# NEW PALESTINE FOOTBALL

2014, 2018 & 2019 IHSAA state champion | 5-time state finalist | 23 conference titles | 13 sectional titles

OCT. 27, 2023 | vs. GREENFIELD-C. | SECTIONAL SEMI | KELSO STADIUM | 7 p.m.

# **SCHEDULES**

| <b>NEW PALESTINE (</b> | 8-2, 7-0 | HHC |
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|-----------|--|----------|
| Aug. 18   | at Westfield                                 | L 14-34  |
| Aug. 25   | at Decatur Central                           | L 42-43  |
| Sept. 1   | YORKTOWN*                                    | W 30-22  |
| Sept. 8   | MT. VERNON*                                  | W 63-39  |
| Sept. 15  | PENDLETON HEIGHTS*                           | W 34-14  |
| Sept. 22  | at Greenfield-Central*                       | W 21-14  |
| Sept. 29  | SHELBYVILLE*                                 | W 49-7   |
| Oct. 6    | NEW CASTLE*                                  | W 35-7   |
| Oct. 13   | at Delta*                                    | W 38-7   |
| IHSAA CI  | ass 4A Sectional 22                          |          |
| Oct. 20   | NEW CASTLE                                   | W 63-0   |
| Oct. 27   | GREENFIELD-CENTRAL                           | 7 p.m.   |
| *-Hoosier | Heritage Conference game                     |          |

# GREENFIELD-C. (9-1, 6-1 HHC)

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|--------------------------|---|
| MADISON                  | W 49-0  |
| at Greensburg            | W 57-0  |
| MT. VERNON*              | W 41-35   |
| at Pendleton Heights*    | W 43-38   |
| SHELBYVILLE*             | W 47-0  |
| NEW PALESTINE*           | L 14-21   |
| at Yorktown*             | W 35-30   |
| DELTA*                   | W 28-9  |
| at New Castle*           | W 44-20   |
| ass 4A Sectional 22      |   |
| PENDLETON HEIGHTS        | W 27-17   |
| at New Palestine         | 7 p.m.  |
| Heritage Conference game |   |
|                          | MADISON at Greensburg MT. VERNON* at Pendleton Heights* SHELBYVILLE* NEW PALESTINE* at Yorktown* DELTA* at New Castle* ass 4A Sectional 22 PENDLETON HEIGHTS at New Palestine |

# **HHC STANDINGS**

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|--------------------|------|------|--------|
| New Palestine      | 7-0  |      | 8-2    |
| Greenfield-Central | 6-1  | 1    | 9-1    |
| Pendleton Heights  | 5-2  | 2    | 7-3    |
| Delta              | 3-4  | 4    | 6-4    |
| Mt. Vernon         | 4-3  | 3    | 6-4    |
| Yorktown           | 2-5  | 5    | 5-5    |
| Shelbyville        | 1-6  | 6    | 3-7    |
| New Castle         | 0-7  | 7    | 1-9    |
| This week's weeks  |      |      |        |

Greenfield-C. at New Palestine, 7 p.m. (4A 22)
Beech Grove at Mt. Vernon, 7 p.m. (4A 22)

Yorktown at Delta, 7 p.m. (3A 28)

# **SECTIONAL 22**

Friday, Oct. 20

Greenfield-Central 27, Pendleton Heights 17

New Palestine 63. New Castle 0

Beech Grove 42, Muncie Central 28

Mt. Vernon 56, Richmond 21

Friday, Oct. 27

Greenfield-Central (9-1) at New Palestine (8-2)

Beech Grove (5-5) at Mt. Vernon (6-4)

Friday, Nov. 3

G-C/NP winner at BG/MV winner, 7 p.m.

# **CLASS 4A POLLS**

| IFCA                           | AP                                   |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. East Central                | <ol> <li>East Central</li> </ol>     |
| 2. Ev. Reitz                   | 2. Ev. Reitz                         |
| 3. New Palestine               | 3. New Palestine                     |
| 4. Greenfield-Central          | <ol><li>Greenfield-Central</li></ol> |
| <ol><li>Mississinewa</li></ol> | <ol><li>Mississinewa</li></ol>       |

# **FOLLOW THE GAME**

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(4A 3/3) NEW PALESTINE **DRAGONS** (8-2, 7-0 HHC) **HEAD COACH**: Kyle Ralph (11th season, 124-13). 2023 HHC champion

(4A 4/4) GREENFIELD-C. COUGARS (9-1, 6-1 HHC) HEAD COACH: Travis Nolting (5th season, 28-23; 13th overall, 88-51)

# **PREGAME NOTES**

# **SETTING THE SCENE**

- Two Top-5 teams meet in the sectional semifinal as the Dragons meet neighbor Greenfield-Central with a trip to the sectional final on the line. The Dragons have won two straight sectional titles and have played in six consecutive sectional championship games.
- This is a rematch of a game the Dragons won 21-14 at Clayton Myers Field in Week
   6. Grayson Thomas ran for 186 yards and two scores and Gavin Neal threw for 120 and a touchdown in that contest.
- The Dragons lead the all-time series 27-5 and have won 14 consecutive meetings dating to 2011. The two teams are meeting in the second week of the sectional for the second consecutive year. NP won a 33-9 decision last year in the sectional semifinal.
- NP has won seven sectional tiles in Coach Kyle Ralph's first 10 seasons and 13 overall.
- The Dragons won their ninth HHC title in 11 years earlier this season.

# **DRAGONS NOTES**

- The Dragons were efficient last week in a 63-0 victory over New Castle. It was the first shutout since a 56-0 victory over Shelbyville Sept. 30, 2022 and the largest victory margin since a 63-0 victory over Shelbyville Oct. 4, 2019. It was the 25th shutout in coach Kyle Ralph's 11 years. Last week marked the second time scoring 63 points in a game this season, as the Dragons also scored 63 in Week 4 against Mt. Vernon.
- The Red Rage was dominant last week, holding New Castle to minus-57 rushing yards and minus-26 yards of total offense. The Trojans had two first downs in the game and did not cross midfield. The Dragons had 4.5 sacks in the contest. Sophomore Cameron Rollyson had three sacks, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Liam Fuller had the Dragons' second defensive touchdown of the year with a 16-yard fumble return. Junior Michael Thacker had 5.5 tackles for loss among his seven stops.
- The Dragons spread the ball around last week en route to a 389-yard performance.
   Grayson Thomas ran for 142 yards and two touchdowns on 19 carries. Gavin Neal completed 10 of 15 passes for 147 yards and three scores. Kyler Kropp had 107 yards from scrimmage and two receiving touchdowns. Mason Oglesby also had a receiving TD. Malachi Haines and Bryan Caldwell rushed for touchdowns.
- The Red Rage has held four consecutive opponents to less than 200 yards of total offense. The Dragons defense has allowed 21 points total in those four contests.
- Thomas scored his 500th career point last week. He has 83 touchdowns in his career, plus a 2-point conversion. He also moved to sixth on the single-season rushing list with 1,861 yards. He needs 139 yards to become the sixth Dragon to rush for 2,000 yards in a season. With 5,759 rushing yards, he needs 241 yards to become the second Dragon to rush for 6,000 yards in a career. Thomas leads the HHC in rushing and in scoring, with 24 touchdowns. He is third in Class 4A in rushing.
- Senior WR/RB Kyler Kropp has been the Dragons' jack of all trades. Last week, he had his second straight game with 100 yards from scrimmage. He had 74 yards through the air and 33 on the ground. Kropp has 1,225 carer receiving yards, seventh-most in school history.

# **SCOUTING THE COUGARS**

Greenfield-Central is in the midst of its best season since 1975, when the Cougars
were state runners-up. G-C ran for 358 yards in last week's 27-17 victory over Pendleton Heights, led by 118 yards from Jacob Hinton. QB Dallas Freeman has thrown for
132 yards and run for 76 yards per game to lead the Cougars offensively. Hinton and
Braylon Benavente have both run for more than 500 yards this season.

# **LOOKING AHEAD**

Tonight's winner will travel to either Mt. Vernon or Beech Grove in next week's sectional champoinship game. NP faced MV in Week 3, winning 63-39. The Dragons last faced Beech Grove in the 2014 sectional championship game, an 83-20 victory.

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# **POLLS**

# IFCA 4A Top 10 (final)

- 1. East Central (10-0)
- 2. Evansville Reitz (10-0)
- 3. New Palestine (8-2)
- 4. Greenfield-C. (9-1)
- 5. Mississinewa (10-0)
- 6. New Haven (8-2)
- 7. East Noble (8-2)
- 8. Kokomo (8-2)
- 9. Leo (8-2)
- 10. New Prairie (8-2)

## AP 4A Top 10 (final)

- 1. East Central (10-0)
- 2. Evansville Reitz (10-0)
- 3. New Palestine (8-2)
- 4. Greenfield-Central (9-1)
- 5. Mississinewa (10-0)
- 6. East Noble (8-2)
- 7. New Haven (8-2)
- 8. Northridge (8-2)
- 9. Kokomo (8-2)
- 10. Leo (8-2)

# **COMPUTERS**

#### Sagarin 4A rankings

- 1. East Central (10-0)
- 2. New Palestine (8-2)
- 3. East Noble (8-2)
- 4. Evansville Reitz (10-0)
- 5. Jasper (7-3)
- 6. NorthWood (8-2)
- 7. New Prairie (8-2)
- 8. Pendleton Heights (7-3)
- 9. Roncalli (4-6)
- 10. Martinsville (7-3)

#### MaxPreps 4A rankings

- 1. East Central (10-0)
- 2. Evansville Reitz (10-0)
- 3. New Palestine (8-2)
- 4. Greenfield-Central (9-1)
- 5. East Noble (8-2)
- 6. NorthWood (8-2)
- 7. New Prairie (8-2)
- 8. Roncalli (4-6)
- 9. Pendleton Heights (7-3)
- 10. Martinsville (7-3)

# **CLASS 4A**

#### SECTIONAL SEMIFINALS

- 17: New Prairie at Kankakee Valley Highland at Culver Military 18: SB Washington at NorthWood
- Wawasee at Northridge
- 19: FW Dwenger at DeKalb
- East Noble at Leo
- 20: Mississinewa at Columbia City
- Marion at Kokomo
- 21: Lebanon at Brebeuf Roncalli at Mooresville
- 22: Greenfield-C. at New Palestine
- Beech Grove at Mt. Vernon
- 23: Jennings County at Greenwood East Central at Martinsville
- 24: Ev. Reitz at Bedford N. Law-
- Ev. Memorial at Jasper

Sectional finals: Nov. 3 Regional: Nov. 10 Semistate: Nov. 17 State Finals: Nov. 24-25

# PROBABLE STARTERS

# **NEW PALESTINE OFFENSE**

WR: 2 Cameron Rollyson (5-11, 171, So.)

SL: 13 Ty Mitchell (5-6, 150, Sr.)

LT: 70 Ian Moore (6-6, 311, Sr.)

LG: 77 Landon Seib (6-0, 246, Jr.)

C: 75 Brock Brownfield (6-3, 249, So.)

RG: 55 Colin Whetsel (6-0, 209, So.) RT: 72 Abe Walling (6-2, 221, So.)

SL: 7 Kyler Kropp (6-1, 184, Sr.)

WR: 10 Micah Clark (5-6, 154, Sr.)

QB: 8 Gavin Neal (6-0, 208, So.)

RB: 4 Grayson Thomas (6-0, 190, Sr.)

# **NEW PALESTINE SPECIALISTS**

K: 28 Jake Wells (6-0, 169, Jr.) P: 28 Jake Wells (6-0, 169, Jr.)

LS: 55 Colin Whetsel (6-0, 209, So.)

# **NEW PALESTINE DEFENSE**

DT: 52 Michael Thacker (6-0, 271, Jr.)

NG: 27 Malachi Haines (6-0, 227, Sr.)

DT: 54 John Ranes (6-1, 251, Jr.)

SLB: 20 Alex Guhl (6-0, 210, Jr.)

MLB: 34 Josh Ranes (6-0, 219, So.)

WLB: 33 Garrett Ranes (6-1, 224, So.)

AL: 9 Caden Jacobia (5-9, 188, So.) AL: 2 Cameron Rollyson (5-11, 171, So.)

CB: 10 Micah Clark (5-6, 154, Sr.)

CB: 11 Brady Armstrong (5-10, 162, Sr.) FS: 5 Connor Jacobia (6-1, 150, So.)

KR: 10 Micah Clark (5-6, 154, Sr.)

KR: 7 Kyler Kropp (6-1, 184, Sr.)

PR: 10 Micah Clark (5-6, 154, Sr.)

# **TEAM/PLAYER NOTES**

# **SERIES HISTORY**

This is the 33rd meeting between the Dragons and Cougars. NP is 27-5 in the all-time

series, including 14 straight wins. **SERIES HISTORY** 

New Palestine leads 27-5

At New Palestine: New Palestine leads 11-2

Postseason: Tied 1-1

First meeting: 10/7/94: G-C 28-8

LAST 10 MEETINGS

9/22/23: NP 21-14 (at G-C) 9/27/19: NP 68-0 (at G-C) 10/28/22: NP 33-9 (sect NP) 9/21/18: NP 76-7 (at NP) 9/22/17: NP 59-3 (at G-C) 9/23/22: NP 42-7 (at NP) 9/24/21: NP 42-22 (at G-C) 9/23/16: NP 84-21 (at NP)

# 9/25/20: NP 17-14 (at NP) 9/25/15: NP 77-20 (at G-C) IN THE POLLS

The Dragons finish the regular season ranked No. 3 in both polls. They have been ranked for 20 consecutive weeks. The Dragons have been ranked for 99 of the last 107 poll weeks, dating to Sept. 2, 2013, with their only stint out of the poll in that time the last eight weeks of the 2021 season.

The Dragons were No. 1 in the IFCA poll for the last eight poll weeks and in the AP poll for the last nine in 2022.

| POLL WEEK               | AP  | IFC |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|
| Preseason (Aug. 14)     | N/A | 2   |
| After Week 1 (Aug. 21)  | 6   | 5   |
| After Week 2 (Aug. 28)  | 10  | 7   |
| After Week 3 (Sept. 6)  | 9   | 6   |
| After Week 4 (Sept. 13) | 10  | 5   |
| After Week 5 (Sept. 20) | 10  | 6   |
| After Week 6 (Sept. 27) | 7   | 4   |
| After Week 7 (Oct. 2)   | 5   | 3   |
| After Week 8 (Oct. 9)   | 4   | 3   |
| Final (Oct. 16)         | 3   | 3   |

# IN THE PIPELINE

The Dragons subvarsity teams both had strong seasons. The freshmen finished 8-1, while the JV was 6-2. Both were undefeated against Hoosier Heritage Conference foes.

# LAST SECTIONAL MEETING

Sectional semifinal: Dragons 33, Greenfield-C. 9 Friday, Oct. 28, 2022 at Kelso Stadium, New Palestine Greenfield-Central (7-4) New Palestine (11-0) 13 6

Scoring summary NP-Thomas 11 run (Tanksley kick), 10:24

G-C-Lee 38 FG, 2:27

NP-I.Thacker 16 pass from Tippit (kick failed), :02 NP-Kropp 9 run (pass failed), 2:13

NP-Roudebush 7 run (Tanksley kick), 1:57 NP-BI.Nunnally 4 run (Tanksley kick), 8:44 G-C-DeJarnett 11 pass from Freeman (run failed), 2:08

Team stats First downs: G-C 16, NP 15

Rushes-yards: G-C 44-116, NP 33-189 Passing C-A-I: G-C 15-32-3, NP 7-14-0

Passing yards: G-C 156, NP 91 Total plays-yards: G-C 76-272, NP 47-280 Fumbles-lost: G-C 2-1, NP 2-1

Penalties-yards: G-C 2-15, NP 7-63

Punts-avg: G-C 2-43.0, NP 2-33.0

Time of possession: G-C 32:11, NP 15:49 Individual stats

Greenfield-Central Rushing: Zellers 23-76, Allen 9-32, J.Hinton 4-12, Foley 1-11,

Freeman 7-(-15)

Passing: Freeman 15-32-3-156 Receiving: J.Hinton 5-61, DeJarnett 4-48, Mullen 3-22, Wadle

2-9 Knecht 1-16

**New Palestine** Rushing: Kropp 24-149, Tippit 4-17, Thomas 2-13, Roudebush 1-7, Bl.Nunnally 1-4, team 1-(-1)
Passing: Tippit 7-14-0-91

Receiving: Bl. Nunnally 3-49, I. Thacker 2-24, Mitchell 1-14,

Clark 1-4 State rankings: NP 4A 1(IFCA)/1 (AP); G-C RV (IFCA)/-- (AP) Week 6 boxscore in the season boxes

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# RUSHING LEADER

Senior RB Grayson Thomas had a tall task taking over for the state's all-time leading rusher when he became the Dragons' starting running back in 2020. Since, he has put his name all over the NPHS rushing record book. Thomas has rushed for 5,617 yards over his career. He passed Jeff Miles for second place on the NPHS rushing list in Week 1 and became the second player in school history to rush for 4,000 yards in Week 2. In Week 2 against Decatur Central, he tallied 233 yards, scoring four touchdowns on 22 carries. He had runs of 76 and 52 yards in the contest. In Week 3 against Yorktown, he ran for 180 yards, the eighth-highest total of his career.

In Week 4 against Mt. Vernon, he eclipsed that career high with a 285-yard game, including an 80-yard touchdown run. He surpassed the 4,500-yard mark for his career in that contest.

Thomas is the only back to rush for 1,000 yards in four consecutive seasons in NPHS history. He also is one of two to reach the 5,000yard mark.

Thomas' 1,719 yards this season is the eighth-highest single-season total in school history.

# **GRAYSON THOMAS' TOP RUSHING GAMES**

- 1. 285 yards (31 carries, 2 TD) 9/1/23 vs. Mt. Vernon 2. 243 yards (27 carries, 2 TD) 10/13/23 at Delta
- 3. 233 yards (22 carries, 4 TD) 8/25/23 at DecaturC
- 4. 228 yards (26 carries, 3 TD) 10/2/20 at Shelbyville 5. 210 yards (30 carries, 5 TD) 10/6/23 vs. NewCstle
- 6. 207 yards (18 carries, 4 TD) 9/3/21 vs. Yorktown
- 7. 195 yards (35 carries, 3 TD) 10/9/20 at New Castle
- 8. 192 yards (31 carries, 1 TD) 9/15/23 vs. Pend Hts. 9. 191 yards (33 carries, 1 TD) 10/21/22 at MV
- 10. 187 yards (17 carries, 5 TD) 10/14/22 vs. Delta 10. 187 yards (25 carries, 1 TD) 8/19/22 vs. Westfield

| CAREER         | GΡ | Car-Yds  | Avg | TD | Lg | HiGm |
|----------------|----|----------|-----|----|----|------|
| 2023 senior    | 10 | 258-1861 | 7.2 | 24 | 80 | 285  |
| 2022 junior    | 11 | 189-1509 | 7.9 | 26 | 51 | 191  |
| 2021 sophomore | 12 | 203-1288 | 6.3 | 19 | 88 | 207  |
| 2020 freshman  | 10 | 211-1101 | 5.2 | 14 | 76 | 228  |
| Career         | 43 | 861-5759 | 6.7 | 83 | 88 | 285  |

## DOMINANT UP FRONT

Junior DL Michael Thacker returns for his third season as a starter on the defensive line after a standout sophomore season, in which he posted 103 tackles and an eye-popping 34.5 tackles for loss. His 13 sacks were among the state leaders last season. He returned from a six-game absence in Week 9 against Delta and had eight tackles, 4 TFL and 2.5 sacks. He followed with seven tackles, 5.5 TFL and a sack in the sectional opener against New Castle.

Thacker currently holds offers from Tennessee, West Virginia and Ball State.

| CAREER         | GΡ | Solo-Ast | Total | TFL  | Sacks | FC/FR |
|----------------|----|----------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| 2023 junior    | 4  | 17-12    | 29    | 12.5 | 3.5   | 0/0   |
| 2022 sophomore | 12 | 74-29    | 103   | 34.5 | 13    | 3/1   |
| 2021 freshman  | 10 | 50-39    | 89    | 22   | 5.5   | 2/1   |
| Career         | 26 | 141-80   | 221   | 69   | 22    | 5/2   |

# TO "THE" NEXT LEVEL

Senior OL lan Moore is committed to play collegiately at Ohio State. Moore is the No. 1-ranked prospect in Indiana and No. 38 overall and the No. 2-ranked offensive lineman nationally in the 2024 class according to Rivals. 247 has Moore ranked the No. 3 prospect in Indiana, the No. 6 offensive lineman nationally and No. 157 prospect overall nationally.

# PERFECT PASSING

The Dragons were nearly perfect on their passing in the Sept. 8 victory over Mt. Vernon. QB Gavin Neal was 6-for-11, with five of his completions going for touchdowns of 30, 45, 50 and 57 yards to Kyler Kropp and 69 yards to Ty Mitchell. The other completion was a 5-yard screen pass to Grayson Thomas.

Neal's QB rating - using the NCAA formula - was 399.6 for the game. Each of Kropp's catches went for a TD, setting a school record for receiving TDs in a game. Neal's 5 TD passes tied a school record. Kropp's 182 receiving yards were fourth-most in school history.

On Sept. 29 against Shelbyville, Neal was 9-for-10 for 221 yards and a score, a 308.6 passer rating. He completed four passes for 126 yards to Kropp.

# VERSATILE KROPP

Senior slot Kyler Kropp has been versatile for the Dragons, as a weapon both as a runner and a receiver, as well as in special teams. Kropp is ninth all-time on the NPHS receiving list and reached the 1,000-yard mark for his career Sept. 29 against Shelbyville.

Against Decatur Central, he had 216 all-purpose yards - his first 100-yard receiving game with exactly 100 yards on four catches. He also had 66 rushing yards and a touchdown and 50 kick return yards. He tallied his third career 100yard rushing game with 103 yards against Westfield, and also led the Dragons with 58 yards on four receptions.

Against Mt. Vernon, he had a career game in the receving game with four catches for 182 yards and four TDs - of 30, 45, 50 and 57 yards. He also had 20 yards rushing and a TD.

The next week, he ran the opening kickoff for an 89-yard touchdown and had a 9-yard rushing TD. Against Shelbyville, he had another big day with four catches for 126 yards. He reeled in 49 and 47-yard receptions in that contest.

Kropp had two 100-yard rushing games as a junior - tallying 149 yards against Greenfield-Central and 112 against Connersville in the sectional.

| RUSHING                  | GΡ              | Car-Yds               | Avg  | TD          | Lg              | HiGm            |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2023 senior              | 10              | 35-304                | 8.7  | 5           | 65              | 103             |
| 2022 junior              | 13              | 68-406                | 6.0  | 5           | 35              | 149             |
| 2021 sophomore           | 12              | 34-214                | 6.3  | 5           | 33              | 52              |
| Career                   | 35              | 137-924               | 6.7  | 15          | 65              | 149             |
|                          |                 |                       |      |             |                 |                 |
| RECEIVING                | GΡ              | Rec-Yds               | Avg  | TD          | Lg              | HiGm            |
| RECEIVING<br>2023 senior | <b>GP</b><br>10 | <b>Rec-Yds</b> 29-639 | •    | <b>TD</b> 7 | <b>Lg</b><br>57 | <b>HiGm</b> 182 |
|                          |                 |                       | •    |             | -               |                 |
| 2023 senior              | 10<br>13        | 29-639                | 22.0 | 7           | 57              | 182             |

# ABOUT NPHS

Nickname: Dragons Colors: Red and white Town: New Palestine County: Hancock Enrollment: 1,226

Conference: Hoosier Heritage IHSAA member since: 1915 Varsity football began: 1968 All-time record: 406-203-2 Home stadium: Kelso Stadium Field: Shepler Field

Surface: Sprinturf (2018)

# **ADMINISTRATION**

Superintendent: Dr. Lisa Lantrip

Principal: Jim Voelz

Asst. prin.: Nicholas Mitchaner Asst. principal: Craig Moore Athletic director: Brian Murphy Asst. AD: Trent Whitaker Assoc. AD: Nancy Workman Ath.sec.: Summer Parsons SID: Andrew Smith

## **FOOTBALL INFO**

Head coach: Kyle Ralph HS: Cincinnati St. Xavier '02 College: North Carolina '06 Career record: 124-13 (11 yrs.) 2022 record: 12-1 (7-0 HHC)

Offense: Power spread Defense: 3-3 stack **FOOTBALL HISTORY** State championships: 3 (2014, 2018, 2019)

State Finals appearances: 5 (1990, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019) Regional championships: 7 (1987, 1990, 2013, 2014, 2015,

2018, 2019)

Sectional championships: 13 (1987, 1989, 1990, 2004, 2005, 2009, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022)

Conference championships: 23 (Hoosier Heritage Conference: 2005, 2006, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023; Rangeline Conference: 1991, 1992; Big Blue River Conference: 1976, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1988)

# ATHLETIC HISTORY

Team state titles: 10

Football: 2014 (4A), 2018 (5A), 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

# SECTIONAL SEMI NEW PALESTINE vs. GREENFIELD-C. OCT. 27, 2023

# **600 CLUB**

The Dragons amassed 604 yards of total offense in the Sept. 8 63-39 victory over Mt. Vernon - 256 through the air and 348 on the ground. It was the first 600-yard game since tallying 691 Nov. 2, 2018 in a 78-0 sectional championship victory over Anderson.

# 14 in 5

The Dragons scored two touchdowns in five seconds Oct. 13 against Delta. **Kyler Kropp's** 11-yard run put NP up 28-7 with 8:02 remaining in the third quarter. On the ensuing kickoff, the Dragons recovered the free kick on the Delta 2 after the Eagles did not touch it. **Grayson Thomas** scored on the next play to make it a 35-7 lead in an eventual 38-7 victory.

The Dragons scored three touchdowns in the first quarter of the Week 2 game against Decatur Central, with the first two coming 1:11 apart. Thomas capped the first drive of the game with a 5-yard TD. After the Red Rage forced a three-andout and **John Ranes** deflected a punt, Thomas scored from 22 yards out on the Dragons' next offensive snap.

# **TAKE A QUARTER**

The Dragons finished the Delta game with a mammoth drive that took 16 plays - all runs except for a forward pitch - and chewed up 11:15 of clock. It ended with **Jake Wells**' 34-yard field goal. The Dragons were 2-2 on fourth down and also converted a third down on the drive. The Dragons gained 71 yards on the drive.

# START WITH A BANG

**Kyler Kropp** took the opening kickoff against Pendleton Heights back 89 yards for a touchdown. It was the Dragons' first kick return TD since Isaiah Thacker's 75-yard return Oct. 7, 2022 at New Castle.

The next week, the Dragons waited until the first snap to score. **Ty Mitchell** reeled in a 65-yard pass from **Gavin Neal** on the game's first snap in the Dragons' 21-14 victory over Greenfield-Central.

They have scored on their first possession in seven games this season, including five straight from Week 4 to Week 8.

FIRST DRIVE TOUCHDOWNS, 2023

10/20 vs. New Castle: Mason Oglesby 12 pass from Gavin Neal (8:59 1Q)

10/6 vs. New Castle: Grayson Thomas 2 run (8:29 1Q)

9/29 vs. Shelbyville: Grayson Thomas 8 run (9:46 1Q)

9/22 at Greenfield-Central: Ty Mitchell 65 pass from Gavin Neal (11:44 1Q - first offensive snap) 9/15 vs. Pendleton Heights: Kyler Kropp 89 kickoff

return (11:47 1Q - opening kickoff) 9/8 vs. Mt. Vernon: Kyler Kropp 30 pass from Gavin Neal (10:34 1Q)

8/30 at Decatur Central: Grayson Thomas 5 run (5:30 1Q)

# **GOING THE DISTANCE**

In the Dragons' Sept. 8 victory over Mt. Vernon, the Dragons went the distance on a first-quarter drive. After **Mason Hiatt** intercepted a pass at the 1, the Dragons marched 99 yards in six plays, keyed by a 14-yard run by **Grayson Thomas** to the 20, a 15-yard run by **Gavin Neal** on third down to the 43, followed by a 57-yard TD pass from Neal to **Kyler Kropp.** The Dragons needed 2:14 to travel the 99 yards.

# 7-for-7

The Dragons offense was perfect against Shelbyville, scoring on all seven of its drives. The Dragons ran 43 plays, tallying a touchdown or first down on 24. They spread the offense around, with **Gavin Neal** throwing for 221 yards and rushing for two TDs, **Kyler Kropp** catching four passes for 126 yards and **Grayson Thomas** running for 108 yards and three TDs on 16 carries. The Dragons had 417 yards of total offense.

# **DUAL-THREAT QB**

A hallmark of head coach **Kyle Ralph**'s offense has been the dual-threat quarterback. Sophomore **Gavin Neal**, who stands 6-0, 209, has shown that so far, with 74 rushing yards on 15 carries against Westfield, while also throwing for 69 yards on 14 attempts. Neal threw for 119 yards in Week 3 against Yorktown and a score, while he also ran for 70 yards and a score. Against Mt. Vernon in Week 4, Neal threw for 256 yards and five touchdowns. In Week 8, Neal ran for a career-high 93 yards against New Castle and also threw for 96, completing a career-high 10 passes

Neal is the 20th Dragon QB to throw for 1,000 yards in a season.

# **BIG PLAYS**

The Dragons had a number of big plays in the Week 2 game against Decatur Central. **Grayson Thomas** took the first play of the second half 76 yards to set up a touchdown. It's the first 70+-yard play from scrimmage since Sept. 17, 2021. Thomas also had a 52-yard touchdown run, while **Kyler Kropp** had receptions of 48 and 41 yards, the former setting up the Dragons' first touchdown of the game.

# IN THE LONG RUN

Senior **Grayson Thomas** broke an 80-yard TD run at a critical moment against Mt. Vernon - with the Dragons leading 28-23 but having surrendered 20 straight points, Thomas took a handoff up the middle and outran the MV defense. It was the Dragons' longest rush since Thomas broke an 88-yard TD run Sept. 3, 2021 against Yorktown.

# **GROUND GAME**

The Dragons offense had a big game on the ground against Decatur Central, rushing for 312 yards. It was their first 300-yard rushing game since tallying 316 Oct. 15, 2021 against Delta.

The Dragons also ran for 348 yards in Week 4 against Mt. Vernon and 302 yards in Week 8 against New Castle. **Grayson Thomas** tallied 200-yard games in all three of those contests.

# **SACK DANCE**

The Dragons had five sacks in the Oct. 6 victory over New Castle. Caden Jacobia and Garrett Ranes had two each, while Josh Ranes had one. All three are sophomores. They also had 4.5 two weeks later against New Castle. Cameron Rollyson had three. Michael Thacker had one and Alex Guhl 0.5.

# FINDING THE FOOTBALL

The Dragons have had a number of double-digit tackle games this season, led by a lot of big efforts Sept. 22 against Greenfield-Central, when sophomore LB **Garrett Ranes** had 16 stops and senior DB **Mason Hiatt** had 15. They were among five players with double-digit tackles.

Against Mt. Vernon, sophomore LB **Josh Ranes** had 15 stops in a 63-39 victory.

# MOST TACKLES, 2023

- 16, Garrett Ranes 9/22 at Greenfield-Central
- 15, Mason Hiatt 9/22 at Greenfield-Central
- 15, Josh Ranes 9/8 vs. Mt. Vernon
- 12, Caden Jacobia 10/6 vs. New Castle
- 12, Mason Oglesby 9/22 at Greenfield-Central
- 11, Josh Ranes 9/22 at Greenfield-Central
- 11, Garrett Ranes 9/15 vs. Pendleton Hts.
- 11, Mason Hiatt, 8/18 at Westfield
- 10, Brock Brownfield 9/22 at Greenfield-Central
- 10. Micah Clark 8/25 at Decatur Central
- 10, Garrett Ranes, 8/25 at Decatur Central

# **DRAGONS IN COLLEGE**

Twenty-six former Dragons are currently playing college football, including seven at the NCAA Div. I level - Maxen Hook (Toledo), Kyle King (Ball State), Charlie Spegal (Ball State), Isaiah Thacker (Ball State), Luke Burgess (Louisville), David DeGuzman (Maryland) and Matthew Brown (Indiana State).

Also playing collegiately are Ethan Sturgeon, Tucker Keevers and Austin Keele (Indianapolis), Damon Hockett, Jacob Hockett, Aven Jones and Trey Keele (Taylor), Aidan Ewers (St. Francis), Nick Bastian, Richard Clevenger and Will Olive (Wabash), Caleb Byers and Gus Walling (Anderson), Brody Luker, Eric Roudebush, Eian Roudebush and Ben Purciful (Hanover), Brendan Tanksley (Rose-Hulman) and Daniel Tippit (DePauw).

# **MAKING IT RANES**

The Dragons' defensive front six has a lot of Ranes - three of them. **John Ranes** is a junior defensive lineman, while sophomore brothers **Garrett** and **Josh Ranes** are starting linebackers. While Garrett and Josh are in the same class, they are not twins. The Ranes are cousins of another trio of former Dragon football players - Charlie, Devon and David Spegal.

# **FACING THE TOP**

The Dragons' Week 1 loss to Westfield was their fourth game against a 6A school in school history - all since 2018. The Dragons had won the previous three - victories over Center Grove in 2018 and 2019 and over Westfield in 2021.

# TWO-SPORT KICKERS

The Dragons' three kickers are all doing double-duty in the fall. Junior **Jake Wells** is a goalkeeper on the boys soccer team, while sophomore **Cole Christopher** - who is joining the football team this year - is a forward. Junior **Mallari Johnson** is a member of the girls soccer team. All are HHC champs in both football and soccer this fall.

# PICK-6

Senior **Brady Armstrong** had one of the Dragons' three interceptions against Pendleton Heights and took it back 55 yards for a TD. It was the Dragons' first defensive TD since A.J. Reierson's 13-yard INT return vs. Yorktown Sept. 2, 2022.

The Dragons added another defensive TD late in the New Castle game, as **Liam Fuller** had a 16-yard fumble return for a score

# **SUB-ZERO**

The Red Rage held New Castle to minus-26 yards of total offense and minus-57 rushing yards in the secitonal opener against New Castle. The Dragons had five sacks in the game, with **Cameron Rollyson** posting three - including a sack-fumble. He led the team with eight tackles in the game. **Michael Thacker** had 5.5 tackles for loss. As a team, the Dragons had 13 tackles for loss on 33 defensive snaps.

It marked the first time holding a team to negative rushing yards since Spt. 6, 2019, when the Dragons held Yorktown to minus-8 yards. It was the first time the Dragons held a team to negative total yardage since since holding Shelbyville to minus-29 yards on Oct. 3, 2014.

The shutout was the first since a 56-0 victory over Shelbyville Sept. 30, 2022.

# **TWINNING**

The Dragons' defensive backfield has a pair of familiar faces - Caden and Connor Jacobia are twins.

# **NINE TDs**

The Dragons tallied 60 points in their 63-0 sectional-opening victory over New Castle. It was the second time this season scoring 63 points. it was the largest margin of victory since a 63-0 victory over Shelbyville Oct. 4, 2019. Kyler Kropp and Grayson Thomas scored two touchdowns each. Micah Clark, Mason Oglesby, Malachi Haines and Bryan Caldwell scored offensive TDs. Liam Fuller also had a defensive score. Clark, Oglesby, Caldwell and Fuller all scored their first career TDs in that contest.

The Dragons also scored 63 points against Mt. Vernon in Week 4, with Kropp tallying a school-record four receiving TDs - on four catches - and **Gavin Neal** tying a school record with five TD passes. Kropp also had a 10-yard TD run. Thomas scored two TDs, Neal ran for one and **Ty Mitchell** had a touchdown reception. Six of the nine TDs came from 30 yards out or more.

# POSTSEASON HONORS

The Dragons roster sports multiple players who received postseason honors last season. Senior OL/DL **lan Moore** and junior DL **Michael Thacker** were IFCA Top 50 All-State players last season. Also, senior RB **Grayson Thomas** was named All-Hoosier Heritage Conference.

# RETURNING HOME

The Dragons' coaching staff features five players who played for Coach Kyle Ralph. Duke Blackwell was a standout receiver who graduated in 2016 and remains the school's career receiving leader. Nick Brickens is also a 2016 graduate. Both played collegiately at St. Francis, where they won an NAIA national championship together. Alex Neligh guarterbacked the 2014 state championship team and 2015 state runner-up squad and graduated in 2016. Garrett Kuhn was a standout two-way player on Coach Ralph's first New Palestine team in 2013. He joins the high school coaching staff this year. Also joining the staff this year is **Gunnar** Large, the Dragons' starting QB in 2016.

# MEET COACH RALPH

Head coach **Kyle Ralph** is in his 11th season at New Palestine and has led the program to new heights. In his time at NPHS, the Dragons have won three state titles, four semistate championships, five regional titles and seven sectional titles. The Dragons have also won eight Hoosier Heritage Conference titles under his tutelage. He was the fastest coach in Indiana history to 100 wins, needing just 109 games to reach that milestone.

Ralph brought immediate success to New Palestine, with an attacking, aggressive mindest on and off the field, a commitment to the weight room and a philosophy of building a program with character and class. It led to immediate success, as the Dragons won 65 consecutive regular-season games to start his tenure - the second-longest streak in state history - and won their first regional title in 23 years in his first year. A state title followed in 2014, and a year in which the Dragons set state records for total offense (7,701 yards) and scoring offense (854 points) followed in 2015. Ralph has coached multiple All-State performers and two Mr. Football position award winners. Ralph enters 2023 with a 116-11 career record.

Ralph is a 2002 graduate of St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati and a 2006 graduate of the University of North Carolina, where he was a two-time First-Team All-ACC performer at offensive tackle. He was the ACC's Coastal Division Lineman of the Year in 2005. Ralph has participated in NFL training camps with the Carolina Panthers and Seattle Seahawks. Prior to coming to NPHS, he coached at St. Xavier, Oak Hills and Withrow University High Schools in Cincinnati. He also assists with the Dragons' track and field team, coaching the throwers.

Ralph lives in New Palestine with his wife Ashley, a New Palestine graduate and teacher, and their three children. He teaches advanced physical education at NPHS.

#### 2023 STATS

| 2023 3 I A   |                        |                                       |                        |                              |                                       |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| RUSHING  | Att-Yds                | Avg                                   |                        | _                            | liGm                                  |
| 4 Grayson Thomas   | 258-1861               | 7.2                                   | 24                     | 80                           | 285                                   |
| 8 Gavin Neal   | 108-402                | 3.7                                   | 5                      | 21                           | 93                                    |
| 7 Kyler Kropp  | 35-304                 | 8.7                                   | 6                      | 65                           | 103                                   |
| 27 Malachi Haines  | 11-44                  | 4.0                                   | 2                      | 10                           | 35                                    |
| 17 Bryan Caldwell  | 6-51                   | 8.5                                   | 1                      | 34                           | 37                                    |
| 11 Brady Armstrong   | 4-14                   | 3.5                                   | 0                      | 8                            | 9                                     |
| 15 Brayden Harley  | 2-10                   | 15.0                                  | 0                      | 15                           | 15                                    |
| 32 T.J. Hammons  | 2-8                    | 4.0                                   | 0                      | 4                            | 4                                     |
| 10 Micah Clark   | 1-8                    | 8.0                                   | 1                      | 8                            | 8                                     |
| 13 Ty Mitchell   | 1-6                    | 6.0                                   | 0                      | 6                            | 6                                     |
| Totals   | 456-2623               | 5.8                                   | 39                     | 80                           | 348                                   |
| PASSING  | C-A-I                  | Yds                                   | TD                     | Lg I                         | liGm                                  |
| 8 Gavin Neal   | 65-117-8               | 1233                                  | 12                     | 69                           | 256                                   |
| Totals   | 65-119-8               | 1233                                  | 12                     | 69                           | 256                                   |
| RECEIVING  | Rec-Yds                | Yds                                   | TD                     | Lg I                         | liGm                                  |
| 7 Kyler Kropp  | 27-639                 | 23.7                                  | 7                      | 57                           | 182                                   |
| 13 Ty Mitchell   | 16-321                 | 20.1                                  | 3                      | 69                           | 75                                    |
| 24 Mason Hiatt   | 9-106                  | 11.8                                  | 1                      | 36                           | 45                                    |
| 2 Cameron Rollyson   | 6-96                   | 16.0                                  | 0                      | 32                           | 42                                    |
| 10 Micah Clark   | 1-34                   | 34.0                                  | 0                      | 34                           | 34                                    |
| 80 Mason Oglesby   | 3-32                   | 10.7                                  | 1                      | 18                           | 32                                    |
| 4 Grayson Thomas   | 1-5                    | 5.0                                   | 0                      | 5                            | 5                                     |
| KICKING  | PAT                    | FG                                    | Lg                     |                              |                                       |
| 28 Jake Wells  | 50-50                  | 4-5                                   | 44                     |                              |                                       |
| 30 Mallari Johnson   | 2-2                    | 0-0                                   | 0                      |                              |                                       |
| 44 Cole Christopher  | 1-1                    | 0-0                                   | 0                      |                              |                                       |
| PUNTING  | N-Yds                  | -                                     | ٩vg                    | Lg                           | In20                                  |
| 28 Jake Wells  | 19-621                 | 3                                     | 32.7                   | 49                           | 4                                     |
| 8 Gavin Neal   | 1-25                   | 2                                     | 25.0                   | 25                           | 0                                     |
| RETURNS  | KOR Av                 | g P                                   | 'R                     | Avg                          | TD                                    |
| 7 Kyler Kropp  | 6 31.                  | 3                                     |                        |                              | 1K                                    |
| 10 Micah Clark   | 3 22.                  | 7                                     | 1                      | -2.0                         |                                       |
| 2 Cameron Rollyson   | 1 15.                  | 0                                     |                        |                              |                                       |
| 15 Brayden Harley  | 1 15.                  | 0                                     |                        |                              |                                       |
| 9 Caden Jacobia  | 3 13.                  | 7                                     |                        |                              |                                       |
| 33 Garrett Ranes   | 1 11.                  |                                       |                        |                              |                                       |
| TEAM STATS   |                        | NP                                    |                        |                              | Opp                                   |
| Points   |                        | 389                                   |                        |                              | 187                                   |
| Avg. game  |                        | 38.9                                  |                        |                              | 18.7                                  |
| First downs  |                        | 173                                   |                        |                              | 125                                   |
| Rushes-yards   |                        | 2623                                  |                        | 324-                         |                                       |
| Passing C-A-I  | 65-1                   | 119-8                                 | 1                      | 12-24                        |                                       |
| Passing yards  |                        |                                       |                        |                              | 1355                                  |
|  |                        | 1233                                  |                        |                              |                                       |
| Total offense  |                        | 3856                                  |                        | 564-                         | 2401                                  |
| Avg play/game  |                        | 3856<br>385.6                         |                        |                              | 2401<br>240.1                         |
| Avg play/game<br>Fumbles-lost  | 6.7/3                  | 3856<br>385.6<br>13-7                 |                        | 564-:<br>4.3/2               | 2401<br>240.1<br>12-5                 |
| Avg play/game<br>Fumbles-lost<br>Punts-yds-avg   |                        | 3856<br>385.6<br>13-7<br>-32.3        |                        | 564-:<br>4.3/2               | 2401<br>240.1<br>12-5<br>36.5         |
| Avg play/game<br>Fumbles-lost<br>Punts-yds-avg<br>2-point conversions  | 6.7/3                  | 3856<br>385.6<br>13-7                 |                        | 564-:<br>4.3/2               | 2401<br>240.1<br>12-5                 |
| Avg play/game<br>Fumbles-lost<br>Punts-yds-avg<br>2-point conversions<br>Score by quarters                         | 6.7/3<br>20-646        | 3856<br>385.6<br>13-7<br>-32.3<br>0-1 | 41-                    | 564-:<br>4.3/2<br>1495-      | 2401<br>240.1<br>12-5<br>-36.5<br>3-7 |
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| Avg play/game<br>Fumbles-lost<br>Punts-yds-avg<br>2-point conversions<br>Score by quarters                         | 6.7/3<br>20-646<br>133 | 3856<br>385.6<br>13-7<br>-32.3<br>0-1 | 41-                    | 564-<br>4.3/2<br>1495-<br>97 | 2401<br>240.1<br>12-5<br>-36.5<br>3-7 |

Tackles leaders: Garrett Ranes 81, Josh Ranes 75, Mason Hiatt 60, Caden Jacobia 51, Alex Guhl 51, Micah Clark 40, Desmond Palmer 30, Ian Moore 29, John Ranes 29, Michael Thacker 29, Abe Walling 27, Connor Jacobia 24, Mason Oglesby 21, Cameron

Sacks: Garrett Ranes 4, Michael Thacker 3.5, Ian Moore 3, Cameron Rollyson 3, Alex Guhl 3, Josh Ranes 2.5, Mason Hiatt 2, Abe Walling 2, Caden Jacobia 2, Malachi Haines 2, Micah Clark 1, John Ranes 0.5.

Interceptions: Mason Hiatt 3, Caden Jacobia 2, Connor Jacobia 1, Garrett Ranes 1, Brady Armstrong 1, Alex Guhl 1, Desmond Palmer 1, Landon Maddox 1

Fumble recoveries: Ty Mitchell 1, Colton Wise 1, Ian Moore 1, Cameron Rollyson 1, Liam Fuller 1

## 2023 GAME-BY-GAME

|             | <b>—</b>   | ,        | ~            |
|-------------|------------|----------|--------------|
|             | Rusher     | Passer   | Receiver     |
| Westfield   | Kropp 103  | Neal 69  | Kropp 58     |
| DecaturC    | Thomas 233 | Neal 108 | Kropp 100    |
| Yorktown    | Thomas 180 | Neal 119 | Mitchell 62  |
| MtVernon    | Thomas 285 | Neal 256 | Kropp 182    |
| PendHts     | Thomas 192 | Neal 56  | Clark 34     |
| GrnfieldC   | Thomas 186 | Neal 120 | Mitchell 75  |
| Shelbyville | Thomas 108 | Neal 221 | Kropp 126    |
| NewCastle   | Thomas 210 | Neal 96  | Krp/Mtchl 31 |
| Delta       | Thomas 243 | Neal 41  | Kropp 41     |
| NCastle2    | Thomas 142 | Neal 147 | Kropp 74     |
| GrnfldC2    |            |          |              |

# 2023 SEASON HIGHS

## INDIVIDUAL

Rush yards: 285, Grayson Thomas vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8

Rush att.: 31, Grayson Thomas vs. Yorktown 9/1; vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8; vs. Pendleton Hts. 9/15

Rushing TDs: 5, Grayson Thomas vs. New Castle 10/6

Total TDs: 5, Kyler Kropp vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8;

Grayson Thomas vs. New Castle 10/6

Passing yards: 256, Gavin Neal vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8 Pass completions: 10, Gavin Neal vs. New Castle 10/6; vs. New Castle 10/20

Pass attempts: 16. Gavin Neal vs. New Castle 10/6 Pass TDs: 5, Gavin Neal vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8 (ties school record)

Receiving yards: 182, Kyler Kropp vs. Mt. Vernon

Receptions: 4, Kyler Kropp at Westfield 8/18; at Decatur C. 8/25; vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8; vs. Shelbyville 9/29; vs. New Castle 10/20

Receiving touchdowns: 4, Kyler Kropp vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8 (school record)

Total offense: 302, Gavin Neal 9/8 vs. Mt. Vernon (256 passing, 46 rushing)

Yards from scrimmage: 290, Grayson Thomas vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8 (285 rushing, 5 receiving)

Longest rush: 80, Grayson Thomas vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8

Longest pass: 69 yards, Gavin Neal to Ty Mitchell

vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8 Most tackles: 16, Garrett Ranes at Greenfield-Cen-

tral 9/22 Most sacks: 2.5, Michael Thacker at Delta 10/13

Most INTs: 1, multiple players

#### TEAM

Total yards: 604 vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8 Rushing yards: 348 vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8 Rushing attempts: 52 vs. Yorktown 9/1 Passing yards: 256 vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8 Pass completions: 10 vs. New Castle 10/6; vs. New Castle 10/20

Pass attempts: 16 vs. New Castle 10/6 Total plays: 66 vs. Yorktown 9/1 First downs: 24 vs. New Castle 10/6 Pass touchdowns: 5 vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8

Rush touchdowns: 6 at Decatur Central 8/25; vs. Shelbyville 9/29

Return touchdowns: 2 vs. Pendleton Hts. 9/15 Points: 63 vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8; vs. New Castle 10/20 Points in a guarter: 21, 1st guarter at Decatur Central 8/25; 1st quarter & 3rd quarter vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8; 1st quarter vs. Shelbyville 9/29; 1st quarter & 4th guarter vs. New Castle 10/20

Points in a half: 35, 2nd half vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8; 1st half vs. Shelbyville 9/29; 1st half vs. New Castle 10/20 Fewest points allowed: 0 vs. New Castle 10/20 Fewest rush yards allowed: -57 vs. New Castle 10/20

Fewest pass yards allowed: 31 vs. New Castle 10/20

Fewest total yards allowed: -26 vs. New Castle 10/20

Fewest first downs allowed: 2 vs. New Castle 10/20 Turnovers caused: 3 vs. Yorktown 9/1; vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8; vs. Pendleton Hts. 9/15; vs. New Castle 10/20 Most sacks: 5 vs. New Castle 10/6

Most interceptions: 3 vs. Yorktown 9/1; vs. Pendleton Hts. 9/15

Most fumble recoveries: 2 vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8; vs. New Castle 10/20

# **TOURNEY HISTORY**

All-time tournament record: 71-37 Sect: 56-27; Reg: 7-6; Semistate: 5-2; State: 3-2 **SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (13)** 

2022: 4A: 12-1. Kyle Ralph

2021: 5A. 8-4. Kyle Ralph

2019: 5A. 14-0. Kyle Ralph (reg, ss, st)

2018: 5A. 14-0. Kyle Ralph (reg, ss, st)

2015. 5A. 13-1. Kyle Ralph (reg, ss)

2014. 4A. 15-0. Kyle Ralph (reg, ss, st)

2013. 4A. 13-1. Kyle Ralph (reg) 2009. 4A. 10-3. Tim Able

2005. 3A. 10-3. Doug Armstrong

2004. 3A. 10-3. Doug Armstrong

1990: 3A. 12-2. Marvin Shepler (reg, ss)

1989: 3A. 10-2. Marvin Shepler. 1987: 3A. 11-2. Marvin Shepler (reg)

**DRAGONS IN SECTIONAL FINAL (13-9)** 

Class 4A

2022: \*New Palestine 43, Connersville 14 Class 5A

2021: \*New Palestine 20, Whiteland 17

2020: \*Whiteland 48, New Palestine 13

2019: \*New Palestine 49, Franklin 14

2018: \*New Palestine 78, Anderson 0

2017: Zionsville 26, \*New Palestine 24

2015: New Palestine 24, \*Columbus E. 14 Class 4A

2014: New Palestine 83. \*Beech Grove 20

2013: \*New Palestine 33, Mt. Vernon 0

2011: Pendleton Hts 24, \*New Palestine 13

2009: \*New Palestine 48, And. Highland 22

Class 3A

2006: \*Mt. Vernon 17, New Palestine 14 2005: New Palestine 31, \*Mt. Vernon 14

2004: New Palestine 37, \*Yorktown 20

2002: Hamilton Hts. 26, \*New Palestine 14

1995: \*Roncalli 35. New Palestine 21

1990: New Palestine 21, \*Elwood 16

1989: \*New Palestine 7, Hamilton SE 3

1988: \*Lawrenceburg 20, New Palestine 0

1987: \*New Palestine 36, Lawrenceburg 14 Class 2A

1984: \*Hagerstown 11, New Palestine 6

1983: Yorktown 14, \*New Palestine 7

# **DRAGONS IN REGIONAL (7-6)**

Class 4A

2022: \*Roncalli 20. New Palestine 7 Class 5A

2021: \*Cathedral 23, New Palestine 7

2019: \*New Palestine 35, Cathedral 10

2018: New Palestine 31, \*Harrison 7

2015: \*New Palestine 49, Zionsville 21 Class 4A

2014: New Palestine 44, \*Roncalli 13

2013: \*New Palestine 27, Chatard 14 2009: \*Cathedral 45, New Palestine 3

Class 3A

2005: Chatard 14, \*New Palestine 0 2004: Chatard 38, \*New Palestine 7

1990: New Palestine 20, \*Chatard 12

1989: \*Roncalli 21, New Palestine 3

1987: \*New Palestine 29, Cathedral 28, OT

**DRAGONS IN SEMISTATE (5-2)** 

Class 5A

2019: \*New Palestine 45, Bloomington South 0 2018: \*New Palestine 35, Michigan City 10

2015: \*New Palestine 56, Castle 6

Class 4A

2014: \*New Palestine 30, Columbus East 28 2013: \*Columbus East 49. New Palestine 14

Class 3A 1990: New Palestine 20, \*Tell City 14

1987: \*Zionsville 24, New Palestine 6

**DRAGONS IN STATE TITLE GAMES (3-2)** 

Class 5A

2019: New Palestine 27, Valparaiso 20

2018: New Palestine 28, Decatur C. 14

2015: FW Snider 64, New Palestine 61

Class 4A

2014: New Palestine 77, New Prairie 42 Class 3A

1990: FW Dwenger 56, New Palestine 14

# SECTIONAL SEMI NEW PALESTINE vs. GREENFIELD-C. OCT. 27, 2023

# **2023 BOXES**

Sectional Round 1: Dragons 63, New Castle 0
Friday, Oct. 20 at Kelso Stadium, New Palestine
New Castle (1-9)
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0 New Palestine (8-2) 21 14 21 Scoring summary

Scoring summary

NP-Oglesby 12 pass from Neal (Wells kick), 8:59 NP-Kropp 16 pass from Neal (Wells kick), 4:51 NP-Clark 8 run (Wells kick), :15

NP-Clark 8 run (Wells kick), :15
NP-Thomas 1 run (Wells kick), 3:21
NP-Thomas 7 run (Wells kick), :47
NP-Kropp 10 pass from Neal (Wells kick), 3:37
NP-Haines 1 run (Wells kick), 9:39
NP-Caldwell 34 run (Johnson kick), 3:47
NP-Fuller 16 fumble return (Johnson kick), 1:49

First downs: NC 2, NP 17
Rushes-yards: NC 15-(-57), NP 36-242
Passing C-A-I: NC 4-18-1, NP 10-15-0
Passing yards: NC 31, NP 147
Total plays-yards: NC 33-(-26), NP 51-389 Penalties-yards: NC 0-0, NP 2-25

Fumbles-lost: NC 3-2, NP 0-0 Punts-avg: NC 5-36.2, NP 1-45.0 Time of possession: NC 25:14, NP 22:46

Individual stats

**New Castle** 

Rushing: Wagers 3-3, Hannan 2-0, Thompson 4-(-2), Lewis 5-(-46), team 1-(-12) Passing: Lewis 4-17-1-31, Bell 0-1 Receiving: Logston 3-22, Anderson 1-9 New Palestine

Rushing: Thomas 19-142, Caldwell 3-37, Kropp 1-33, Haines 3-9, Neal 6-8, Clark 1-8, Mitchell 1-6, Hammons 1-4, Harley 1-(-5) Passing: Neal 10-15-0-147

Receiving: Kropp 4-74, Oglesby 3-32, Mitchell 2-29, Rollyson 1-12

State rankings: NP 4A 3 (IFCA)/3 (AP)

# Week 9: Dragons 38, Delta 7 Friday, Oct. 13 at Delta Stadium, Muncie New Palestine (7-2, 7-0) 7 14 14 Delta (5-4, 3-4) 0 0 7 -- 38

Scoring summary NP-Thomas 34 run (Wells kick), 4:06 NP-Kropp 15 run (Wells kick), 4:42

NP-Kropp 25 pass from Neal (Wells kick), :17

D-Ritchie 33 pass from Edwards (Stanley kick), 9:37 NP-Kropp 11 run (Wells kick), 8:02 NP-Thomas 2 run (Wells kick), 7:57

NP-Wells 34 FG, 3:54

Team stats

First downs: NP 17, D 8 First downs: NP 17, D 8
Rushes-yards: NP 48-339, D 33-41
Passing C-A-I: NP 3-8-1, D 7-13-0
Passing yards: NP 41, D 81
Total plays-yards: NP 56-380, D 46-122
Penalties-yards: NP 7-80, D 3-24
Fumbles-lost: NP 4-1, D 2-0
Punts-avg: NP 2-36.5, D 5-46.2 Time of possession: NP 26:41, D 21:19 Individual stats

**New Palestine** 

Rushing: Thomas 27-243, Kropp 7-60, Neal 10-45, team 4-(-9)

Passing: Neal 3-8-1-41 Receiving: Kropp 3-41

Delta

Rushing: Bond 15-71, Carpenter 3-17, J.Jones 3-4, Backus 1-0, Russell 1-(-1), Ritchie 1-(-2), Lennis 1-(-4) Edwards 7-(-42), team 1-(-2)

Passing: Edwards 7-13-0-81 Receiving: Ritchie 2-47, J.Manor 2-19, J.Jones 2-10, Bratton 1-5

State rankings: NP 4A 3 (IFCA)/4 (AP)

Week 8: Dragons 35, New Castle 7 Friday, Oct. 6 at Kelso Stadium, New Palestine New Castle (1-7, 0-6) 0 New Palestine (6-2, 6-0) 14

NP - Thomas 2 run (Wells kick), 8:29 NP - Thomas 1 run (Wells kick), 4:57 NP - Thomas 3 run (Wells kick), 6:01 NP - Thomas 3 run (Wells kick), 6:40

NC - Semler 4 pass from Thrine (Barrett kick), 2:24 NP - Thomas 1 run (Wells kick), 6:40

Team stats

First downs: NC 11, NP 24 Rushes-yards: NC 34-55, NP 47-302 Passing C-A-I: NC 9-22-1, NP 10-16-2

Passing V-A-I. NC 9-22-1, NP 10-10-2 Passing yards: NC 109, NP 96 Total plays-yards: NC 56-164, NP 63-398 Penalties-yards: NC 8-84, NP 4-35 Fumbles-lost: NC 1-0, NP 1-1 Punts-avg: NC 4-51.5, NP 0-0

Time of possession: NC 24:39, NP 23:21

Individual stats

**New Castle** 

Rushing: Thrine 14-43, Hannan 9-29, Semler 1-4, Logsdon 1-(-4), Lewis 9-(-17) Passing: Lewis 8-21-1-105, Thrine 1-1-0-4

Receiving: Thrine 5-60, Semler 2-33, McMartin 2-16

New Palestine

Rushing: Thomas 30-210, Neal 16-93, team 1-(-1) Passing: Neal 10-16-2-96 Receiving: Kropp 3-31, Mitchell 3-31, Hiatt 3-25, Rollyson 1-9

State rankings: NP 4A 3 (IFCA)/5 (AP)

Week 7: Dragons 49, Shelbyville 7 Friday, Sept. 29 at Kelso Stadium, New Palestine Shelbyville (3-4, 1-4) 0 0 0 7 --- New Palestine (5-2, 5-0) 21 14 7 7 --- 4 Scoring summary
NP-Thomas 8 run (Wells kick), 9:46

NP-Neal 1 run (Wells kick), 6:50 NP-Thomas 3 run (Wells kick), :34 NP-Neal 1 run (Wells kick), 8:28 NP-Hiatt 19 pass from Neal (Wells kick), 1:32 NP-Thomas 6 run (Wells kick), 4;00 S-Martin 4 run (Heifer-Vazquez kick), 9:05 NP-Haines 10 run (Christopher kick), :36

Team stats

First downs: S 6, NP 19

Rushes-yards: S 18-20, NP 33-196 Passing C-A-I: S 12-15-0, NP 9-10-0 Passing yards: S 107, NP 221 Total plays-yards: S 33-127, NP 43-417 Penalties-yards: S 3-3-17, NP 4-3-17 Penalties-yards: S 6-42, NP 4-35 Fumbles-lost: S 0-0, NP 0-0 Punts-avg.: S 5-34.2, NP 0-0 Time of possession: S 25:41, NP 22:19

Individual stats

Shelbyville

Rushing: Martin 7-14, Chappelow 9-7, Conover 2-(-1) Passing: Chappelow 12-15-0-107 Receiving: Brinkman 3-54, Fitzgerald 1-21, Myers 2-15, Conover 2-14, Schene 1-7, Martin 3-(-4)

**New Palestine** 

Rushing: Thomas 16-108, Neal 5-24, Haines 8-35, Harley 1-15, Caldwell 3-14

Passing: Neal 9-10-0-221

Receiving: Kropp 4-126, Mitchell 2-44, Hiatt 2-28, Rollyson 1-23

State rankings: NP 4A 4 (IFCA)/7 (AP)

Week 6: Dragons 21, Greenfield-Central 14
Friday, Sept. 22 at Clayton Myers Field, Greenfield
New Palestine (4-2, 4-0) 14 0 0 7 -- 21
Greenfield-C. (5-1, 3-1) 0 6 8 0 -- 14 Scoring summary

NP-Mitchell 65 pass from Neal (Wells kick), 11:44 NP-Thomas 6 run (Wells kick), 2:33 G-C-Foley 3 run (run failed), 4:00 G-C-Foley 1 run (Freeman run), 6:02

NP-Thomas 1 run (Wells kick), 5:28

Team stats

First downs: NP 15, G-C 23
Rushes-yards: NP 41-214, G-C 58-222
Passing C-A-I: NP 5-11-0, G-C 10-19-1
Passing yards: NP 120, G-C 105 Total plays-yards: NP 52-334, G-C 77-327 Total plays-yards: NP 5-50, G-C 6-55 Penalties-yards: NP 5-50, G-C 6-55 Fumbles-lost: NP 0-0, G-C 2-1 Punts-avg: NP 2-39.5, G-C 1-51.0 Time of possession: NP 20:30, G-C 27:30

Individual stats New Palestine

Rushing: Thomas 29-186, Neal 7-23, Kropp 3-9, team

Passing: Neal 5-11-0-120 Receiving: Mitchell 3-75, Hiatt 2-45 Greenfield-Central

Rushing: Foley 21-84, J.Hinton 14-66, Freeman 13-35, C.Hinton 7-17, VanOsdol 2-16, Willard 1-4 Passing: Freeman 10-18-1-105, team 0-1 Receiving: Knecht 4-41, Wadle 3-41, Willard 3-23 State rankings: NP 4A 6 (IFCA)/10 (AP); G-C 4A 5 (IFCA)/5 (AP)

Week 5: Dragons 34, Pendleton Heights 14 Week S. Diagons 34, Perdieton Heights 14
Friday, Sept. 15 at Kelso Stadium, New Palestine
Pendleton Hts. (3-2, 1-2) 0 0 7 7 -- 1
New Palestine (3-2, 3-0) 14 6 7 7 -- 3
Scoring summary
NP-Kropp 89 kickoff return (Wells kick), 11:47

NP-Kropp 9 run (Wells kick), 6:24 NP-Wells 43 FG, 5:03 NP-Wells 44 FG, :00 NP-Thomas 56 run (Wells kick), 10:28 PH-DeRolf 11 pass from Frank (Apo kick), 1:22 NP-Armstrong 55 interception return (Wells kick), 10:40

PH-Sims 16 pass from Wilson (Apo kick), 6:13 Team stats

First downs: PH 11, NP 13
Rushes-yards: PH 25-53, NP 43-184
Passing C-A-I: PH 13-34-3, NP 4-9-1
Passing yards: PH 125, NP 56
Total plays-yards PH 59-178, NP 52-240

Penalties-yards: PH 5-30, NP 9-75 Fumbles-lost: PH 0-0, NP 0-0 Punts-avg: PH 3-44.3, NP 4-36.8 Time of possession: PH 22:52, NP 25:08 Individual stats

Pendleton Heights

Pendleton Heights
Rushing: Wilson 15-35, Surface 3-10, Roberts 2-6,
Jones 2-3, Trout 1-3, Frank 2-(-4)
Passing: Wilson 7-20-2-63, Frank 6-14-1-62
Receiving: Sims 4-49, DeRolf 4-28, Stevens 3-35,
Reddington 1-11, Wilson 1-2
New Palestine

Rushing: Thomas 31-192, Kropp 2-18, Neal 8-6, team

Receiving: Kropp 2-12, Clark 1-34, Rollyson 1-10 State rankings: NP 4A 5 (IFCA)/10 (AP); PH 4A RV

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**2023 BOXES (cont.)**Week 4: Dragons 63, Mt. Vernon 39
Friday, Sept. 8 at Kelso Stadium, New Palestine
Mt. Vernon (1-3, 0-2) 3 14 22 0 -New Palestine (2-2, 2-0) 21 7 21 14 --14 -- 63 Scoring summary

NP-Kropp 30 pass from Neal (Wells kick), 10:34 MV-Vinard 38 FG, 9:06

NP-Kropp 57 pass from Neal (Wells kick), 3:07 NP-Neal 9 run (Wells kick), :37 NP-Mitchell 69 pass from Neal (Wells kick), 9:55 MV-Jones 25 pass from Ertel (Vinard kick), 8:01

MV-Brogan 3 run (Vinard kick), 1:53 MV-Brogan 4 run (run failed), 8:59

NP-Thomas 80 run (Wells kick), 8:47 NP-Kropp 50 pass from Neal (Wells kick), 6:26 MV-Brogan 65 run (Etherington pass form Ertel), 6:16

NP-Kropp 10 run (Wells kick), 1:12

MV-Brogan 62 run (Jones run), :53 NP-Kropp 45 pass from Neal (Wells kick), 11:30

NP-Thomas 2 run (Wells kick), 5:02

#### Team stats

First downs: MV 18, NP 18 Rushes-yards: MV 34-268, NP 50-348 Passing C-A-I: MV 9-20-1, NP 6-11-0 Passing yards: MV 94, NP 256 Total plays-yards: MV 54-364, NP 61-604 Penalties-yards: MV 6-33, NP 7-75 Fumbles-lost: MV 2-2, NP 1-1 Punts-avg: MV 5-15.8, NP 3-36.3 Time of possession: MV 20:36, NP 27:24

# Individual stats

Mt. Vernon

Rushing: Brogan 26-246, Jones 2-14, Ertel 5-4, Johnson 1-4

Passing: Ertel 9-20-1-94

Receiving: Jones 3-46, Barnett 2-29, Etherington 2-27, Joy 1-(-3), Brogan 1-(-5)

# **New Palestine**

Rushing: Thomas 31-285, Neal 13-46, Kropp 4-20, team 2-(-3)

Passing: Neal 6-11-0-256

Receiving: Kropp 4-182, Mitchell 1-69, Thomas 1-5 State rankings: NP 4A 6 (IFCA)/9 (AP); MV 4A RV (AP)

Week 3: Dragons 30, Yorktown 22 Friday, Sept. 1 at Kelso Stadium, New Palestine Yorktown (2-1, 0-1) 9 0 6 7 --New Palestine (1-2, 1-0) 0 14 10 -- 30 Scoring summary

Y-Weaver 22 FG, 5:51

Y-Webster 10 interception return (kick failed), :28 NP-Mitchell 30 pass from Neal (Wells kick), 10:06 NP-Neal 12 run (Wells kick), 6:12 Y-Ewing 48 run (pass failed), 9:01

NP-Thomas 1 run (pass failed), 6:05 NP-Thomas 8 run (Wells kick), 11:42

NP-Wells 24 FG, 3:33

Y-Dougherty 43 pass from Moulton (McKay kick), 2:40 Team stats

First downs; Y 12, NP 21 Rushes-yards: Y 24-128, NP 54-214 Passing C-A-I: Y 14-39-3, NP 6-12-1 Passing yards: Y 184, NP 119 Total plays-yards: Y 63-312, NP 66-333 Penalties-yards: Y 10-79, NP 7-59

Fumbles-lost: Y 0-0, NP 4-2 Punts-avg: Y 5-40.6, NP 1-45.0

Time of possession: Y 22:09, NP 25:51

# Individual stats

#### Yorktown

Rushing: Ewing 13-77, Moulton 7-48, Webster 3-5, Cummins 1-(-2)

Passing: Moulton 14-39-3-184

Receiving: Williams 5-64, Perdue 5-58, Dougherty 3-57, Webster 1-5

#### **New Palestine**

Rushing: Thomas 31-180, Neal 19-70, Armstrong 1-5, Kropp 1-(-5), team 2-(-36)

Passing: Neal 6-12-1-119

Receiving: Mitchell 3-62, Rollyson 2-42, Kropp 1-15), State rankings: NP 4A 7 (IFCA)/10 (AP); Y 3A RV (IFCA)/10 (AP)

Week 2: Decatur Central 43, Dragons 42

Friday, Aug, 25 at Devere Fair Stadium, Indianapolis New Palestine (0-2) 21 0 14 7 -- 42 17 Decatur Central (2-0)

Scoring summary

DC - Richmond 38 pass from Polston (Vogel kick), 8:37 NP - Thomas 5 run (Wells kick), 5:30 NP - Thomas 22 run (Wells kick), 4:19

NP - Thomas 1 run (Wells kick), :41 DC - Richmond 48 pass from Polston (Vogel kick), 9:54

DC - Dodo 27 run (Vogel kick), 5:54

DC - Vogel 40 FG, :00

NP - Neal 4 run (Wells kick), 11:35 NP - Kropp 13 run (Wells kick), 8:19 DC - Dodo 1 run (pass failed), 2:53

DC - Vogel 44 FG, 9:00

NP - Thomas 52 run (Wells kick), 5:50

DC - Vogel 46 FG, 5:13

DC - Polston 7 run (Vogel kick), :42

#### Team stats

First downs: NP 14, DC 17 Rushes-yards: NP 41-312, DC 29-84 Passing C-A-I: NP 6-12-2, DC 24-43-0

Passing yards: NP 108, DC 354 Total plays-yards: NP 53-420, DC 72-439 Penalties-yards: NP 3-30, DC 8-59

Fumbles-lost: NP 1-1, DC 1-0 Punts-avg: NP 2-32.0, DC 4-26.0 Time of possession: NP 19:50, DC 28:10

#### Individual stats **New Palestine**

Rushing: Thomas 22-233, Kropp 10-66, Neal 9-13 Passing: Neal 5-11-2-104, Armstrong 1-1-0-4 Receiving: Kropp 4-100, Mitchell 1-4, Hiatt 1-4

Decatur Central

Rushing: Polston 15-41, Dodo 4-35, Berry 2-15, Aguirre 4-7, Richmond 2-1, team 1-(-14) Passing: Polston 24-43-0-354 Receiving: Carter 11-74, Richmond 6-176, Hicks 3-28, Aguirre 2-8, Berry 1-39, Dodo 1-30 State Rankings: NP 4A 5 (IFCA)/6 (AP), DC 5A 8 (IFCA)/9 (AP)

## Week 1: Westfield 34, Dragons 14

Friday, Aug, 18 at Riverview Stadium, Westfield New Palestine (0-1) 0 0 0 14 --0 7 Westfield (1-0) 10

Scoring summary

Scoring summary

W-Gilbert 9 run (Boehm kick), 8:45

W-B.Braun 38 pass from Gilbert (Boehm kick), 8:27 W-Boehm 28 FG, 4:19

W-Webster fumble recovery in end zone (Boehm kick),

W-Gilbert 5 run (Boehm kick), 9:44 NP-Thomas 3 run (Wells kick), 9:45 W-Boehm 23 FG, 4:49

NP-Kropp 65 run (Wells kick), 4:35

# Team stats

First downs: NP 15, W 17 Rushes-yards: NP 48-272, W 38-152 Passing C-A-I: NP 6-15-1, W 10-17-1 Passing yards: NP 69, W 165

Total plays-yards: NP 63-341, W 59-317 Penalties-yards: NP 2-10, W 6-40

Fumbles-lost: NP 1-1, W 2-0 Punts-avg: NP 5-19.2, W 4-34.0 Time of possession: NP 22:10, W 25:50

#### Individual stats **New Palestine**

Rushing: Kropp 7-103, Thomas 22-82, Neal 15-74, Armstrong 3-9, Hammons 1-4 Passing: Neal 6-14-1-69, team 0-1 Receiving: Kropp 4-58, Mitchell 1-7, Hiatt 1-4

Westfield

Rushing:Garnett 16-71, Webster 4-31, Gilbert 4-23, Umbaugh 6-23, Aramboles 2-9, Grabowski 4-6, J.Braun 1-4, team 1-(-15) Passing: Gilbert 8-14-1-138, Grabowski 2-3-0-27 Receiving; Nosler 3-19, Arabmoles 2-64, Parker 2-27, B.Braun 1-38, Irwin 1-12, J.Braun 1-5 State Rankings: NP 4A 2 (IFCA), W 6A 7 (IFCA)

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# THE LAST TIME

New Palestine shut out an opponent: Oct. 20, 2023 vs. New Castle (63-0) New Palestine had back-to-back shutouts: Oct. 2, 2020 at Shelbvville (42-0). Oct. 9, 2020 at New Castle (28-0)

New Palestine was shut out: Oct. 29, 2010 at Greenfield-C. (0-7)

New Palestine scored 50-59 points: Sept. 30, 2022 at Shelbyville (56-0) New Palestine scored 60-69 points: Oct. 20, 2023 vs. New Castle (63-0)

New Palestine scored 70-79 points: Nov. 2, 2018 vs. Anderson (78-0)

New Palestine scored 80+ points: Oct. 12, 2018 vs. Delta (84-13)

New Palestine allowed 60 points: Nov. 27, 2015 vs. FW Snider (61-64)

New Palestine allowed 70 points: Oct. 27, 2000 at Elwood (7-79)

New Palestine won by 60+ points: Oct. 20, 2023 vs. New Castle (63-0)

New Palestine lost by 40 points: Aug. 25, 2007 at Delta (7-49)

New Palestine scored 20-29 points in a quarter: Oct. 20, 2023, vs. New Castle (21 points in 1st & 4th quarter of 63-0 victory)

New Palestine scored 30-39 points in a quarter: Oct. 7, 2022 at New Castle (35 points in 2nd quarter of 63-12 victory)

New Palestine scored 40+ points in a quarter: Oct. 12, 2018 vs. Delta (42 points in 1st quarter of 84-13 victory)

New Palestine scored 40-49 points in a half: Nov. 4, 2022 vs. Connersville (43 points in 1st half of 43-14 victory)

New Palestine scored 50-59 points in a half: Oct. 15, 2021 at Delta (52 points in 1st half of 55-6 victory)

New Palestine scored 60+ points in a half: Oct. 7, 2022 at New Castle (63 points in 1st half of 63-12 victory)

New Palestine had 500-599 yards of total offense: Oct. 21, 2022 at Mt. Vernon (509 yards in 35-24 victory)

New Palestine had 600-699 yards of total offense: Sept. 8, 2023 vs. Mt.

Vernon (604 yards in 63-39 victory) New Palestine had 700-799 yards of total offense: Nov. 27, 2015 vs. FW

Snider (757 yards in 64-61 loss) New Palestine had 800+ yards of total offense: Sept. 19, 2015 vs. Pendleton

Heights (813 yards in 84-17 victory) New Palestine had 300-399 yards rushing: Oct. 13, 2023 at Delta, 339 yards

New Palestine had 400-499 yards rushing: Sept. 27, 2019 at Greenfield-C., 457 yards New Palestine had 500+ vards rushing: Nov. 2, 2018 vs. Anderson, 560 vards

New Palestine had 300-399 yards passing: Sept. 16, 2022 at Pendleton Heights, 310 yards New Palestine had 400+ yards passing: Nov. 27, 2015 vs. FW Snider, 501

yards New Palestine allowed 100 or fewer yards of total offense: Oct. 20, 2023 vs.

New Castle, minus-26 vards. New Palestine allowed 0 or fewer yards of total offense: Oct. 20, 2023 vs.

New Castle. minus-26 yards. New Palestine allowed 0 yards rushing: Oct. 20, 2023 vs. New Castle.

minus-57 yards

New Palestine allowed 0 yards passing: Sept. 30, 2022 at Shelbyville, 0 yards

New Palestine had 10 sacks: Sept. 5, 2014 vs. Yorktown, 11 sacks

A Dragon threw for 200-299 yards: Sept. 29, 2023 vs. Shelbyville, Gavin Neal

A Dragon threw for 300-399 yards: Sept. 16, 2022 at Pendleton Heights. Danny Tippit 310 yards.

A Dragon threw for 400+ yards: Nov. 27, 2015 vs. FW Snider. Alex Neligh 501 yards

A Dragon had 300 yards total offense: Sept. 8, 2023 vs. Mt. Vernon, Gavin Neal 302 yards (256 passing, 46 rushing)

A Dragon threw 5 TD passes in a game: Sept. 8, 2023 vs. Mt. Vernon. Gavin Neal 5 TDs

A Dragon threw 4 TD passes in a game: Sept. 30, 2022 at Shelbyville. Danny Tippit 4 TDs

Four different Dragons caught TD passes in the same game: Sept. 23, 2022 vs. Greenfield-Central. Blaine Nunnally (2), Kyler Kropp, Ty Mitchell, Cameron Rollyson TDs from Danny Tippit.

Three different Dragons caught TD passes in the same game: Sept. 30, 2022 at Shelbyville. Blaine Nunnally (2), Kyler Kropp, Ty Mitchell TDs from Danny Tippit.

A Dragon ran for 6 TDs in a game: Oct. 11, 2019 vs. New Castle, Charlie Spegal 6 TDs

A Dragon ran for 5 TDs in a game: Oct. 6, 2023 vs. New Castle. Grayson Thomas 5 TDs

Two Dragons each had 4 TDs in a game: Aug. 25, 2017 vs. Richmond. Luke Canfield (4 rush) & Colby Jenkins (3 rec, 1 rush)

A Dragon had 3 receiving TDs in a game: Sept. 8, 2023 vs. Mt. Vernon. Kyler Kropp 4 TDs (school record)

A Dragon had a rushing and receiving TD in a game: Sept. 8, 2023 vs. Mt. Vernon. Kyler Kropp 4 receiving TDs, 1 rushing TD

A Dragon had two 70+-yard catches in a game: Oct. 19, 2012 vs. Mt. Vernon. Tyler Walden 73, 78-yard TD receptions from Chaz Hill

A Dragon had 100+ yards receiving: Sept. 29, 2023 vs. Shelbyville. Kyler Kropp 126 yards

A Dragon had 200+ yards receiving: Oct. 30, 2020 vs. Franklin. Blake Austin 230 yards

A Dragon had 300+ yards receiving: Nov. 27, 2015 vs. FW Snider. Duke Blackwell 328 yards

A Dragon had 10 receptions: Oct. 9, 2020 at New Castle. Blake Austin 12 receptions.

A Dragon had 30-39 carries: Oct. 6, 2023 vs. New Castle. Grayson Thomas 30 carries

A Dragon had 40+ carries: Sept. 14, 2018 at Pendleton Hts. Charlie Spegal 40 carries

A Dragon ran for 200-249 yards: Oct. 13, 2023 at Delta. Grayson Thomas 243 yards

A Dragon ran for 250-299 yards: Sept. 8, 2023 vs. Mt. Vernon. Grayson Thomas 285 yards.

A Dragon ran for 300+ yards: Nov. 2, 2018 vs. Anderson, Charlie Spegal 364 yards

A Dragon had 300-399 yards from scrimmage: Sept. 27, 2019 at Greenfield-Central, Charlie Spegal 300 yards (288 rushing, 12 receiving)

A Dragon had 400+ yards from scrimmage: Nov. 2, 2018 vs. Anderson. Charlie Spegal 418 yards (364 rushing, 54 receiving)

A Dragon ran for 100 yards and threw for 200: Sept. 1, 2017 at Yorktown. Zach Neligh 174 rush/200 pass

A Dragon ran for 200 yards and threw for 200: Sept. 19, 2015 vs. Pendleton Heights. Alex Neligh 200 rush/248 pass

A Dragon had five sacks: Sept. 5, 2014 vs. Yorktown. Gabe Estes 5

A Dragon had three interceptions: Sept. 12, 2014 at Mt. Vernon. Garrett Kuhn

A Dragon had two interceptions: Oct. 21, 2022 at Mt. Vernon. Blaine Nunnally 2

New Palestine had two 100-yard rushers in same game: Sept. 24, 2021 at Greenfield-Central. Grayson Thomas 146 yards, Damon Hockett 125 yards.

New Palestine had three 100-yard rushers in same game: Sept. 19, 2015 vs. Pendleton Heights. Alex Neligh 200 yards, Nick Brickens 168 yards, Luke Ely 137 yards

New Palestine had a 200-yard passer, 100-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver in the same game: Sept. 29, 2023 vs. Shelbyville. Gavin Neal 221 yards passing, Grayson Thomas 108 yards rushing, Kyler Kropp 126 yards receiving

New Palestine had two plays from scrimmage go for 70+ yards: Oct. 12, 2018 vs. Delta. Brody Luker 73 pass from Zach Neligh; Charlie Spegal 82 run

New Palestine had two plays from scrimmage go for 80+ yards: Sept. 16, 2016 at Pendleton Hts. Gunnar Large 80 run; DuRon Ford 90 run

New Palestine had a play from scrimmage go for 70-79 yards: Aug. 25, 2023 at Decatur Central. Grayson Thomas 76 run

New Palestine had a play from scrimmage go for 80-89 yards: Sept. 8, 2023 vs. Mt. Vernon. Grayson Thomas 80 run

New Palestine had a play from scrimmage go for 90+ yards: Sept. 16, 2016 at Pendleton Hts. DuRon Ford 90 run

New Palestine had a defensive touchdown: Oct. 20, 2023 vs. New Castle. Liam Fuller 16-yard fumble return.

New Palestine had special teams touchdown: Sept. 15, 2023 vs. Pendleton Heights. Kyler Kropp 89-yard kickoff return.

New Palestine had a player record an offensive, special teams and defensive score: Oct. 17, 2014 vs. Delta. Garrett Kuhn 25-yard INT return, 49-yard punt return & 25-yard reception for TDs

New Palestine had a player record an offensive and defensive score: Sept. 3, 2021 vs. Yorktown. Blaine Nunnally 12-yard TD reception, 35-yard INT return.

New Palestine scored two defensive TDs in the same game: Sept. 4, 2020 at Yorktown. Hunter Burks 45 INT return, Aidan Ewers 36 INT return.

A New Palestine player scored two defensive TDs in the same game: Sept. 23, 2016 vs. Greenfield-C. Adam Kincaid 83 and 60-yard fumble returns

New Palestine blocked a punt: Sept. 30, 2022 at Shelbyville. Blaine Nunnally blocked punt.

New Palestine recorded a safety: Oct. 29, 2021 vs. Franklin. Blaine Nunnally tackled Franklin punter in end zone.

New Palestine recorded two safeties in the same game: Sept. 12, 2014 at Mt. Vernon, MV punter & QB each fumbled ball out of end zone

New Palestine had a kickoff return for touchdown: Sept. 15, 2023 vs. Pendleton Heights. Kyler Kropp 89-yard kickoff return.

New Palestine had a punt return for touchdown: Oct. 2, 2015 vs. Shelbyville. Nick Brickens 88-yard return (statistically: Oct. 11, 2019 vs. New Castle, Maxen Hook 2 blocked punt return).

New Palestine beat a ranked opponent: Sept. 15, 2023, defeated 4A No. 5/5 Greenfield-Central 21-14

New Palestine won after trailing by 20+ points: Oct. 30. 2020 vs. Franklin. Won 31-27 after trailing 27-3 with 2:44 remaining in third quarter.

New Palestine played an overtime game: Aug. 21, 2009 vs. Whiteland 22-16. (note: New Palestine has won five straight OT games since 2004)

#### SECTIONAL SEMI NEW PALESTINE vs. GREENFIELD-C. OCT. 27, 2023 YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE CAREER **RECORD BOOK** 1. 3,356, Charlie Spegal, 2018 2. 3,168, Charlie Spegal, 2019 3. 2,097, Alex Neligh, 2015 4. 2,061, Jeff Miles 1987 5. 2,020, Nick Roudebush 1990 6. 1,861, Grayson Thomas, 2023 PASSING YARDS CAREER 1. 6,693, Charlie Spegal, 2018-19 2. 5,874, Grayson Thomas, 2020-23 3. 3,963, Jeff Miles, 1985-87 4. 3,344, Alex Neligh, 2013-15 1. 5,374, Alex Neligh 2013-15 5,374, Alex Neligh 2013-15 3,610, Justin Plummer, 1997-99 3,462, Zach Neligh, 2015-18 3,289, Connor Simmons, 2010-11 3,282, Blake Luker, 2011-13 3,007, Lincoln Roth, 2018-20 2,782, Gary Greene, 1983-84 2,546, Danny Tippit, 2022 2,342. Chris Van Dyke, 1979-81 SFASON SEASON 1. 3,478, Charlie Spegal, 2018 2. 3,215, Charlie Spegal, 2019 8. 1,764, Luke Canfield, 2016 8. 1,764, Luke Canfield, 2017 9. 1,665, Chris Grider, 2003 10. 1,636, James Young, 2014 11. 1,629, Eric Alcorn, 2005 **GAME** 1. 414, Charlie Spegal, 2018 vs. Anderson TOTAL TDs FROM SCRIMMAGE CAREER 12. 1,029, EIR AICOTI, 2005 12. 1,627, Nick Brickens, 2015 13. 1,509, Grayson Thomas, 2022 14. 1,288, Grayson Thomas, 2021 15. 1,256, Greg Davis, 2004 GAME SEASON 1. 2,852, Alex Neligh, 2015 2. 2,795, Connor Simmons, 2011 3. 2,630, Blake Luker, 2013 4. 2,546. Danny Tippit, 2022 5. 2,469, Alex Neligh 2014 6. 2,006, Matt Rodgers, 1993 7. 1,861, Zach Neligh, 2017 8. 1,588, Mark Shepler, 1987 9. 1,575, Lincoln Roth, 2019 10. 1,572, Zach Neligh, 2018 11. 1,543, Gunnar Large, 2016 12. 1,527. Justin Plummer, 1997 13. 1,436, Damon Hockett, 2021 14. 1,426: Gary Greene, 1984 15, 1,416, Lincoln Roth, 2020 16. 1,359: Jeff Stephenson, 1991 SEASON 1. 125, Charlie Spegal, 2018 SEASON 70, Charlie Spegal, 2018 55, Charlie Spegal, 2019 1. 387, Charlie Spegal, 2018 vs. Delta 2. 364, Charlie Spegal, 2018 vs. Anderson 3. 336, Chris Grider, 2002 at Tipton 4. 305, Luke Canfield, 2017 vs. PH GAME GAME 1. 8, Charlie Spegal, 2018 vs. Anderson RECEIVING YARDS CAREER 1. 2,238, Duke Blackwell 2013-15 2. 2,134, Tyler Walden 2011-13 3. 1,618, Colby Jenkins, 2015-18 4. 1,610, Isaiah Thacker, 2021-22 5. 1,328, Blake Austin, 2018-20 6. 1,270, Jay Fhle, 1992-93 **RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS CAREER**1. 123, Charlie Spegal, 2018-19 2. 83, Grayson Thomas, 2020-23 5. 1,328, Blake Austin, 2018-20 6. 1,270, Jay Ehle, 1992-93 7. 1,225, Kyler Kropp, 2020-23 8. 1,174, Brandon Collins 2010-11 9. 1,120, Blaine Nunnally 2020-22 10. 1,060, Todd Yoder 1993-95 11. 1,042, Keith Roseman 1983-84 3. 56, Alex Neligh, 2013-15 4. 52, Jeff Miles, 1986-87 15, 1,416, Lincolli Rotil, 2020 16. 1,359: Jeff Stephenson, 1991 17. 1,356: Gary Greene, 1983 18. 1,233, Gavin Neal, 2023 19. 1,205. Justin Plummer, 1999 20. 1,079. Chris Van Dyke, 1981 5. 46, James Young, 2013-14 SEASON 1. 68, Charlie Spegal, 2018 (state record) 2. 55, Charlie Spegal, 2019 3. 37, Alex Neligh, 2015 SEASON 1. 1,231, Tyler Walden 2013 2. 1,148, Duke Blackwell 2015 3. 929, Brandon Collins 2011 4. 917, Isaiah Thacker 2022 4. 35, James Young, 2014 5. 33, Jeff Miles, 1987 5. 33, DuRon Ford, 2016 1. 501, Alex Neligh vs. FW Snider, 2015 2. 399, Matt Rodgers vs. HSE, 1993 3. 341, Lincoln Roth vs. Franklin, 2020 PASS COMPLETIONS GAME 4. 917, Isalah Mackel 2022 5. 904, Jay Ehle, 1993 6. 894, Josh Penley 2011 7. 845, Blake Austin 2020 8. 824, Duke Blackwell 2014 7, Charlie Spegal, 2018 vs. Kokomo 7, Charlie Spegal, 2018 vs. Delta 7, Charlie Spegal, 2018 vs. Anderson CAREER 1. 306, Alex Neligh 2013-15 2. 239, Blake Luker, 2011-13 3. 224, Justin Plummer, 1997-99 GAME 328, Duke Blackwell vs. FW Snider 2015 230, Blake Austin vs. Franklin 2020 212, Tyler Walden vs. PH 2013 182, Kyler Kropp vs. Mt. Vernon 2023 165, Tyler Walden vs. MV 2012 156, Tyler Walden vs. Whiteland 2013 157, 169, Marchell vs. MSS 1002 SCORING SEASON 1. 176, Blake Luker, 2013 2. 174, Connor Simmons, 2011 3. 170, Alex Neligh, 2015 PASSING TOUCHDOWNS CAREER **CARCER**1. 754, Charlie Spegal, 2018-19 2. 500, Grayson Thomas, 2020-23 3. 336, Alex Neligh, 2013-15 4. 312, Jeff Miles, 1986-87 CAREER 1. 64, Alex Neligh, 2013-15 2. 40, Blake Luker, 2011-13 3. 39, Connor Simmons, 2010-11 SEASON 7. 152, Josh Marshall vs. HSE 1993 8. 151, Josh Penley vs. Richmond 2011 1. 422, Charlie Spegal, 2018 (state record) 2. 332, Charlie Spegal, 2019 3. 222, Alex Neligh, 2015 4. 210, Jeff Miles, 1987 RECEPTIONS CAREER 4. 36, Zach Neligh, 2015-18 SEASON 1. 138, Tyler Walden, 2011-13 2. 106, Duke Blackwell 2013-15 1. 36, Alex Neligh, 2014 2. 35, Connor Simmons, 2011 3. 33, Blake Luker, 2013 3. 33, Danny Tippit, 2022 4. 210, James Young, 2014 2. 106, Duke Blackwell 2013-18 3. 95, Colby Jenkins, 2015-18 4. 89, Isaiah Thacker, 2021-22 5. 81, Blake Austin, 2018-20 6. 76, Brandon Collins, 2010-11 7. 75, Kyler Kropp, 2021-23 SEASON GAME 1. 48, Charlie Spegal, 2018 vs. Anderson KICK SCORING 5, Several (Gavin Neal vs. MV, 2023) TOTAL OFFENSE CAREER 1. 285, Spencer Corey, 2013-16 2. 220, Alex Kropp, 2017-19 CAREER 1. 86, Tyler Walden 2013 2. 60, Brandon Collins 2011 CAREER 1. 8,718, Alex Neligh, 2013-15 2. 6,524, Charlie Spegal, 2018-19 3. 5,821, Zach Neligh, 2015-18 4. 5,759, Grayson Thomas, 2020-23 5. 4,494, Blake Luker, 2011-13 6. 3,963, Jeff Miles, 1985-87 SEASON 1. 128, Spencer Corey, 2015 (state record). 2. 119, Alex Kropp, 2018 3. 54, Blake Austin 2020 4. 52, Duke Blackwell 2015 **GAME** PATs CAME 1. 14, Tyler Walden vs. PH 2013 2. 12, Blake Austin vs. New Castle 2020 3. 11, Josh Marshall vs. HSE 1993 4. 10, Duke Blackwell vs. FW Snider 2015 10, Tyler Walden at PH 2013 10, Tyler Walden vs. Danville 2013 10, Brandon Collins vs. Whiteland 2011 RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS CAREER 1. 243, Spencer Corey, 2013-16 2. 181, Alex Kropp, 2017-19 SEASON SEASON 1. 4,949, Alex Neligh, 2015 2. 3,761, Blake Luker, 2013 3. 3,654, Alex Neligh, 2014 4. 3,356, Charlie Spegal, 2018 5. 3,168, Charlie Spegal, 2019 6. 2,991, Zach Neligh, 2017 SEASON 1. 113, Spencer Corey, 2015 (state record) 2. 101, Alex Kropp, 2018 1. 12, Spencer Corey, 2016 vs. G-C; 12, Alex Kropp 2018 vs. Delta CONSECUTIVE CAREER GAME 1. 30, Duke Blackwell 2013-15 1. 667, Alex Neligh, 2015 vs. FW Snider 2. 471, Blake Luker, 2013 at PH TOTAL OFFENSE TDs 2. 22, Tyler Walden, 2011-13 3. 20, Colby Jenkins, 2015-18 3. 20, Josh Penley, 2010-11 SEASON 115, Spencer Corey, 2014-15 (state record) INTERCEPTIONS CAREER CAREER: 20, Tom Breeden, 1984-86 SEASON: 10, Tom Breeden, 1984 GAME: 3, Garrett Kuhn, 2014 at MV 1. 123, Charlie Spegal, 2018-19 2. 120, Alex Neligh, 2013-15 3. 83, Grayson Thomas, 2020-23 3. 64, Blake Luker, 2011-13 4. 63, Zach Neligh, 2015-18 1. 17, Duke Blackwell , 2015 17, Josh Penley, 2011 GAME LONGEST PLAYS Pass: 93 yards, Matt Rodgers to Jay Ehle, 1993 vs. Hamilton Southeastern Run: 98 yards, James Young, 2014 vs. New Prairie (State Finals record) 4, Kyler Kropp vs. Mt. Vernon 2023 RUSHING YARDS SEASON CAREER 1. 73, Alex Neligh, 2015 2. 5,759, Grayson Thomas, 2020-23 3. 3,963, Jeff Miles, 1985-87 4. 3,344, Alex Neligh, 2013-15 5. 3,307, Nick Roudebush, 1989-90 68, Charlie Spegal, 2018 55, Charlie Spegal, 2019

6. 2,919, Chris Grider, 2002-03

3. 54, Blake Luker, 2013

8, Alex Neligh, 2014 vs. New Prairie

Field goal: 47 yards, Brendan Tanksley, 2022

at Yorktown

# THE 2023 DRAGONS

| No. | Name             | Pos.  | Ht.  | Wt. | Class | No.   | Name             | Pos.  | Ht.  | Wt. 0 | Class |
|-----|------------------|-------|------|-----|-------|-------|------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| 2   | Cameron Rollyson | WR/DB | 5-11 | 171 | So.   | 32    | T.J. Hammons     | RB/DB | 5-6  | 154   | Jr.   |
| 3   | Austin McMahan   | WR/DB | 6-1  | 156 | Jr.   | 33    | Garrett Ranes    | TE/LB | 6-1  | 224   | So.   |
| 4   | Grayson Thomas   | RB/DB | 6-0  | 190 | Sr.   | 34    | Josh Ranes       | RB/LB | 6-0  | 219   | So.   |
| 5   | Connor Jacobia   | RB/DB | 5-10 | 143 | So.   | 35    | Rudy Hubbard     | WR/DB | 5-8  | 170   | So.   |
| 7   | Kyler Kropp      | RB/DB | 6-1  | 189 | Sr.   | 43    | Connor Groves    | WR/DB | 5-10 | 145   | So.   |
| 8   | Gavin Neal       | QB/LB | 6-0  | 208 | So.   | 44    | Cole Christopher | K     | 5-11 | 160   | So.   |
| 9   | Caden Jacobia    | RB/DB | 5-9  | 188 | So.   | 45    | Austin Groves    | WR/DB | 5-8  | 140   | So.   |
| 10  | Micah Clark      | WR/DB | 5-6  | 149 | Sr.   | 46/53 | 3 Colton Wise    | OL/LB | 5-11 | 200   | Sr.   |
| 11  | Brady Armstrong  | QB/DB | 5-10 | 162 | Sr.   | 50    | Liam Fuller      | OL/LB | 5-8  | 196   | Sr.   |
| 12  | Desmond Palmer   | WR/DB | 6-0  | 163 | So.   | 52    | Michael Thacker  | OL/DL | 6-0  | 271   | Jr    |
| 13  | Ty Mitchell      | WR/DB | 5-6  | 150 | Sr.   | 54    | John Ranes       | OL/DL | 6-1  | 251   | Jr.   |
| 14  | Gavin Lumpkin    | RB/DB | 5-9  | 142 | Jr.   | 55    | Colin Whetsel    | OL/DL | 6-0  | 209   | So.   |
| 15  | Brayden Harley   | WR/DB | 5-7  | 126 | Sr.   | 56    | Aiden Redmon     | OL/DL | 5-9  | 259   | So.   |
| 16  | Dylan Dragoo     | WR/DB | 5-10 | 165 | Jr.   | 57    | Dakota Scott     | OL/LB | 5-8  | 202   | Sr.   |
| 17  | Bryan Caldwell   | WR/DB | 5-10 | 169 | So.   | 58    | Luke Hensel      | OL/DL | 5-10 | 208   | So.   |
| 18  | Brody Perkins    | QB/LB | 6-0  | 193 | Jr.   | 64    | David Gorth      | OL/LB | 6-2  | 165   | So.   |
| 19  | Brody Meyer      | WR/DB | 5-9  | 148 | So.   | 65    | William Glesing  | OL/DL | 6-0  | 231   | Fr.   |
| 20  | Alex Guhl        | TE/LB | 6-0  | 210 | Jr.   | 66    | Carson Neligh    | OL/DL | 5-11 | 176   | So.   |
| 21  | Keagan Harrison  | WR/DB | 6-1  | 153 | Jr.   | 70    | lan Moore        | OL/DL | 6-6  | 311   | Sr.   |
| 22  | Ayden Ley        | TE/LB | 5-9  | 187 | So.   | 71    | Isaiah Wise      | OL/DL | 5-9  | 213   | So.   |
| 23  | Landon Maddox    | WR/DB | 6-0  | 156 | Fr.   | 72    | Abe Walling      | OL/DL | 6-2  | 221   | So.   |
| 24  | Mason Hiatt      | WR/DB | 6-0  | 181 | Sr.   | 73    | Logan Myers      | OL/DL | 5-10 | 180   | So.   |
| 25  | Marshall Giant   | WR/DB | 5-9  | 145 | Fr.   | 75    | Brock Brownfield | OL/DL | 6-3  | 249   | So.   |
| 26  | Max Wiegand      | WR/DB | 5-9  | 155 | Jr.   | 76    | Gabe Lytell      | OL/DL | 5-11 | 247   | So.   |
| 27  | Malachi Haines   | RB/DL | 6-0  | 227 | Sr.   | 77    | Landon Seib      | OL/DL | 6-0  | 246   | Jr.   |
| 28  | Jake Wells       | K     | 6-0  | 169 | Jr.   | 80    | Mason Oglesby    | TE/LB | 6-2  | 186   | Fr.   |
| 29  | Judea Holt       | WR/DB | 5-11 | 155 | So.   | 81    | Kole Hege        | TE/LB | 6-1  | 166   | Fr.   |
| 30  | Mallari Johnson  | K     | 5-6  | 139 | Jr.   | 84    | Sam Adam         | WR/DB | 6-0  | 179   | Jr.   |

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