL**

The Dragons have three alumni playing college basketball. From the Class of 2023, Ian Stephens is a walk-on at Indiana. Two other members of the Class of 2023 are playing other sports - Blaine Nunnally is playing baseball at Southwest Tennessee Community College and Eian Roudebush was the HCAC Freshman of the Year as a quarterback at Hanover. From the Class of 2022, Steele Brasfield is playing for Indiana Tech, while 2020 graduate Maximus Gizzi is at Marian.

**MOSES THE THIEF**

Junior **Moses Haynes** has been the Dragons' top pilferer on the defensive end this season, but he tallied a career high with eight steals Dec. 30 against Bethesda Christian.

**POSTSEASON HONORS**

2023 grads Ian Stephens and Blaine Nunnally each received All-Hoosier Heritage Conference honors this season. For Nunnally, it was his third All-Conference selection and Stephens' second.

**HOT HAYNES**

Junior **Moses Haynes** had a big week in the first three-game week of the year. He scored 13 points against Richmond, then added a career-high 19 against Roncalli, hitting 7-10 from the floor and 5-7 from deep. That career high lasted 24 hours. The next night, he hit 6-10 from deep and scored 21 points against Franklin. Paired with **Julius Gizzi**'s 25, they became the first duo to score 20 in a game since Blaine Nunnally and Ian Stephens did so in 2023, also against Franklin.

The duo repeated the feat Feb. 10 against Connersville, when Gizzi scored 34 and Haynes 21.

**LATE WIN**

The Dragons found themselves in a back-and-forth game with New Castle that featured 10 second-half lead changes, including four on the final four possessions, before the Dragons pulled out a 61-60 victory. The Dragons trailed 55-50 in the fourth, but a putback by **Austin McMahan** touched off a 6-0 run that gave NP a 56-55 lead. McMahan's steal led to a **Ben Slagley** putback, followed by a steal by **Evan Darrah** and a 50-foot pass for a **Moses Haynes** layup to give NP the lead. New Castle answered with a driving shot, but the Dragons answered with a fallaway jumper by **Julius Gizzi** in the lane to re-take the lead at 58-57. But New Castle answered with a 3-pointer with 30 seconds left. However, the Dragons had the exclamation point. A beautiful passing play off a timeout led to Haynes and Gizzi feeding Slagley rolling to the basket. Slagley hit the shot, drew a foul and calmly drained the free throw to get a victory. The defense forced a turnover and a rushed, contested shot in the final 16 seconds to seal the victory.

**DOMINATING AT HOME**

The Dragons' Feb. 10 86-39 victory over Connersville was NP's first-ever home win over the Spartans in six tries. It was the 11th-largest margin of victory in school history. **Julius Gizzi** had 34 points and 13 boards, while **Moses Haynes** had 21 points and nine assists.

**HISTORIC YEAR**

The Dragons have posted their 11th season of at least 18 victories. This year marks the first time NP has won 17+ games three years in a row in school history. The Dragons have won 61 games over the last three years, the best three-year stretch in school history. This year's 19 wins are tied for third-most in school history.

**MOST WINS, SEASON**

- 23-3, 2022-23, Trent Whitaker (sect)
- 21-3, 1988-89, Carl Hughes (sect)
- 21-5, 2023-24, Trent Whitaker**
- 19-3, 1995-96, Brian Kehrt
- 19-3, 1978-79, Ed Frieje
- 19-3, 1966-67, Walt Molinder (conf)
- 19-3, 1958-59, Wally Cones (conf)
- 19-6, 1956-57, Wally Cones (sect, conf)
- 19-7, 2021-22, Trent Whitaker
- 18-3, 1944-45, George Davis (cot)
- 18-9, 2018-19, Trent Whitaker (sect)

**WINS, THREE SEASONS**

- 63-14, 2021-24, Trent Whitaker**
- 56-19, 2020-23, Trent Whitaker
- 54-14, 1956-59, Wally Cones

**2023-24 SEASON HIGHS**

**TEAM**

- Points in a game: 91, 12/30 vs. Pike Central
- Points in a quarter: 28, 12/29 vs. Jennings County (3rd quarter)
- Points in a half: 47, 12/30 vs. Pike Central (1st half)
- Fewest points allowed: 32, 12/2 vs. Rushville
- Fewest points allowed in a quarter: 2, 2/10 vs. Connersville (4th quarter)
- Fewest points allowed in a half: 11, 2/10 vs. Connersville (2nd half)
- Biggest win margin: 47, 2/10 vs. Connersville (W 86-39)
- Most rebounds: 40, 2/3 at Southport
- Most assists: 23, 12/29 vs. Jennings County; 2/10 vs. Connersville
- Most steals: 18, 12/2 vs. Rushville
- Fewest turnovers: 3, 1/12 vs. Pendleton Hts.
- Most FG: 37, 12/30 vs. Pike Central
- Most FT: 23, 12/16 at Franklin Central; 2/9 vs. Shelbyville
- Most 3-pointers: 11, 2/10 vs. Connersville
- Best FG %: .667 (30-45) 1/19 vs. Roncalli
- Best FT %: 1.000 (6-6) 12/29 vs. Newport (4-4) 3/1 vs. Pendleton Hts; .959 23-24) 2/9 vs. Shelbyville
- Best 3pt %: .563 (9-16) 1/19 vs. Roncalli

**INDIVIDUAL**

- Points in a game: 44, Julius Gizzi 2/17 vs. Whiteland
- Rebounds in a game: 16, Julius Gizzi 2/17 vs. Whiteland
- Assists in a game: 14, Moses Haynes 2/6 at Guerin Catholic
- Steals in a game: 8, Moses Haynes 12/30 vs. Bethesda Christian
- Blocks in a game: 4, Ben Slagley 12/15 at New Castle; Ben Slagley 12/30 vs. Bethesda Christian; Ben Slagley 2/3 at Southport
- Most 3-pointers: 7, Moses Haynes 2/23 at Greenwood
- Most FG: 19, Julius Gizzi 2/17 vs. Whiteland
- Most FT: 15, Julius Gizzi 12/16 at Franklin Central; 2/9 vs. Shelbyville
- Best 3-point %: .875 (7-8) Moses Haynes 2/23 at Greenwood (min. 5 att.)
- Best FG%: 1.000 (9-9) Julius Gizzi 1/20 vs. Franklin, (7-7) Ben Slagley 12/30 vs. Pike Central; (5-5) Austin McMahan 1/5 vs. Delta
- Best FT: 1.000 (15-15) Julius Gizzi 2/9 vs. Shelbyville (min. 5 att)

**THE LAST TIME**

- NP scored 80-90 points:** 12/29/23 vs. Jennings County (W 83-59)
- NP scored 90+ points:** 12/30/23 vs. Pike Central (W 91-48)

**NP scored 100+ points:** 12/15/89: vs. Waldron (W 105-89)

**NP allowed 35- points:** 12/2/23 vs. Rushville (W 70-32)

**NP allowed 30- points:** 1/30/16 at Yorktown (W 49-23)

**NP allowed 20- points:** 12/9/11 vs. Greenfield-Central (W 63-19)

**NP won by 30-39 points:** 12/2/23 vs. Rushville (W 70-32)

**NP won by 40+ points:** 2/10/24 vs. Connersville (W 86-39)

**NP scored 30 points in a quarter:** 12/28/21 vs. Metropolitan (31 points in 4th quarter of 93-62 victory)

**NP played in OT:** 1/8/22 at Southport (L 57-62)

**A Dragon scored 20 points in a quarter:** Julius Gizzi (20 in 3rd quarter) 12/29/23 vs. Jennings County

**A Dragon scored 25-30 points:** Julius Gizzi (27) 2/20/24 at Mt. Vernon

**A Dragon scored 30-39 points:** Julius Gizzi (34) 2/10/24 vs. Connersville

**A Dragon scored 40-45 points:** Julius Gizzi (44) 2/17/24 vs. Whiteland

**A Dragon scored 45+ points:** Ryan Curry 2/6/15 at Shelbyville (46, school record)

**A Dragon scored 30+ points in 2 consecutive games:** Julius Gizzi 2/10/24 vs. Connersville (34); 2/17/24 vs. Whiteland (44)

**A Dragon scored 30+ points in 5 consecutive games:** Julius Gizzi 12/30/23 vs. Pike Central (30), 1/5/24 vs. Delta (34), 1/12/24 vs. Pendleton Hts. (35), 1/16/24 at Richmond (33), 1/19/24 vs. Roncalli (36)

**A Dragon had 10+ assists:** Moses Haynes 2/9/24 vs. Shelbyville (10)

**A Dragon had 10+ assists in consecutive games:** Moses Haynes 2/6/24 vs. Guerin Catholic (14) & 2/9/24 vs. Shelbyville (10)

**A Dragon had 10-14 rebounds:** Julius Gizzi 2/23/24 at Greenwood (13)

**A Dragon had 15-19 rebounds:** Julius Gizzi 2/17/24 vs. Whiteland (16)

**A Dragon had 20+ rebounds:** Dawson Eastes 3/6/20 vs. Mt. Vernon (22)

**A Dragon had 30+ rebounds:** Gary Mithoefer 1/31/69 at Marshall (33)

**A Dragon recorded a double-double:** Julius Gizzi (17 points/13 rebounds) 2/23/24 at Greenwood

Moses Haynes (17 points/14 assists) 2/6/24 at Guerin Catholic (points/assists)

**A Dragon recorded double-doubles in consecutive games:** Julius Gizzi 2/10/24 vs. Connersville (34 points/12 rebounds); 2/17/24 vs. Whiteland (44 points/16 rebounds); 2/20/24 at Mt. Vernon (27 points/13 rebounds); 2/23/24 at Greenwood (17 points/13 rebounds)

**Two Dragons scored 20 points in a game:** Julius Gizzi (34) & Moses Haynes (21) 2/10/24 vs. Connersville

**Two Dragons scored 30 points in a game:** Ed Wheeler (30) & Tom Williams (30) 11/1/55 at St. Paul

**Three Dragons scored 20 points in a game:** Justin Ikerd (25), Michael Morris (24) and Ryan Curry (24) 11/30/12 at Center Grove

**Four Dragons scored in double figures:** Ian Stephens (14), Blaine Nunnally (12), Moses Haynes (10) & Ben Slagley (10) 1/30/23 vs. Lawrence North.

**Five Dragons scored in double figures:** Ian Stephens (17), Blaine Nunnally (14), Eian Roudebush (12), Julius Gizzi (11) & Ben Slagley (10) 12/16/22 vs. New Castle

**Two Dragons had 10 rebounds in a game:** Ben Slagley (11) & Julius Gizzi (10) 12/1/23 at Eastern Hancock

**Two Dragons had double-doubles a game:** Ben Slagley (19 points/11 rebounds) & Julius Gizzi (24 points/10 rebounds) 12/1/23 at Eastern Hancock

**RECORD BOOK**

**INDIVIDUAL**

**Single-game points:** Ryan Curry, 46 at Shelbyville 2/6/15

**Single-game rebounds:** Gary Mithoefer, 33 vs. Indianapolis Marshall 1/31/69

**Single-game points against:** Doug Linville, 50 at New Salem 1/30/65

**Points, consecutive games:** 74, Julius Gizzi vs. New Castle (31) 12/15/23 & Franklin Central (43) 12/16/23

**Season points:** 748, Julius Gizzi, 2023-24

**Season rebounds:** 302, Dan Shields, 1970-71

**Season assists:** 171, Moses Haynes, 2023-24

**Season steals:** 46, Pat Feeney, 2009-10

**Season blocks:** 135, John Allison, 1996-97

**Career points:** 1,612, Maximus Gizzi 2016-20

**Career rebounds:** 767, Dick Pruet, 1960-63

**Career assists:** 423, Blaine Nunnally, 2019-23

**Career steals:** 115, Maximus Gizzi 2016-20

**Career blocks:** 371, John Allison, 1994-98 (state record)

**Indiana All-Star:** John Allison, 1998

**TEAM**

**Single-game points:** 120 vs. St. Paul, 2/10/67 (W 120-67).

**Single-game rebounds:** 67 vs. Arlington 2/12/66

**Single-game points, both teams:** 194 vs. Waldron 2/18/89 (W 105-89)

**Points, consecutive games:** 229 vs. Morton Memorial (109-74) and St. Paul (120-67), 2/4 & 2/10/67.

**Victory margin:** 64, vs. Lutheran (92-28), 12/2/85

**SECTIONAL TITLISTS**

The Dragons have won 10 sectional championships. Their tourney trails.

**2023 (4A Muncie Central sectional):** beat Pendleton Heights 48-35, beat Mt. Vernon 71-57. (Southport regional): lost to Brownsburg 66-39. Final record 23-3. Coach Trent Whitaker.

**2020 (4A Muncie Central sectional):** beat Mt. Vernon 59-40, beat Muncie Central 54-53. Final record 14-12. Coach Trent Whitaker. *Regional canceled due to COVID-19 restrictions.*

**2019 (4A Richmond sectional):** beat Greenfield-Central 60-45, beat Connersville 56-47, beat Mt. Vernon 61-43. (Southport regional): beat Avon 64-59, lost to Ben Davis 53-47. Final record 18-9. Coach Trent Whitaker.

**2012 (4A Center Grove sectional):** beat Franklin 51-45, beat Whiteland 61-60, beat Franklin Central 58-51. (Shelbyville regional): lost to Castle 69-58. Final record 17-7. Coach Adam Barton.

**2011 (3A New Palestine sectional):** beat Hamilton Heights 77-74, beat Shelbyville 66-55. (Shelbyville regional): lost to Batesville 56-48. Final record 11-12. Coach Adam Barton.

**2009 (3A Hamilton Heights sectional):** beat Shelbyville 46-41, beat Hamilton Heights 59-53. (Shelbyville regional): lost to North Montgomery 62-49. Final record 9-14. Coach Adam Barton.

**1997 (Greenfield-Central sectional):** beat Eastern Hancock 72-47, beat Mt. Vernon 63-60, beat Pendleton Heights 61-46. (Anderson regional): lost to Delta 63-51. Final record 13-11. Coach Brian Kehrt.

**1989 (Greenfield-Central sectional):** beat Mt. Vernon 80-79, 2OT; beat Eastern Hancock 64-61. (New Castle regional): beat Greensburg 80-69, lost to Muncie South 86-83, OT. Final record 21-3. Coach Carl Hughes.

**1980 (Greenfield-Central sectional):** beat Mt. Vernon 37-34, beat Greenfield-Central 61-54. (New Castle regional): lost to Muncie Central 63-45. Final record 13-10. Coach Ed Frieje.

**1957 (Greenfield sectional):** beat Mt. Comfort 88-71, beat Franklin Central 78-60, beat Charlottesville 67-64. (Indianapolis regional): lost to Elwood 80-68. Final record 19-6. Coach Wally Cones.



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## 2023-24 BOXES

### DRAGONS 70, GREENWOOD 52 Friday, Feb. 23 at Greenwood HS

**NEW PALESTINE (19-5):** Haynes 8-9 1-2 24, Gizzi 5-13 7-7 17, McMahan 4-4 0-0 8, Armstrong 2-5 0-0 5, Guhl 2-3 1-2 5, Harrison 1-2 2-2 4, Mahurin 2-2 0-0 4, Darrah 1-4 1-1 3, Study 0-3 0-0 0, Hamblen 0-1 0-0 0, Seib 0-1 0-0 0, Atkinson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-49 12-14 70

**GREENWOOD (8-14):** O'Neal 7-11 0-0 18, Mosemann 7-21 2-2 17, Ollanketo 2-7 0-0 5, Doolin 2-5 0-0 5, Thompson 0-0 3-4 3, Sheets 1-4 0-0 2, Worgess 1-3 0-0 2, King 0-3 0-0 0, Ortman 0-5 0-0 0. Totals 20-59 5-6 52.

**New Palestine 14 16 26 14 -- 70**  
**Greenwood 12 8 14 18 -- 52**

**3-point goals:** NP 8-16 (Haynes 7-8, Armstrong 1-3, Darrah 0-3, Gizzi 0-1, Seib 0-1), G 7-31 (O'Neal 4-7, Mosemann 1-8, Ollanketo 1-5, Doolin 1-3, Ortman 0-5, King 0-1, Sheets 0-1, Worgess 0-1)

### MT. VERNON 66, DRAGONS 44

#### Tuesday, Feb. 20 at Mt. Vernon HS

**NEW PALESTINE (18-5, 5-2):** Gizzi 8-24 11-12 27, Haynes 2-7 2-3 8, Darrah 1-4 0-0 3, Armstrong 1-5 0-0 2, Guhl 1-1 0-0 2, Hamblen 1-1 0-0 2, Harrison 0-1 0-2 0, McMahan 0-1 0-0 0, Seib 0-0 0-0 0, Mahurin 0-1 0-0 0, Atkinson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 14-45 13-17 44.

**MT. VERNON (14-8, 5-1):** Parra 4-7 2-2 14, Smith 4-7 4-5 14, Ertel 3-10 4-4 11, Teschendorf 4-9 2-4 10, Daugherty 2-4 2-2 6, Davis 2-4 0-2 4, Wells 2-3 0-0 4, Fitzgerald 1-3 0-0 3, Cross 0-0 0-0 0, Vise 0-0 0-0 0, Guerre 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-47 14-19 66.

**New Palestine 10 9 13 12 -- 44**  
**Mt. Vernon 16 16 24 10 -- 66**

**3-point goals:** NP 3-21 (Haynes 2-6, Darrah 1-4, Gizzi 0-7, Armstrong 0-2, McMahan 0-1, Mahurin 0-1), MV 8-21 (Parra 4-7, Smith 2-4, Ertel 1-4, Fitzgerald 1-3, Daugherty 0-1, Teschendorf 0-1, Wells 0-1)

### DRAGONS 76, WHITELAND 75

#### Saturday, Feb. 17 at New Palestine HS

**WHITELAND (12-10):** McLaughlin 11-17 3-5 28, Banwait 7-14 1-1 19, Edwards 6-14 0-0 14, Stubbe 2-5 6-8 10, Gillespie 1-2 0-0 2, Akol 1-1 0-0 2, Randolph 0-1 0-0 0, Hurt 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-54 10-14 75.

**NEW PALESTINE (18-4):** Gizzi 19-36 5-5 44, Haynes 3-7 2-2 9, McMahan 2-2 3-4 7, Harrison 2-4 1-2 5, Guhl 2-2 0-0 4, Darrah 1-6 1-3 4, Armstrong 1-7 0-0 3. Totals 30-64 12-16 76.

**Whiteland 18 15 13 29 -- 75**  
**New Palestine 19 16 23 18 -- 76**

**3-point goals:** W 9-21 (Banwait 4-6, McLaughlin 3-4, Edwards 2-7, Stubbe 0-2, Randolph 0-1, Gillespie 0-1), NP 4-20 (Gizzi 1-7, Darrah 1-6, Armstrong 1-4, Haynes 1-3)

### DRAGONS 86, CONNERSVILLE 39

#### Saturday, Feb. 10 at New Palestine HS

**CONNERSVILLE (5-16):** Hornsby 4-7 0-0 8, Williams 3-5 0-0 8, Davidson 2-6 3-4 7, Cloyd 2-3 0-0 6, McHenry 2-8 0-0 5, Rees 2-4 0-0 5, Hurley 0-5 0-0 0, Wilson 0-1 0-0 0, Garrett 0-1 0-0 0, Young 0-0 0-0 0, Bentley 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 15-40 3-6 39.

**NEW PALESTINE (17-4):** Gizzi 10-15 8-11 34, Haynes 7-11 4-4 21, Slagley 4-4 1-1 9, Harrison 2-7 1-1 5, McMahan 2-2 1-3 5, Guhl 2-3 0-0 4, Darrah 1-2 0-0 3, Seib 1-2 0-0 3, Armstrong 1-1 0-1 2, Mahurin 0-2 0-0 0, Parrett 0-1 0-0 0, Atkinson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-50 15-21 86.

**Connerville 9 19 9 2 -- 39**  
**New Palestine 25 23 27 11 -- 86**

**3-point goals:** C 6-16 (Cloyd 2-3, Williams 2-2, McHenry 1-4, Rees 1-2, Hurley 0-3, Wilson 0-1, Garrett 0-1), NP 11-20 (Gizzi 6-7, Haynes 3-6, Darrah 1-2, Seib 1-1, Harrison 0-2, Mahurin 0-1, Parrett 0-1).

### DRAGONS 72, SHELBYVILLE 52

#### Friday, Feb. 9 at New Palestine HS

**SHELBYVILLE (11-7, 1-5):** Claxton 5-10 2-2 14, Nicholson 5-10 3-4 13, Badgley 3-9 0-0 8, Myers 2-5 2-2 6, Schene 2-2 1-2 5, Lambert 1-2 2-3 4, Brinkman 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 19-42 10-13 52..

**NEW PALESTINE (16-4, 5-1):** Gizzi 5-16 15-15 26, Slagley 3-9 5-6 11, Darrah 3-5 0-0 9, Haynes 2-6 3-3 8, Armstrong 2-3 0-0 6, McMahan 3-5 0-0 6, Harrison 2-2 0-0 4, Guhl 1-2 0-0 2, Hamblen 0-0 0-0 0, Seib 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-48 23-24 72.

**Shelbyville 11 14 18 9 -- 52**  
**New Palestine 11 23 20 18 -- 72**

**3-point goals:** S 4-14 (Badgley 2-6, Claxton 2-6, Brinkman 0-1, Myers 0-1), NP 7-17 (Darrah 3-4, Armstrong 2-3, Gizzi 1-5, Haynes 1-4, Slagley 0-1)

### DRAGONS 63, GUERIN CATHOLIC 61

#### Tuesday, Feb. 6 at Guerin Catholic HS

**NEW PALESTINE (15-4):** Gizzi 5-14 6-7 17, Haynes 6-12 0-0 17, Slagley 8-9 0-1 16, McMahan 3-3 1-2 7, Armstrong 1-2 0-0 2, Harrison 1-3 0-0 2, Guhl 1-1 0-0 2, Darrah 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-45 7-10 63.

**GUERIN CATHOLIC (15-7):** Cherry 5-7 4-4 16, Sorenson 5-12 0-2 15, Cardinal 5-12 1-4 13, Caron 5-6 0-0 10, Grissom 2-5 0-0 5, Paris 1-1 0-0 2, Houze 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-45 5-10 61.

**New Palestine 23 10 23 7 -- 63**  
**Guerin Catholic 16 17 14 14 -- 61**

**3-point goals:** NP 6-15 (Haynes 5-10, Gizzi 1-2, Armstrong 0-1, Harrison 0-1, Darrah 0-1), GC 10-21 (Sorenson 5-10, Cardinal 2-4, Cherry 2-2, Grissom 1-3, Houze 0-2).

### DRAGONS 73, SOUTHPORT 60

#### Saturday, Feb. 3 at Southport Fieldhouse

**NEW PALESTINE (14-4):** Gizzi 13-24 8-11 37, Haynes 4-9 0-0 11, McMahan 5-7 0-0 10, Armstrong 3-5 0-0 7, Slagley 3-6 1-3 7, Harrison 0-1 1-2 1, Darrah 0-2 0-0 0, Guhl 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 28-55 10-16 73

**SOUTHPORT (6-10):** Turner 5-13 2-2 16, Johnson 5-16 4-4 15, Cousins 2-3 5-5 11, Wolsiffer 2-4 2-2 7, Kalala 2-8 3-4 7, Brewer 0-5 1-2 1, Compton 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 17-57 17-19 60.

**New Palestine 18 11 19 25 -- 73**  
**Southport 18 12 15 15 -- 60**

**3-point goals:** NP 7-16 (Gizzi 3-7, Haynes 3-6, Armstrong 1-2, Darrah 0-1), S 9-24 (Turner 4-7, Cousins 2-3, Johnson 1-5, Wolsiffer 1-3, Glenn 1-2, Brewer 0-3).

### DRAGONS 71, PERRY MERIDIAN 52

#### Thursday, Feb. 1 at New Palestine HS

**PERRY MERIDIAN (4-15):** Towns 8-15 6-7 23, Mathis 6-10 3-4 15, Sibanda 2-6 0-0 5, Hohlt 1-6 0-0 3, Terrell 1-1 0-0 2, Brewer 1-5 0-0 2, Ingram 1-2 0-0 2, Barker 0-2 0-0 0, Phillips 0-1 0-0 0, Cox 0-0 0-0 0, Rhodes 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-48 9-11 52.

**NEW PALESTINE (13-4):** Gizzi 10-19 5-7 27, Slagley 4-4 1-1 11, Haynes 3-7 0-0 8, Darrah 2-7 1-1 7, Guhl 3-3 0-0 6, Mahurin 2-2 0-0 4, Armstrong 1-4 0-0 2, McMahan 1-2 0-0 2, Seib 1-2 0-0 2, Atkinson 0-0 2-2 2, Hamblen 0-1 0-0 0, Harrison 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-50 9-11 71

**Perry Meridian 13 13 12 14 -- 52**  
**New Palestine 24 13 16 18 -- 71**

**3-point goals:** PM 3-23 (Sibanda 1-5, Hohlt 1-5, Towns 1-4, Mathis 0-4, Brewer 0-2, Phillips 0-1, Barker 0-1, Ingram 0-1), NP 8-24 (Gizzi 2-9, Haynes 2-6, Darrah 2-5, Slagley 2-2, Seib 0-1, Armstrong 0-1)

### DRAGONS 66, YORKTOWN 58

#### Friday, Jan. 26 at Yorktown HS

**NEW PALESTINE (12-4, 4-1):** Gizzi 11-21 8-9 31, McMahan 7-10 0-0 14, Slagley 4-5 0-0 9, Harrison 3-3 0-0 7, Haynes 0-2 5-6 5, Armstrong 0-2 0-0 0, Darrah 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 25-46 13-15 66.

**YORKTOWN (9-7, 1-4):** Tewari 7-15 2-2 20, Moulton 8-12 0-0 16, Barnes 4-6 1-3 10, Tyler 3-8 0-1 7, Isaacs 2-5 0-0 5, Rowray 0-3 0-0 0, Kates 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 24-52 3-6 58.

**New Palestine 14 17 19 16 -- 66**  
**Yorktown 13 9 18 18 -- 58**

**3-point goals:** NP 3-11 (Gizzi 1-2, Harrison 1-1, Slagley 1-1, Darrah 0-3, Haynes 0-2, McMahan 0-1, Armstrong 0-1), Y 7-23 (Tewari 4-10, Isaacs 1-3, Tyler 1-2, Barnes 1-2, Kates 0-3, Rowray 0-3)

### LAWRENCE NORTH 57, DRAGONS 48

#### Wednesday, Jan. 24 at Jack Keefer Gym

**NEW PALESTINE (11-4):** Gizzi 12-26 10-12 36, Harrison 2-7 0-0 5, Armstrong 1-3 0-0 3, Slagley 1-5 0-0 2, McMahan 1-4 0-0 2, Darrah 0-3 0-0 0, Guhl 0-1 0-0 0, Mahurin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 17-49 10-12 48.

**LAWRENCE NORTH (16-0):** Robinson 7-20 6-10 21, McGrew 4-7 2-4 10, Miller 2-6 4-4 8, Bowles 3-7 0-2 7, Baker 1-9 4-4 7, Webster 1-3 1-2 3, Hampton 0-6 1-4 1, Thomas 0-2 0-0 0, Bell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-60 18-30 57.

**New Palestine 18 8 15 7 -- 48**  
**Lawrence North 17 4 17 19 -- 57**

**3-point goals:** NP 4-16 (Gizzi 2-7, Armstrong 1-3, Harrison 1-2, Darrah 0-3, McMahan 0-1), LN 3-24 (Baker 1-9, Robinson 1-7, Bowles 1-3, Hampton 0-3, Thomas 0-1, McGrew 0-1)

### FRANKLIN 81, DRAGONS 67

#### Saturday, Jan. 20 at New Palestine HS

**FRANKLIN (12-2):** Davis 8-17 9-13 26, Hunter 7-14 2-4 20, Nelson 7-10 1-2 15, Zahm 5-6 0-0 10, Street 3-9 0-0 8, Razor 1-2 0-0 2, Bravard 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 31-60 12-19 81.

**NEW PALESTINE (11-3):** Gizzi 8-22 9-9 25, Haynes 7-11 1-1 21, Slagley 3-9 3-4 9, Armstrong 3-5 0-0 8, Harrison 1-2 0-0 2, McMahan 1-2 0-0 2, Darrah 0-2 0-0 0, Guhl 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-53 13-14 67

**Franklin 16 16 22 27 -- 81**  
**New Palestine 24 9 12 22 -- 67**

**3-point goals:** F 7-23 (Hunter 4-7, Street 2-7, Davis 1-6, Bravard 0-2, Razor 0-1), NP 8-23 (Haynes 6-10, Armstrong 2-4, Gizzi 0-6, Darrah 0-2, McMahan 0-1)

### DRAGONS 77, RONCALLI 60

#### Friday, Jan. 19 at New Palestine HS

**RONCALLI (7-5):** Keggeris 6-12 3-3 18, Taylor 5-5 3-6 13, Schmaltz 4-7 0-0 10, Greene 3-6 0-0 9, Hegwood 2-5 2-6 7, Kesler 1-5 1-2 3, Lauck 0-0 0-0 0, Elsener 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-40 9-17 60.

**NEW PALESTINE (11-2):** Gizzi 13-18 7-8 36, Haynes 7-10 0-0 19, Darrah 2-3 1-1 6, Slagley 3-6 0-0 6, McMahan 2-2 0-0 4, Guhl 1-1 0-0 2, Armstrong 1-2 0-0 2, Seib 1-1 0-0 2, Harrison 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 30-45 8-9 77.

**Roncalli 9 17 18 18 -- 60**  
**New Palestine 20 17 24 16 -- 77**

**3-point goals:** R 11-23 (Keggeris 3-6, Greene 3-6, Schmaltz 2-4, Taylor 2-2, Hegwood 1-3, Kesler 0-2), NP 9-16 (Haynes 5-7, Gizzi 3-4, Darrah 1-2, Armstrong 0-1, Harrison 0-1, Slagley 0-1)



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## 2023-24 BOXES (cont.)

**DRAGONS 63, RICHMOND 59**  
**Tuesday, Jan. 16 at Tiernan Center**  
**NEW PALESTINE (10-2):** Gizzi 10-22 11-16 33, Haynes 4-6 2-4 13, Harrison 3-4 0-1 7, McMahan 2-2 0-0 5, Slagley 1-7 1-3 3, Armstrong 1-2 0-0 2, Darrah 0-0 0-0 0, Guhl 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-43 14-24 63.

**RICHMOND (16-1):** Horton 11-23 5-8 27, Carpenter 4-14 5-6 13, Hogg 3-9 2-2 8, J.Smith 2-6 0-0 6, Deloney 1-2 0-0 2, Hicks 1-2 1-2 3, Haynes 0-2 0-0 0, D.Smith 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-58 13-18 59.

**New Palestine 12 18 18 15 -- 63**  
**Richmond 14 13 20 12 -- 59**

**3-point goals:** NP 7-14 (Haynes 3-5, Gizzi 2-4, Harrison 1-2, McMahan 1-1 Armstrong 0-1, Slagley 0-1), R 2-21 (J.Smith 20-6, Carpenter 0-7, Horton 0-5, Deloney 0-1, Hogg 0-1, Haynes 0-1).

### DRAGONS 57, PENDLETON HTS. 54

**Friday, Jan. 12 at New Palestine HS**  
**PENDLETON HEIGHTS (6-8, 0-2):** Gustin 6-13 4-4 17, LaRavia 6-8 2-2 17, Sims 3-7 0-0 8, Braxton 1-3 2-2 4, Cookston 2-3 0-0 4, Mozingo 1-8 2-2 4, Wilson 0-3 0-0 0, Singh 0-0 0-0 0, Caplinger 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-45 10-10 54

**NEW PALESTINE (9-2, 3-1):** Gizzi 10-20 12-14 35, Haynes 3-9 0-0 7, Darrah 2-3 1-3 7, Armstrong 1-3 0-0 3, Slagley 1-0 1-2 3, Harrison 1-5 0-0 2, McMahan 0-1 0-0 0, Guhl 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 18-51 14-19 57.

**Pendleton Hts. 20 14 10 10 -- 54**  
**New Palestine 9 24 15 9 -- 57**

**3-point goals:** PH 6-17 (LaRavia 3-4, Sims 2-2, Gustin 1-2, Mozingo 0-1 0-0, Wilson 0-3, Cookston 0-1), NP 7-22 (Gizzi 3-7, Darrah 2-3, Haynes 1-6, Armstrong 1-3, Harrison 0-2, McMahan 0-1)

### DRAGONS 62, DELTA 54

**Friday, Jan. 5 at New Palestine HS**  
**DELTA (10-2, 1-1):** Hood 13-21 2-7 35, Wors 3-11 2-4 8, Edwards 2-3 1-2 5, Jo.Furney 2-6 0-1 4, Jones 1-1 0-0 2, Bond 0-1 0-0 0, Manor 0-2 0-0 0, Ja.Furney 7 0-6 0-0 0. Totals 21-51 4-12 54.

**NEW PALESTINE (8-2, 2-1):** Gizzi 11-18 11-13 34, Slagley 8-13 0-1 16, McMahan 5-5 0-1 10, Haynes 1-5 0-0 2, Armstrong 0-1 0-0 0, Harrison 0-0 0-0 0, Darrah 0-0 0-0 0, Guhl 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-42 11-15 62.

**Delta 15 11 12 16 -- 54**  
**New Palestine 14 13 17 18 -- 62**

**3-point goals:** D 8-19 (Hood 7-10, Edwards 1-2, Ja.Furney 0-3, Jo.Furney 0-2, Wors 0-1, Manor 0-1), NP 1-7 (Gizzi 1-3, Haynes 0-3, Armstrong 0-1)

### DRAGONS 91, PIKE CENTRAL 48

**Ray Furney Classic 5th place game**  
**Saturday, Dec. 30 at Lawrenceburg HS**  
**NEW PALESTINE (7-2):** Gizzi 11-20 3-4 30, Slagley 7-7 2-3 16, Haynes 3-7 2-2 9, Armstrong 3-5 0-0 8, Harrison 4-9 0-0 8, Seib 3-5 0-0 6, Guhl 2-4 1-2 5, McMahan 2-5 0-0 4, Adam 1-1 0-0 3, Atkinson 1-1 0-1 2, Mahurin 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 37-65 8-12 91.

**PIKE CENTRAL (4-7):** Gish 6-12 0-0 13, Ridao 4-10 3-4 12, Huchel 4-5 0-1 8, Frederick 2-3 0-0 6, Morton 2-9 1-4 5, Dawson 1-2 0-0 2, Meadors 1-1 0-0 2, Mason 0-6 0-0 0. Totals 20-48 4-9 48.

**New Palestine 25 22 27 17 -- 91**  
**Pike Central 9 13 16 10 -- 48**

**3-point goals:** NP 9-18 (Gizzi 5-7, Armstrong 2-3, Haynes 1-4, Adam 1-1, Seib 0-1, Guhl 0-1, Mahurin 0-1), PC 4-16 (Frederick 2-2, Ridao 1-3, Gish 1-2, Mason 0-6, Morton 0-3)

### DRAGONS 69, BETHESDA CHRISTIAN 49

**Ray Furney Classic silver bracket**  
**Saturday, Dec. 30 at Greendale MS, Lwrnsbrg**  
**BETHESDA CHRISTIAN (3-6):** S.Mlagan 6-14 4-4 17, Tierney 2-8 6-10 10, Jackson 3-4 0-0 6, Knisley 2-3 0-2 6, I.Mlagan 1-7 0-0 2, Johnson 1-8 0-0 2, Payne 1-1 0-0 2, Brann 1-3 0-0 2, Endress 0-1 2-2 2, Hines 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 17-51 12-18 49

**NEW PALESTINE (6-2):** Gizzi 8-21 6-9 24, Haynes 5-8 0-0 14, McMahan 2-2 2-3 6, Guhl 3-3 0-0 6, Harrison 3-4 0-2 6, Mahurin 2-3 0-0 5, Slagley 2-6 0-0 5, Armstrong 1-5 0-0 3, Seib 0-1 0-0 0, Atkinson 0-0 0-0 0, Adam 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-53 8-14 69.

**Bethesda Chr. 14 7 12 16 -- 49**  
**New Palestine 11 16 22 20 -- 69**

**3-point goals:** BC 3-18 (Knisley 2-3, S.Mlagan 1-5, Tierney 0-4, I.Mlagan 0-3, Johnson 0-3), NP 9-22 (Haynes 4-7, Gizzi 2-6, Armstrong 1-5, Slagley 1-2, Mahurin 1-1, Seib 0-1)

### NEWPORT (KY.) 72, DRAGONS 66

**Ray Furney Classic pool play**  
**Friday, Dec. 29 at Lawrenceburg HS**  
**NEW PALESTINE (5-2):** Gizzi 13-25 5-5 35, Haynes 4-9 0-0 11, Slagley 4-9 1-1 10, Harrison 3-3 0-0 6, McMahan 2-3 0-0 4, Armstrong 0-2 0-0 0, Guhl 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-51 6-6 66.

**NEWPORT (KY.) (10-3):** Kinney 5-10 6-6 16, Covington 5-8 5-5 16, Jackson 7-10 0-0 15, Turner 4-7 4-6 13, Anderson 1-2 3-4 5, Silverton 2-2 0-0 5, Starks 1-3 0-0 2, Lowe 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-42 18-21 72..

**New Palestine 15 16 18 17 -- 66**  
**Newport (Ky.) 22 19 14 17 -- 72**

**3-point goals:** NP 8-19 (Gizzi 4-10, Haynes 3-6, Slagley 1-1, Armstrong 0-1, McMahan 0-1), N 4-8 (Turner 1-2, Covington 1-2, Jackson 1-2, Silverton 1-2, Kinney 0-3)

### DRAGONS 83, JENNINGS COUNTY 59

**Ray Furney Classic pool play**  
**Friday, Dec. 29 at Greendale MS, Lwrncbrg**  
**JENNINGS COUNTY (4-6):** Kent 9-19 4-5 26, Millspaugh 5-11 0-0 13, Sigler 3-9 0-0 9, Byford 1-5 3-4 5, Hacker 1-6 0-2 3, Juraskovich 1-3 0-0 3, Barnes 0-1 0-0 0, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Earl 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-53 7-11 59..

**NEW PALESTINE (5-1):** Gizzi 12-17 2-2 30, Haynes 6-8 0-0 16, Slagley 6-7 0-0 12, Harrison 4-7 0-0 9, Armstrong 3-4 0-0 6, McMahan 1-3 1-2 4, Guhl 2-6 0-0 4, Mahurin 0-1 0-0 0, Seib 1-3 0-2 4, Atkinson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-56 3-8 83.

**Jennings Co. 16 10 13 20 -- 59**  
**New Palestine 22 18 28 15 -- 83**

**3-point goals:** JC 12-40 (Kent 4-12, Sigler 3-9, Millspaugh 3-9, Hacker 1-5, Juraskovich 1-3, Byford 0-1, Barnes 0-1), NP 10-19 (Gizzi 4-6, Haynes 4-5, Harrison 1-4, McMahan 1-2, Mahurin 0-1, Armstrong 0-1)

### DRAGONS 75, FRANKLIN CENTRAL 56

**Saturday, Dec. 16 at Franklin Central HS**  
**NEW PALESTINE (4-1):** Gizzi 13-22 15-17 43, Darrah 2-5 3-3 9, Slagley 2-3 4-4 8, Haynes 3-6 0-1 6, McMahan 2-6 1-2 5, Armstrong 1-2 0-0 2, Harrison 1-3 0-0 2, Mahurin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-47 23-27 75.

**FRANKLIN CENTRAL(2-5):** Hazelett 6-12 7-8 20, Edwards 4-8 0-0 12, Helm 4-9 2-2 10, Thompson 2-3 1-2 5, Smith 2-2 0-1 4, Moriarty 1-6 0-0 3, Mosky 1-4 0-0 2, Toliver 0-0 0-0 0, Back 0-3 0-0 0, Gloyeske 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 20-48 10-13 56.

**New Palestine 20 19 20 16 -- 75**  
**Franklin Central 20 12 13 11 -- 56**

**3-point goals:** NP 4-15 (Darrah 2-5, Gizzi 2-4, Haynes 0-3, Harrison 0-1, McMahan 0-1, Slagley 0-1), FC 6-23 (Edwards 4-7, Moriarty 1-5, Hazelett 1-5, Mosky 0-2, Back 0-1, Gloyeske 0-1, Helm 0-1, Thompson 0-1)

### DRAGONS 61, NEW CASTLE 60

**Friday, Dec. 15 at New Castle Fieldhouse**  
**NEW PALESTINE (3-1, 1-1):** Gizzi 14-23 1-3 31, Haynes 4-8 1-1 10, Slagley 4-9 1-1 9, McMahan 2-2 0-0 4, Harrison 1-1 2-2 4, Armstrong 1-3 0-0 3, Darrah 0-2 0-0 0, Mahurin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-48 5-7 61.

**NEW CASTLE (3-4, 0-2):** Griffin 5-9 0-0 15, Miller 5-8 2-3 14, Logston 6-9 0-0 14, Taylor 3-9 2-2 9, Butler 2-5 0-0 5, Blackford 1-2 0-0 3, Madden 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-42 4-5 60.

**New Palestine 14 17 15 15 -- 61**  
**New Castle 7 21 20 12 -- 60**

**3-point goals:** NP 4-15 (Gizzi 2-5, Haynes 1-4, Armstrong 1-3, Darrah 0-2, Slagley 0-1), NC 12-21 (Griffin 5-8, Miller 2-4, Logston 2-3, Butler 1-3, Taylor 1-2, Blackford 1-1)

### GREENFIELD-C. 58, DRAGONS 54

**Friday, Dec. 8 at New Palestine HS**  
**GREENFIELD-CENTRAL (4-0, 1-0):** Mullins 5-12 15-17 27, Willard 4-7 0-0 11, Freeman 4-6 1-3 11, B.Robertson 2-5 0-0 5, C.Robertson 1-2 0-0 2, Hinton 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 16-33 18-22 58.

**NEW PALESTINE (2-1, 0-1):** Gizzi 9-21 0-0 20, Slagley 4-6 4-7 12, Darrah 3-8 0-0 9, Haynes 3-6 0-0 8, McMahan 1-1 1-1 3, Harrison 1-2 0-0 2, Mahurin 0-0 0-0 0, Armstrong 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-44 5-8 54.

**Greenfield-C. 15 17 8 18 -- 58**  
**New Palestine 8 18 16 12 -- 54**

**3-point goals:** G-C 8-17 (Willard 3-5, Mullins 2-6, Freeman 2-4, B.Robertson 1-2), NP 7-20 (Darrah 3-8, Gizzi 2-7, Haynes 2-5).

### DRAGONS 70, RUSHVILLE 32

**Saturday, Dec. 2 at New Palestine HS**  
**RUSHVILLE (0-3):** Bowles 1-4 7-8 9, Cain 3-5 0-0 6, Zachery 2-4 1-1 5, Knight 2-3 0-0 4, Schelle 1-2 0-0 2, Jarman 1-2 0-2 2, Adams 1-1 0-0 2, Chase 1-6 0-0 2, Corn 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 12-28 8-11 32

**NEW PALESTINE (2-0):** Gizzi 8-14 2-2 20, Haynes 4-10 0-0 12, Darrah 3-5 1-2 9, McMahan 4-5 0-2 8, Harrison 3-7 1-2 7, Armstrong 2-5 0-0 6, Slagley 3-5 0-0 6, Mahurin 1-1 0-0 2, Guhl 0-2 0-0 0, Atkinson 0-1 0-0 0, Hamblen 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 28-56 4-8 70.

**Rushville 8 8 5 11 -- 32**  
**New Palestine 20 19 18 13 -- 70**

**3-point goals:** R 0-4 (Chase 0-2, Zachery 0-1, Schelle 0-1), NP 10-22 (Haynes 4-9, Armstrong 2-4, Gizzi 2-4, Darrah 2-3, Harrison 0-1, Atkinson 0-1).

### DRAGONS 71, EASTERN HANCOCK 47

**Friday, Dec. 1 at Eastern Hancock HS**  
**NEW PALESTINE (1-0):** Gizzi 11-19 1-3 24, Slagley 7-9 4-4 19, Armstrong 4-5 0-0 9, Darrah 2-4 2-2 7, Harrison 3-4 0-0 6, McMahan 2-2 0-0 4, Haynes 1-9 0-0 2, Mahurin 0-0 0-0 0, Guhl 0-0 0-0 0, Atkinson 0-0 0-0 0, Hamblen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-52 7-9 71.

**EASTERN HANCOCK (0-1):** Morris 9-14 1-4 20, Ruble 1-8 4-5 6, Willis 2-4 0-0 5, Manship 2-7 1-1 5, Halcomb 2-7 1-4 5, Shaw 1-2 0-0 2, Schilling 1-2 0-0 2, Powers 1-5 0-0 2, Wennen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-49 7-14 47..

**New Palestine 15 21 14 21 -- 71**  
**E. Hancock 10 9 12 16 -- 47**

**3-point goals:** NP 4-16 (Darrah 1-3, Gizzi 1-3, Armstrong 1-2, Slagley 1-1, Haynes 0-6, Harrison 0-1), EH 2-17 (Morris 1-3, Willis 1-1, Powers 0-3, Manship 0-3, Halcomb 0-3, Ruble 0-3)

**DRAGONS BASKETBALL | GREENFIELD-CENTRAL SECTIONAL**



**3**  
**Brady**  
**Armstrong**  
5'11 Sr. G

**GP/GS:** 26/26  
**Pts:** 3.7  
**Ast:** 0.7  
**FG:** 42 (38-90)  
**FT:** 0 (0-0)  
**Pts:** 9, 2x, 3/1/24 Pendleton Hts.  
**Reb:** 5, 1/24/24 Lawrence North  
**Ast:** 2, 5x, 3/1/24 Pendleton Hts.



**4**  
**Moses**  
**Haynes**  
5'9 Jr. G

**GP/GS:** 25/25  
**Pts:** 11.6  
**Ast:** 6.9  
**FG:** 51 (100-198)  
**FT:** 79 (23-29)  
**Pts:** 24, 2/23/24 Greenwood  
**Reb:** 5, 12/16/22 New Castle  
**Ast:** 14, 2/6/24 Guerin Cath.



**5**  
**Keagan**  
**Harrison**  
6'2 Jr. G/F

**GP/GS:** 26/5  
**Pts:** 4.0  
**Ast:** 0.9  
**FG:** 52 (45-86)  
**FT:** 47 (8-17)  
**Pts:** 9, 12/29/23 Jennings Co.  
**Reb:** 5, 4x, 2/23/24 Greenwood  
**Ast:** 3, 12/2/23 Rushville



**11**  
**Julius**  
**Gizzi**  
6'3 Jr. F/G

**GP/GS:** 26/26  
**Pts:** 28.8  
**Ast:** 2.3  
**FG:** 50 (258-512)  
**FT:** 83 (180-216)  
**Pts:** 44, 2/17/24 Whiteland  
**Reb:** 16, 2/17/24 Whiteland  
**Ast:** 6, 12/2/23 Rushville



**13**  
**Austin**  
**McMahan**  
6'3 Jr. G/F

**GP/GS:** 26/24  
**Pts:** 5.0  
**Ast:** 0.7  
**FG:** 69 (59-86)  
**FT:** 50 (11-22)  
**Pts:** 14, 1/26/24 Yorktown  
**Reb:** 10, 1/24/24 Lawrence North  
**Ast:** 3, 2x, 2/17/24 Whiteland



**14**  
**Evan**  
**Darrah**  
5'10 So. G

**GP/GS:** 22/0  
**Pts:** 4.0  
**Ast:** 0.4  
**FG:** 36 (27-75)  
**FT:** 69 (11-16)  
**Pts:** 9, 4x, 2/9/24 Shelbyville.  
**Reb:** 2, 5x, 3/1/24 Pendleton Hts.  
**Ast:** 2, 2/17/24 Whiteland



**15**  
**Rigg**  
**Mahurin**  
5'11 Jr. G

**GP/GS:** 14/0  
**Pts:** 1.1  
**Ast:** 0.6  
**FG:** 54 (7-13)  
**FT:** 0 (0-0)  
**Pts:** 5, 12/30/23 Bethesda Chr.  
**Reb:** 3, 2/10/24 Connersville  
**Ast:** 2, 3x, 2/10/24 Connersville



**21**  
**Alex**  
**Guhl**  
6'1 Jr. F

**GP/GS:** 24/1  
**Pts:** 1.8  
**Ast:** 0.5  
**FG:** 58 (21-36)  
**FT:** 50 (2-4)  
**Pts:** 6, 2x, 2/1/24 Perry Meridian  
**Reb:** 5, 2x, 2/17/24 Whiteland  
**Ast:** 2, 2x, 12/30/23 Pike Central



**24**  
**Ben**  
**Slagley**  
6'4 Jr. F

**GP/GS:** 23/23  
**Pts:** 9.5  
**Ast:** 3.7  
**FG:** 55 (84-153)  
**FT:** 71 (34-48)  
**Pts:** 22, 12/29/22 Gary 21st Cen  
**Reb:** 15, 1/21/23 Franklin  
**Ast:** 9, 12/29/23 Jennings Co.



**41**  
**Landon**  
**Seib**  
6'1 Jr. F

**GP/GS:** 9/0  
**Pts:** 1.7  
**Ast:** 0.3  
**FG:** 47 (7-15)  
**FT:** 0 (0-2)  
**Pts:** 6, 12/30/23 Pike Central  
**Reb:** 3, 12/29/23 Jennings Co.  
**Ast:** 1, 2x, 12/30/23 Pike Central

**20 Liam Atkinson**  
6'1 So. G/F

**GP:** 6  
**FG:** 1-2  
**Pts:** 1.3  
**3pt:** 0-1  
**Reb:** 0.2  
**FT:** 0-1

**22 Axtyn Hamblen**  
5'11 So. G

**GP:** 5  
**FG:** 1-4  
**Pts:** 0.4  
**3pt:** 0-0  
**Reb:** 0.6  
**FT:** 0-0

**33 Evan Study**  
6'0 So. F

**GP:** 4  
**FG:** 0-3  
**Pts:** 0.5  
**3pt:** 0-0  
**Reb:** 0.3  
**FT:** 2-2

**44 Sam Adam**  
6'0 So. F

**GP:** 3  
**FG:** 1-1  
**Pts:** 1.0  
**3pt:** 1-1  
**Reb:** 0.3  
**FT:** 0-0

**Eli Parrett**  
5'10 Fr. G

**GP:** 1  
**FG:** 0-1  
**Pts:** 0.0  
**3pt:** 0-1  
**Reb:** 0.2  
**FT:** 0-0

**Season totals**

**Pts:** 67.3  
**FG:** .509  
**653-1284**  
**OPONENTS**  
**Pts:** 56.7  
**FG:** .430  
**536-1246**  
**Reb:** 28.3  
**3pt:** .381  
**173-454**  
**Ast:** 15.5  
**FT:** .759  
**271-357**  
**TO:** 9.7  
**FT:** .687  
**237-345**

**2023-24 SCHEDULE (21-5, 5-2 HHC)**  
Dec. 1 at Eastern Hancock W 71-47  
Dec. 2 RUSHVILLE W 70-32  
Dec. 8 GREENFIELD-C.\* L 54-58  
Dec. 15 at New Castle\* W 61-60  
Dec. 16 at Franklin Central W 75-56  
Dec. 29 vs. Jennings Co.% W 83-59  
Dec. 29 vs. Newport (Ky).% L 66-72  
Dec. 30 vs. Bethesda Christian% W 69-49  
Dec. 30 vs. Pike Central% W 91-48  
Jan. 5 DELTA\* W 62-54  
Jan. 12 PENDLETON HTS.\* W 57-54  
Jan. 16 at Richmond W 63-59  
Jan. 19 RONCALLI W 77-60  
Jan. 20 FRANKLIN L 67-81  
Jan. 24 at Lawrence North L 48-57  
Jan. 26 at Yorktown\* W 66-58  
Feb. 1 PERRY MERIDIAN W 71-52  
Feb. 3 at Southport W 73-60  
Feb. 6 at Guerin Catholic W 63-61  
Feb. 9 SHELBYVILLE W 72-52  
Feb. 10 CONNERSVILLE W 86-39  
Feb. 17 WHITELAND W 76-75  
Feb. 20 at Mt. Vernon\* L 44-66  
Feb. 23 at Greenwood W 70-52  
Feb. 27 vs. Mt. Vernon\$ W 58-56  
March 1 vs. Pendleton Hts.\$ W 60-58  
\*Hoosier Heritage Conference game  
%-Lawrenceburg Holiday Tournament  
\$-Greenfield-Central sectional



**Trent**  
**Whitaker**

2023-24: 20-5  
2022-23: 23-3  
2021-22: 19-7  
2020-21: 14-9  
2019-20: 14-12  
2018-19: 18-9  
2017-18: 15-10  
2016-17: 7-17  
2015-16: 6-17  
Coach Whitaker is in his ninth season as the Dragons' varsity head coach, having entered this season leading NP to a 123-55 record since 2017, including three sectional titles, two HHC titles and the school's first regional game victory in 30 years. He spent 12 seasons as an assistant coach and was part of the 2013 HHC titlist and three sectional champs. Whitaker is an assistant AD at NPHS. He is a graduate of Eastern Hancock HS and Ball State University.

**COACHING STAFF**

**Head coach:** Trent Whitaker

HS: Eastern Hancock

College: Ball State

**Assistant coaches**

Mike Gizzi, Jordan Myers, Danny

Davison, Doug Pardue, Greg

Nicholson.

**CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY**

**Sectional championships (10):**

1957, 1980, 1989, 1997, 2009 (3A), 2011 (3A), 2012 (4A), 2019 (4A), 2020 (4A), 2023 (4A)

**Conference titles (12)**

**Hancock County:** 1957, 1959

**East Central:** 1967

**Big Blue River:** 1979, 1984, 1985, 1988

**Hoosier Heritage:** 2000, 2003, 2013, 2020, 2023

**RECORD BOOK**

**INDIVIDUAL**

Single-game points: Ryan Curry, 46 at Shelbyville

2/6/15

Single-game rebounds: Gary Mithoefer, 33 vs.

Indianapolis Marshall 1/31/69

Single-game points against: Doug Linville, 50 at New

Salem 1/30/65

**Season points:** 748, Julius Gizzi, 2023-24

Season rebounds: 302, Dan Shields, 1970-71

Season assists: 171, Moses Haynes, 2023-24

Season steals: 46, Pat Feeney, 2009-10

Season blocks: 135, John Allison, 1996-97

Career points: 1,612, Maximus Gizzi 2016-20

Career rebounds: 860, Tom Giles, 1975-79

Career assists: 423, Blaine Nunnally, 2019-23

Career steals: 115, Maximus Gizzi 2016-20

Career blocks: 371, John Allison, 1994-98 (state

record)

Indiana All-Star: John Allison, 1998

**TEAM**

Single-game points: 120 vs. St. Paul, 2/10/67 (New

Palestine 120, St. Paul 67).

Single-game rebounds: 67 vs. Arlington 2/12/66

Single-game points, both teams: 194 vs. Waldron

2/18/69 (105-89)

Points, consecutive games: 229 vs. Morton Memorial

(109-74) and St. Paul (120-67), 2/4 & 2/10/67.

Victory margin: 64, vs. Lutheran (92-28), 12/2/85