

NEW PALESTINE FOOTBALL

2014, 2018 & 2019 IHSA state champion | 5-time state finalist | 22 conference titles | 12 sectional titles

OCT. 14, 2022 | vs. DELTA | KELSO STADIUM, NEW PALESTINE | 7:30 P.M.

SCHEDULES

NEW PALESTINE (8-0, 6-0)

Aug. 19	WESTFIELD	W 42-28
Aug. 20	DECATUR CENTRAL	W 49-0
Sept. 2	at Yorktown*	W 50-13
Sept. 9	at Mt. Vernon*	W 42-6
Sept. 16	at Pendleton Heights*	W 42-14
Sept. 23	GREENFIELD-CENTRAL*	W 42-7
Sept. 30	at Shelbyville*	W 56-0
Oct. 7	at New Castle*	W 63-12
Oct. 14	DELTA*	7:30 p.m.

IHSA Class 4A Sectional 22

Oct. 21	at Mt. Vernon	7 p.m.
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*-Hoosier Heritage Conference game

DELTA (3-5, 1-5)

Aug. 19	at Muncie Central	W 34-28
Aug. 26	COLUMBIA CITY	W 21-14
Sept. 2	SHELBYVILLE*	W 42-7
Sept. 9	at Yorktown*	L 21-35
Sept. 16	MT. VERNON*	L 28-42
Sept. 23	at New Castle*	L 12-17
Sept. 30	PENDLETON HEIGHTS*	L 10-27
Oct. 7	GREENFIELD-CENTRAL*	L 6-28
Oct. 14	at New Palestine*	7:30 p.m.

IHSA Class 3A Sectional 27

Oct. 21	YORKTOWN	7 p.m.
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*-Hoosier Heritage Conference game

HHC STANDINGS

	Conf	GB	Overall
New Palestine	6-0	--	8-0
Mt. Vernon	5-1	1	5-3
Yorktown	4-2	2	6-2
Greenfield-Central	3-3	3	5-3
Pendleton Heights	3-3	3	4-4
Delta	1-5	5	3-5
New Castle	1-5	5	2-6
Shelbyville	1-5	5	1-7

Last week's games

New Palestine 63, New Castle 12

Greenfield-Central 28, Delta 6

Mt. Vernon 57, Shelbyville 13

Pendleton Heights 28, Yorktown 20

This week's games

Delta at New Palestine, 7:30 p.m.

Mt. Vernon at Yorktown, 7 p.m.

New Castle at Greenfield-Central, 7 p.m.

Pendleton Heights at Shelbyville, 7 p.m.

SECTIONAL 22 DRAW

Friday, Oct. 21

Richmond (0-8) at Connersville (4-4)

Beech Grove (4-4) at New Castle (2-6)

New Palestine (8-0) at Mt. Vernon (5-3)

Pendleton Hts. (4-4) at Greenfield-C. (5-3)

Friday, Oct. 28

Richmond/Connersville vs. Beech Grove/New Castle

New Palestine/Mt. Vernon vs. Pend Hts/Greenfield-C

Friday, Nov. 4

Championship

All games at 7 p.m.

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(4A 1/1) NEW PALESTINE DRAGONS (8-0, 6-0 HHC)

HEAD COACH: Kyle Ralph (10th season, 112-10). 2021 5A sectional champion

vs



DELTA EAGLES (3-5, 1-5 HHC)

HEAD COACH: Chris Overholt (7th season, 43-31)

PREGAME NOTES

SETTING THE SCENE

- The Dragons return home to conclude the 55th regular season in school history and celebrate Senior Night against Delta. It's the final regular-season home game for the Dragons' 19 seniors.
- A victory this week would give the Dragons the outright HHC title - their 12th HHC title and 22nd overall conference title. A win would give the Dragons their 11th outright HHC title in 14 years.
- This is the 30th meeting between the Dragons and Eagles. Delta is the lone team in the HHC to have a winning record against New Palestine, having a 15-14 all-time record in the series, but the Dragons have won nine straight meetings and 12 of the last 13. Last year, the Dragons rushed for 314 yards and scored 52 first-half points in a 55-6 victory.
- The Dragons are in possession of the HHC's Helmet trophy. They held it from 2013-20 and regained possession after a 42-6 victory at Mt. Vernon in Week 4.

DRAGONS NOTES

- The Dragons are seeking to close out the 12th unbeaten regular season in school history and their eighth in 10 years under coach **Kyle Ralph**.
- The Dragons have not allowed a point in the first quarter this season, outscoring teams 118-0 in the opening 12 minutes. The Dragons have also not trailed this season.
- Last week, the Dragons rolled up a 63-point first half in a 63-12 victory over New Castle. It marked the most points since a 2019 victory over New Castle, most points in a half since a 2018 victory over Delta. The 35-point second quarter was the most points since tallying 35 in a quarter against Shelbyville in 2019.
- The Dragons have forced a running clock in seven consecutive games.
- Senior **Isaiah Thacker** returned the opening kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown last week, the second of his career and the Dragons' first KOR for a TD since Thacker did so in last year's sectional against Franklin. Thacker also reeled in five passes for 115 yards, his fourth career 100-yard game, and two scores. He now has 1,302 yards in a New Palestine uniform and moved up to fifth on the Dragons' career receiving list. He needs 26 yards to catch Blake Austin for fourth.
- Senior **Blaine Nunnally** tallied his second career pick-6 last week, intercepting a pass and taking it back 19 yards for a score. It was the second of his career and first since a 35-yard return in Week 3 of the 2021 season against Yorktown. It was the Dragons' third pick-6 this season, joining ones by **Eian Roudebush** and **A.J. Reierson**.
- Senior QB **Danny Tippit** now has 1,642 passing yards, the seventh-highest single-season total in NPHS history. He threw for 146 yards and two scores and ran for 76 yards and two scores last week.
- Junior RB **Grayson Thomas** became the first Dragon to post three 1,000-yard rushing seasons in Week 7. He now has 3,511 career yards and 52 touchdowns for his career and is in third place on both the NPHS career rushing yards and scoring lists.
- The Dragons are plus-16 in turnover ratio, with 20 takeaways and four giveaways. **Daniel Thacker** has four interceptions and a fumble recovery to lead the team.
- Junior OL **Ian Moore** is the No. 1-rated offensive tackle nationally by Rivals, who has Moore rated as the No. 1 Class of 2024 prospect in the state and No. 33 in the nation.

SCOUTING THE EAGLES

- Delta has dropped five straight games after starting the season 3-0. The Eagles dropped a 28-6 decision to Greenfield-Central last week.
- QB Kaiden Bond leads Delta's offense with 865 passing yards. Defensively, senior Hunter Wallace had 14 tackles for loss and eight sacks.

LOOKING AHEAD

- The Dragons open sectional play next week on the road at Mt. Vernon. The winner will face either Pendleton Heights or Greenfield-Central in the semifinal. If the Dragons win, they would host G-C but travel to PH.

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POLLS

- AP 4A Top 10 (Oct. 11)**
 1. New Palestine (8-0)
 2. Roncalli (7-1)
 3. NorthWood (8-0)
 4. East Central (7-1)
 5. Kokomo (8-0)
 6. Evansville Reitz (8-0) (+1)
 7. Mooresville (6-2) (+3)
 8. New Prairie (7-1) (-3)
 9. Martinsville (6-2) (-1)
 10. Columbia City (7-1) (new)

IFCA 4A Top 10 (Oct. 10)

- 1. New Palestine (8-0)**
 2. Roncalli (7-1)
 3. East Central (7-1)
 4. Kokomo (8-0)
 5. NorthWood (8-0)
 6. Evansville Reitz (8-0) (+1)
 7. Mooresville (6-2) (+2)
 8. New Prairie (7-1)
 9. Columbia City (7-1) (new)
 10. Martinsville (6-2) (-2)

COMPUTERS

Sagarin 4A rankings (Week 8)

- 1. New Palestine (8-0)**
 2. Roncalli (8-0)
 3. East Central (7-1)
 4. NorthWood (8-0)
 5. Brebeuf (4-3)
 6. Evansville Reitz (8-0)
 7. Mooresville (6-2)
 8. Columbia City (7-1)
 9. Martinsville (6-2)
 10. Mt. Vernon (5-3)

MaxPreps 4A (Week 8)

- 1. New Palestine (8-0)**
 2. Roncalli (7-1)
 3. East Central (7-1)
 4. Brebeuf (4-3)
 5. NorthWood (8-0)
 6. Evansville Reitz (8-0)
 7. Mooresville (6-2)
 8. Martinsville (6-2)
 9. Mt. Vernon (5-3)
 10. Kokomo (8-0)

SECTIONAL 22

- BEECH GROVE (4-4)**
 Last week: lost to Triton Central 27-7
 This week: vs. Franklin County
CONNERSVILLE (4-4)
 Last week: lost to Lawrenceburg 38-0
 This week: at Batesville
GREENFIELD-CENTRAL (5-3)
 Last week: beat Delta 28-6
 This week: vs. New Castle
MT. VERNON (5-3)
 Last week: beat Shelbyville 57-13
 This week: at Yorktown
NEW CASTLE (2-6)
 Last week: lost to New Palestine 63-12
 This week: at Greenfield-Central
PENDLETON HEIGHTS (4-4)
 Last week: beat Yorktown 28-20
 This week: at Shelbyville
RICHMOND (0-8)
 Last week: lost to Kokomo 48-6
 This week: at Harrison

PROBABLE STARTERS

NEW PALESTINE OFFENSE

- WR: 12 Blaine Nunnally (5-10, 171, Sr.)
 SL: 13 Ty Mitchell (5-8, 153, Jr.)
 LT: 76 Luke Burgess (6-7, 291, Sr.)
 LG: 56 Ben Purciful (5-11, 258, Sr.)
 C: 65 Trey Keele (6-1, 273, Sr.)
 RG: 55 Thomas Wood (6-2, 284, Sr.)
 RT: 70 Ian Moore (6-6, 290, Jr.)
 SL: 17 Kyler Kropp (6-1, 184, Jr.)
 WR: 22 Isaiah Thacker (6-0, 186, Sr.)
 QB: 15 Daniel Tippit (5-9, 146, Sr.)
 RB: 4 Grayson Thomas (6-0, 184, Jr.)

NEW PALESTINE SPECIALISTS

- K: 16 Brendan Tanksley (5-7, 162, Sr.)
 P: 38 Jake Wells (5-11, 166, So.)
 KO: 16 Brendan Tanksley (5-7, 162, Sr.)

NEW PALESTINE DEFENSE

- DT: 52 Michael Thacker (6-0, 268, So.)
 NG: 54 John Raney (6-2, 266, So.)
 DT: 75 Brock Brownfield (6-2, 231, Fr.)
 SLB: 20 Eli Hook (6-2, 205, Sr.)
 MLB: 3 Eian Roudebush (6-1, 204, Sr.)
 WLB: 2 A.J. Reiersen (5-11, 201, Sr.)
 AL: 12 Blaine Nunnally (5-10, 171, Sr.)
 AL: 24 Mason Hiatt (6-0, 175, Jr.)
 CB: 22 Isaiah Thacker (6-0, 186, Sr.)
 CB: 5 Daniel Thacker (5-8, 145, Sr.)
 FS: 6 Baylor Hurst (5-10, 170, Sr.)

- KR: 22 Isaiah Thacker/5 Daniel Thacker
 PR: 22 Isaiah Thacker (6-0, 186, Sr.)
 LS: 4 Grayson Thomas (6-0, 184, Jr.)

TEAM/PLAYER NOTES

SERIES HISTORY

This is the 30th meeting between the Dragons and Delta. Delta leads the series 15-14, but the Dragons have won nine straight and 12 of the last 13. The schools first played in 1977 and have played annually since 1997.

SERIES HISTORY

Delta leads 15-14

At New Palestine: New Palestine leads 7-6

Regular season: Tied 13-13

First meeting: 9/23/77: Delta 6-0 (at Delta)

LAST 10 MEETINGS

- 10/15/21: NP 55-6 (at D) 10/14/16: NP 56-15 (at NP)
 10/16/20: NP 28-21 (at NP) 10/16/15: NP 66-29 (at D)
 10/18/19: NP 49-13 (at D) 10/17/14: NP 54-0 (at NP)
 10/12/18: NP 84-13 (at NP) 9/13/13: NP 41-14 (at D)
 10/13/17: NP 55-7 (at D) 9/8/12: D 21-6 (Lucas Oil)

IN THE PIPELINE

The Dragons' freshman team is 8-0 after a 12-10 win over Cathedral last Saturday. It has also defeated Decatur Central, Westfield, Yorktown's JV, Mt. Vernon, Pendleton Heights, Greenfield-Central and Chatard. The JV is 6-2 after a 28-12 victory over New Castle. Both teams meet Delta Monday.

IN THE POLLS

The Dragons return to the top 10, starting at No. 2 in the IFCA Class 4A poll. The Dragons were unranked during the last eight weeks of the 2021 season when they were in Class 5A. They had been ranked for 80 consecutive weeks prior to that, from Sept. 2, 2013 through Aug. 23, 2021.

POLL WEEK

	AP	IFCA
Preseason (Aug. 16)	3	2
After Week 1 (Aug. 23)	1	2
After Week 2 (Aug. 30)	1	1
After Week 3 (Sept. 6)	1	1
After Week 4 (Sept. 13)	1	1
After Week 5 (Sept. 20)	1	1
After Week 6 (Sept. 27)	1	1
After Week 7 (Oct. 2)	1	1
After Week 8 (Oct. 9)	1	1

LAST MEETING

Game 9: New Palestine 55, Delta 6

Friday, Oct. 15, 2021 at Delta Stadium, Muncie

New Palestine (6-3, 6-1)	24	28	3	0	--	55
Delta (4-5, 1-5)	0	0	0	6	--	6

Scoring summary

- NP – Hockett 58 run (Tanksley kick), 11:13
 NP – Tanksley 32 FG, 6:26
 NP – Kropp 11 pass from Hockett (Tanksley kick), 2:52
 NP – Hockett 38 run (Tanksley kick), :06
 NP – Hockett 7 run (Tanksley kick), 8:32
 NP – Thomas 47 run (Tanksley kick), 7:09
 NP – Kropp 16 run (Tanksley kick), 2:50
 NP – Thacker 38 pass from Hockett (Tanksley kick), 1:19
 NP – Wells 40 FG, 4:29
 D – Carpenter 29 run (kick failed), 10:25

Team stats

- First downs: NP 14, D 9
 Rushes-yards: NP 33-317, D 32-91
 Passing C-A-I: NP 7-11-0, D 6-18-0
 Passing yards: NP 112, D 75
 Total plays-yards: NP 44-429, D 50-166
 Penalties-yards: NP 4-35, D 2-19
 Punts-avg: NP 1-40.0, D 6-26.7
 Fumbles-lost: NP 3-1, D 2-1
 Time of possession: NP 21:58, D 26:02

Individual stats

New Palestine

- Rushing: Hockett 14-163, Thomas 5-56, D.Thacker 4-51, Armstrong 5-30, Kropp 2-17, Mitchell 1-2, team 2-(-2)
 Passing: Hockett 6-10-0-107, Armstrong 1-1-0-5
 Receiving: I.Thacker 2-53, Bl.Nunnally 2-13, Byers 1-30, Kropp 1-11, Mitchell 1-5

Delta

- Rushing: Carpenter 9-55, J.Jones 6-22, Bond 13-8, Manor 3-4, Stitt 1-2
 Passing: Bond 6-18-0-75
 Receiving: Elliott 3-21, Hood 2-26, Faletic 1-28

SECTIONAL DRAW

Pairings for Class 4A Sectional 12

Friday, Oct. 21

- Richmond (0-8) at Connersville (4-4)
 Beech Grove (4-4) at New Castle (2-6)
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THE NEXT LEVEL

Two Dragons have already made verbal commitments to play college football. Senior OL/DL **Luke Burgess** has committed to Louisville after receiving 28 offers. Burgess is the No. 7-rated recruit in Indiana in the Class of 2023 and the 41st-ranked offensive tackle nationally by 247. Rivals has him ranked sixth in Indiana and 37th nationally among OTs. Senior WR/DB **Isaiah Thacker** has committed to Ball State, where he will join 2020 graduate Kyle King. Thacker is rated the No. 39 prospect in Indiana and 320th nationally among wide receivers by 247.

TRIPLE-THREAT THACKER

Senior WR/DB **Isaiah Thacker** is a triple-threat for the Dragons. He is a two-time All-State defensive back, but also was the team's leading receiver last season with 34 catches, 693 yards and five touchdowns. He eclipsed the 1,000-yard receiving mark for his career against Westfield. Thacker had a career-high 147 yards against Pendleton Heights, a game in which he broke the 1,000-yard mark for his NPHS career. He currently ranks fifth on the NPHS career receiving list. He's also dangerous on special teams, where he has two kickoff returns for TDs.

ISIAH THACKER'S TOP RECEIVING GAMES

1. 147 yards (5 catches, 1 TD) 9/22/22 at Pend. Hts.
2. 138 yards (3 catches, 1 TD), 9/21/21 vs. Pend. Hts.
3. 115 yards (5 catches, 2 TD) 10/7/22 at New Castle
4. 102 yards (4 catches, 1 TD), 10/1/21 vs. Shelbyville
5. 90 yards (6 catches, 1 TD) 11/12/21 at Cathedral
6. 86 yards (5 catches, 1 TD) 9/9/22 at Mt. Vernon
7. 79 yards (4 catches, 1 TD) 8/19/22 vs. Westfield

CAREER	GP	Rec-Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	HiGm
2022 senior	8	36-609	16.9	6	68	147
2021 junior	12	34-693	20.4	5	72	138
2020 sophomore*	12	17-292	17.2	2	70	76
At NPHS	20	70-1302	18.6	11	72	147
Career	32	87-1594	18.3	13	72	147

*-Playing for Triton Central

THOMAS HITS 3,300

Junior RB **Grayson Thomas** is the only Dragon to rush for 1,000 yards in each his freshman and sophomore seasons, and reached the 3,000-yard mark for his career against Mt. Vernon. He is a two-time All-HHC selection and has 18 career 100-yard games - with five coming his freshman year, seven as a sophomore and six as a junior.

GRAYSON THOMAS' TOP RUSHING GAMES

1. 228 yards (26 carries, 3 TD) 10/2/20 at Shelbyville
2. 207 yards (18 carries, 4 TD) 9/3/21 vs. Yorktown
3. 195 yards (35 carries, 3 TD) 10/9/20 at New Castle
4. 187 yards (25 carries, 1 TD) 8/19/22 vs. Westfield
5. 173 yards (12 carries, 3 TD) 8/26/22 vs. DectrC
6. 166 yards (23 carries, 2 TD) 9/9/22 at Mt. Vernon
7. 158 yards (20 carries, 1 TD) 9/23/22 vs. GrnflidC
8. 158 yards (21 carries, 1 TD) 8/27/21 at Brebeuf
9. 153 yards (12 carries, 3 TD) 10/1/21 vs. Shelbyville
10. 146 yards (22 carries, 3 TD) 9/24/21 at Grnfield-C.

CAREER	GP	Car-Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	HiGm
2022 junior	8	137-1122	8.2	19	51	187
2021 sophomore	12	203-1288	6.3	19	88	207
2020 freshman	10	211-1101	5.2	14	76	228
Career	30	551-3511	6.4	52	88	228

NUNNALLY A 3-SPORT STAR

Senior WR **Blaine Nunnally** has become a three-sport standout for the Dragons. He'll be a four-year starter in basketball this upcoming season, where he has averaged 11.4 ppg for his career. He led the HHC in basketball assists last season with 4.4 per game. He is also a standout baseball player who hit .260 for the Dragons' sectional championship team this past spring and had a 2.80 ERA. On the gridiron, he has been a two-way standout at WR and DB for three years.

CAREER	GP	Rec-Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	HiGm
2022 senior	8	23-339	14.7	7	44	68
2021 junior	12	29-398	15.7	3	48	94
2020 sophomore	6	1-17	17.0	0	17	17
Career	26	53-754	14.2	10	48	94

TOP TACKLERS

Senior LB **Eli Hook** tallied a monster game in the Dragons' 42-7 victory over Greenfield-Central. Hook had a career-high 18 tackles, one for loss and blocked two punts. Hook has now blocked three punts this season.

In addition, **Blaine Nunnally** had 15 tackles and **Michael Thacker** had 13 tackles, two tackles for loss and two forced fumbles in the victory.

Hook has three double-digit tackle games - he tallied 11 each against Westfield and Mt. Vernon.

DOUBLE-DIGIT TACKLES, 2022

1. 18, Eli Hook vs. Greenfield-Central
2. 15, Blaine Nunnally vs. Greenfield-Central.
3. 13, Michael Thacker vs. Greenfield-Central
4. 12, Blaine Nunnally vs. Westfield
5. 11, Eli Hook vs. Westfield
5. 11, Eli Hook at Mt. Vernon
7. 10, A.J. Reiersen at Shelbyville

STATE LEADERS

Senior QB **Danny Tippit** ranks 25th in the state and fourth in Class 4A with 1,642 passing yards.

Junior RB **Grayson Thomas** ranks 22nd in the state and seventh in Class 4A with 1,122 rushing yards. Thomas is also 19th in the state and fifth in 4A with 114 points.

Senior WR **Isaiah Thacker** is sixth in Class 4A and 32nd in the state with 609 receiving yards.

Senior K **Brendan Tanksley** is tied for third in the state and is second in Class 4A with 54 kicking points.

All lead the HHC in their respective categories.

Sophomore DT **Michael Thacker** is tied for first in the HHC with 8 sacks. He is tied for 16th statewide and seventh in 4A.

As a team, the Dragons lead Class 4A and are sixth in the state with 48.3 ppg. Defensively, the Dragons are tied for 18th in the state and tied for fourth in 4A, allowing 10.0 ppg. The Dragons' 38.3 scoring margin leads Class 4A and is eighth statewide.

ABOUT NPHS

Nickname: Dragons
Colors: Red and white
Town: New Palestine
County: Hancock
Enrollment: 1,202
Conference: Hoosier Heritage
IHSAA member since: 1915
Varsity football began: 1968
All-time record: 394-200-2
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: Allen Cooper
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: 112-10 (10 yrs.)
 2021 record: 8-4 (6-1 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: 12
 (1987, 1989, 1990, 2004, 2005, 2009, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2021)
Conference championships:
 22 (Hoosier Heritage Conference: 2005, 2006, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022; 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

AMONG THE UNBEATENS

The Dragons are one of four Class 4A teams and 23 teams in Indiana seeking to finish an undefeated regular season this week.

UNBEATEN TEAMS

Class 6A (4): Brownsburg, Carroll (Fort Wayne) Crown Point, Hamilton Southeastern

Class 5A (none)

Class 4A (4): New Palestine, Evansville Reitz, Kokomo, NorthWood

Class 3A (8): Calumet, Gibson Southern, Hanover Central, Norwell, Oak Hill, Owen Valley, Tippecanoe Valley, West Lafayette

Class 2A (2):

LaVille, Linton
Class A (5): Adams Central, Carroll (Flora), Lutheran, North Decatur, Tecumseh

PERFECT SEASONS

The Dragons are seeking the 12th unbeaten regular season in school history. The previous 11 have yielded three state titles, four State Finals appearances and five regional championships.

UNDEFEATED REGULAR SEASONS (11)

2019: Final record 14-0. 5A state champion
2018: Final record 14-0. 5A state champion
2017: Final record 10-1
2016: Final record 9-1
2015: Final record 13-1. 5A state runner-up
2014: Final record 15-0. 4A state champion
2013: Final record 13-1. 4A regional champion
2011: Final record 11-1.
1988: Final record 10-1.
1984: Final record 10-1. Cluster champion
1983: Final record 10-1. Cluster champion

TIPPIT TOSSING

Senior QB **Danny Tippit** has had a solid start to his tenure as a Dragon. Against Pendleton Heights, he was on point, going 18-of-21 for a career-high 310 yards and four touchdowns. It was the first 300-yard passing game since Lincoln Roth threw for 341 yards against Franklin in 2020. It was the first four-TD game since Roth against PH in 2019. He completed passes to six different receivers. **Isaiah Thacker** had six catches for a career-high 147 yards.

Tippit has four consecutive 200-yard games, as he completed 11-of-20 for 220 yards against Mt. Vernon the week prior to the PH game, and then was 20-of-26 for 215 yards against Greenfield-Central. He was 14-of-17 for 239 yards and four TDs against Shelbyville.

IN THE BACKFIELD

Sophomore DL **Michael Thacker** spent most of the New Castle game in the Trojans' backfield. He tallied seven tackles - five for loss - two sacks and two quarterback hurries in the 63-12 win. Fellow defensive end **Brock Brownfield**, a freshman, had six tackles, three for loss and a hurry. In total, the Dragons had 10 TFLs and five sacks. **Mason Hiatt**, **John Raney** and **Eian Roudebush** also had sacks. Thacker now has 23.5 TFLs and eight sacks through eight games.

BLOCK OF GRANITE

Junior OL **Ian Moore** has received a lot of interest on the recruiting trail this offseason. He currently holds 23 FBS offers, including 20 from Power-5 schools. He holds nine Big Ten offers from Indiana, Iowa, Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio State, Penn State, Purdue and Wisconsin. He also has offers from SEC programs Missouri and Tennessee and multiple ACC (Boston College, Duke, Florida State, Louisville, Miami, North Carolina) and Big 12 (Cincinnati, Iowa State, West Virginia) teams.

Moore is a four-star recruit, the No. 1-ranked prospect in Indiana, the No. 4 offensive tackle and the 91st overall prospect in the Class of 2024 nationally by 247. Rivals has Moore ranked as the No. 1 offensive tackle nationally and the No. 3 overall prospect - No. 1 in Indiana.

EARLY OFFERS

Sophomore DL **Michael Thacker** has two Div. I FBS offers so far in his career - from Ball State and Tennessee. Thacker has six sacks.

21 IN A MINUTE

The Dragons tallied a blitz of points to start their victory over Shelbyville, scoring 21 points in 57 seconds of playing time. It began with a 15-yard TD run by **Grayson Thomas** with 7:14 left in the first quarter. After a successful on-side kick, the Dragons drove 50 yards in two plays, with **Blaine Nunnally** catching a 9-yard pass from **Danny Tippit** with 6:32 left. After **Michael Thacker** recovered a fumble on Shelbyville's first play, Tippit and Nunnally hooked up again from 19 yards out with 6:17 left in the period.

Thomas scored another TD in the quarter for a 28-point period - their highest-scoring quarter of the season.

The two TDs 15 seconds apart were the fastest two scores since Charlie Spegal and Eric Roudebush scored nine seconds apart Aug. 23, 2019 against Kokomo.

TYING A MARK

Senior QB **Danny Tippit** tied a school record in the 42-7 victory over Greenfield-Central, throwing five touchdown passes. He completed a career-high 20 passes for 215 yards. He threw TDs to **Blaine Nunnally** (2), **Ty Mitchell**, **Kyler Kropp** and **Cameron Rollyson**.

It was the first game with five TD passes since Alex Neligh - the Dragons' current QB coach - threw for five in the 77-42 victory over New Prairie in the 2014 state title game. It was the first game with four players catching TD passes Oct. 9, 2015, when Duke Blackwell, Logan Greene, Brett Luker and James Crumlin caught TD passes against New Castle.

POSTSEASON HONORS

The Dragons had several players honored by the Hoosier Heritage Conference after the 2021 season. On offense, lineman **Ian Moore**, running back **Grayson Thomas** and now-graduated quarterback Damon Hockett were named to the team. It was Thomas' second such selection.

Defensively, linebacker **Eli Hook** and defensive back **Blaine Nunnally** were honored by the conference, as well as now-graduated linebacker Gus Walling. **Brendan Tanksley** was the all-conference kicker.

Isaiah Thacker was named 5A IFCA Junior All-State - his second such selection - and now-graduated Madix Johnson was named Senior All-State. Johnson is running track at Trine University.

PICK-SIX

The Dragons had pick-6s in back-to-back weeks. Senior LB **Eian Roudebush** intercepted a pass and took it to the house in the third quarter of the 49-0 victory over Decatur Central Aug. 26. It was the Dragons' first defensive score since **Blaine Nunnally** had a 35-yard interception return against Yorktown Sept. 3, 2021. The next week, **A.J. Reiersen** intercepted a pass and ran it back 13 yards for a score at Yorktown. It marked the third consecutive season the Dragons have had a pick-6 against Yorktown - Aidan Ewers and Hunter Burks both did so in 2020 and Nunnally had one in 2021.

THE LONG MARCH

While the Dragons have been known for quick strikes during coach **Kyle Ralph's** tenure, they used long marches against Westfield. The first drive of the season was a 16-play, 80-yard jaunt that ended in **Grayson Thomas'** 28-yard TD run and chewed 5:32 off the clock. Later in the game, after the Shamrocks had cut a Dragon lead to 28-14 in the third, the Dragons went on a 15-play, 80-yard drive - with all but one play on the ground - that ended in a 1-yard TD run by Thomas. That drive took 8:02 off the clock and helped the Dragons put away a 42-14 victory. The Dragons had 28:11 of possession time in the game.

BLOCK PARTY

Senior LB **Eli Hook** blocked a punt against Yorktown, the Dragons' first blocked punt since **Michael Thacker** against New Castle in 2021. Hook later blocked two punts against Greenfield-Central. **Blaine Nunnally** blocked one against Shelbyville.

BIG QUARTERS

The Dragons have been no strangers to explosive quarter this season. They scored 21 in the second quarter against Decatur Central, 26 in the third quarter against Yorktown and 20 in the opening frame against Mt. Vernon. They followed with 21 in the second quarters against Pendleton Heights and Greenfield-Central. They've since followed with really big quarters, scoring 28 points in the first quarter and 49 in the first half against Shelbyville. They followed with 28 in the first quarter and 35 in the second against New Castle.

TWO-SPORT KICKERS

Senior kicker **Brendan Tanksley** is busy in the fall, as he plays for both the Dragons football and HHC co-champion soccer teams. He is 120-125 on PATs and 13-20 on field goals in his career.

Against Yorktown, Tanksley drilled a 47-yard field goal at the end of the first half. It was a school record and marked his second 40-plus-yard boot. He also connected from 40 in the 2021 sectional against Franklin. He was an All-HHC selection as a kicker last season.

Sophomore **Jake Wells** also plays both football and soccer, where he is a goalkeeper. Wells booted his fist career field goal - a 25-yarder - against Shelbyville in 2021, and later connected on a 40-yarder against Delta. He is the team's punter.

FLIP THE SCOREBOARD

The Dragons struck quickly and often in the third quarter Sept. 2 at Yorktown, scoring four touchdowns in 4:39 of clock time, including three in less than three minutes.

It started when **Grayson Thomas** capped a 91-yard TD drive with a 1-yard run to put the Dragons up 24-10 with 5:16 left in the quarter. Fifty-two seconds later, **A.J. Reier**son intercepted a pass and took it back 13 yards for a score. After another interception by **Daniel Thacker**, QB **Danny Tippit** capped a two-play, 45-yard drive with an 18-yard pass to **Eli Hook** with 2:18 left in the quarter. **Blaine Nunnally** picked off a pass and the Dragons needed three plays to go 25 yards and score on Tippit's 8-yard run with 37 seconds left. The Dragons added another score with 8:43 to go in the fourth, a 3-yard run by Thomas, to give them 33 points in 8:33. Their last three offensive scoring drives took a total of seven offensive snaps.

ZERO HEROES

The Red Rage's 49-0 shutout of Decatur Central was the 23rd of coach **Kyle Ralph**'s career and the first since blanking Shelbyville 52-0 Oct. 1, 2021. The Dragons have posted at least one shutout in each of the last 10 seasons. They held Decatur Central to 62 rushing and 205 total yards in the contest and forced three turnovers.

It was the first time Decatur Central had been shut out since 2006.

BIG STRIKES VS. HAWKS

The Dragons used big plays to propel a 49-0 victory over Decatur Central Aug. 26. On the game's fourth snap, **Grayson Thomas** carried for a 51-yard TD. Thomas also had touchdowns of 44 and 24 yards, while **Eli Hook** had a 51-yard TD reception. The Dragons had 439 yards of total offense and 18 first downs on just 36 snaps - an average of 12.2 yards per play. Three of the six touchdown drives took less than five plays and 90 seconds. The defense got in on the big play action, too, as **Eian Roudebush** had a 44-yard pick-6.

RETURNING HOME

The Dragons' coaching staff features three players who played for Coach **Kyle Ralph**. **Duke Blackwell** was a standout receiver who graduated in 2016. **Nick Brickens** is also a 2016 graduate. Both played collegiately at St. Francis, where they were national champions. **Alex Neligh** quarterbacked the 2014 state championship team and 2015 state runner-up squad and graduated in 2016.

DRAGONS IN COLLEGE

Nineteen former Dragons are currently playing college football, including five at the NCAA Div. I level - Maxen Hook (Toledo), Kyle King (Ball State), Charlie Spegal (Indiana), David DeGuzman (Maryland) and Matthew Brown (Indiana State). Also playing collegiately are Ethan Sturgeon, Tucker Keever and Austin Keele (Indianapolis), Damon Hockett, Jacob Hockett and Aven Jones (Taylor), Aidan Ewers (St. Francis), Nick Bastian, Richard Clevenger and Will Olive (Wabash), Caleb Byers (Anderson), Gus Walling (Mount Union), as well as Brody Luker and Eric Roudebush (Hanover).

RETURNING TO 4A

The Dragons are a Class 4A school by enrollment, but played the last seven seasons in Class 5A due to the IHSAA's Tournament Success Factor.

The Dragons had much success in 5A, winning state titles in 2018 and 2019 and advancing to the State Finals in 2015. The Dragons also won a 5A sectional in 2021.

RECORD ENROLLMENT

NPHS has a record enrollment of 1,202 students, bolstered by a 324-student freshman class, the largest class in school history. The enrollment gain is 35 students from last year. That has translated to the largest football participation in school history, with more than 60 players on the varsity/JV roster and more than 90 total.

MEET COACH RALPH

Head coach **Kyle Ralph** is in his 10th 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 six sectional titles. The Dragons have also won seven 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 mindset 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 2021 with a 104-10 career record.

He 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 NPHS graduate, and their three children. He teaches physical education at NPHS.

2022 STATS

RUSHING	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	HiGm
4 Grayson Thomas	137-1122	8.2	19	51	187	
15 Danny Tippit	26-155	6.0	4	49	76	
11 Brady Armstrong	9-111	12.3	1	37	45	
17 Kyler Kropp	18-95	5.3	1	20	41	
3 Eian Roudebush	16-81	5.1	2	13	42	
5 Daniel Thacker	6-36	6.0	0	30	33	
40 Gavin Neal	11-31	2.8	0	13	20	
37 Connor Jacobia	5-12	2.4	0	4	12	
12 Blaine Nunnally	1-9	9.0	0	9	9	
26 Bryce Doss	5-4	0.8	0	3	4	
23 Austin McMahan	1(-4)	-4.0	0	-4	-4	
Totals	239-1648	6.9	27	51	299	
PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	HiGm	
15 Danny Tippit	106-151-1	1642	23	68	310	
3 Eian Roudebush	2-4-0	21	0	14	21	
40 Gavin Neal	1-2-0	44	0	44	44	
Totals	109-157-1	1707	23	68	310	
RECEIVING	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	HiGm	
22 Isaiah Thacker	36-609	16.9	6	68	147	
12 Blaine Nunnally	23-339	14.7	7	44	68	
17 Kyler Kropp	22-303	13.8	4	39	86	
13 Ty Mitchell	17-209	12.3	3	66	98	
20 Eli Hook	3-76	25.3	2	51	51	
10 Micah Clark	2-65	32.5	0	44	44	
29 Cameron Rollyson	2-57	29.5	1	51	51	
4 Grayson Thomas	4-49	12.3	0	20	20	
KICKING	PAT	FG	LG			
16 Brendan Tanksley	45-46	3-5	47			
38 Jake Wells	4-4	0-0	0			
PUNTING	N-Yds	Avg	Lg	In20		
15 Danny Tippit	3-105	35.0	54	0		
9 James O'Dell	2-56	28.0	32	0		
38 Jake Wells	1-24	24.0	24	0		
RETURNS	KOR	Avg	PR	Avg	TD	
22 Isaiah Thacker	5-190	38.0	4-61	15.3	1K	
5 Daniel Thacker	7-194	27.7				
17 Kyler Kropp	1-56	56.0				
4 Grayson Thomas	1-17	17.0				
20 Eli Hook		3-18	6.0	0		
10 Micah Clark		1-17	17.0	0		
12 Blaine Nunnally		1-9	9.0	0		
6 Baylor Hurst		1(-2)	-2.0	0		
TEAM STATS	NP	Opp				
Points	386	80				
Avg. game	48.3	10.0				
First downs	151	75				
Rushes-yards	239-1648	225-754				
Passing C-A-I	109-157-1	69-167-13				
Passing yards	1707	894				
Total offense	396-3355	392-1648				
Avg play/game	8.5/419.4	4.2/206.0				
Fumbles-lost	5-3	14-7				
Punts-yds-avg	6-186-31.0	26-813-31.3				
2-point conversions	2-4	0-1				
Score by quarters						
New Palestine	118	158	68	42--	386	
Opponents	0	23	33	24	-- 80	
DEFENSE						
Tackles leaders: Eli Hook 64, Blaine Nunnally 63, Michael Thacker 60, A.J. Reiersen 50, Mason Hiatt 33, Daniel Thacker 28, Brock Brownfield 25, Eian Roudebush 23, Alex Guhl 16, Brayden Marrow 13, Bryant Nunnally 12, Isaiah Thacker 11, John Raney 11.						
Sacks: Michael Thacker 8, Eian Roudebush 4, Brock Brownfield 2, A.J. Reiersen 1, Mason Hiatt 1, John Raney 1						
Interceptions: Daniel Thacker 4, Eian Roudebush 3, A.J. Reiersen 2, Blaine Nunnally 2, Isaiah Thacker 1, Baylor Hurst 1						
Fumble recoveries: Eli Hook 1, Daniel Thacker 1, Eian Roudebush 1, Alex Guhl 1, Brendan Tanksley 1, Michael Thacker 1, Landon Seib 1						

2022 GAME-BY-GAME

	Rusher	Passer	Receiver
Westfield	Thomas 187	Tippit 150	I.Thacker 79
DecaturC	Thomas 173	Tippit 178	Kropp 54
Yorktown	Thomas 117	Tippit 184	Mitchell 98
MtVernon	Thomas 166	Tippit 224	Thkr/Krop 86
PendHts	Thomas 85	Tippit 310	I.Thacker 147
GrnfieldC	Thomas 151	Tippit 215	I.Thacker 71
Shelbyville	Thomas 138	Tippit 239	Kropp 70
NewCastle	Thomas 98	Tippit 146	I.Thacker 115
Delta			

2022 SEASON HIGHS

INDIVIDUAL

Rush yards: 187, Grayson Thomas vs. Westfield 8/19
 Rush att.: 24, Grayson Thomas vs. Westfield 8/19
 Rushing TDs: 3, Grayson Thomas vs. Westfield 8/19; vs. Decatur Central 8/26; at Shelbyville 9/30; at New Castle 10/7
 Total TDs: 3, Grayson Thomas vs. Westfield 8/19; vs. Decatur Central 8/26; at Shelbyville 9/30; at New Castle 10/7; Isaiah Thacker at New Castle 10/7
 Passing yards: 310, Danny Tippit at Pendleton Heights 9/16
 Pass completions: 20, Danny Tippit vs. Greenfield-Central 9/23
 Pass attempts: 26, Danny Tippit vs. Greenfield-Central 9/23
 Pass TDs: 5, Danny Tippit vs. Greenfield-Central 9/23 (ties school record)
 Receiving yards: 147, Isaiah Thacker at Pendleton Heights 9/16
 Receptions: 9, Isaiah Thacker vs. Greenfield-Central 9/23
 Receiving touchdowns: 2, Blaine Nunnally at Pendleton Heights 9/16; Blaine Nunnally vs. Greenfield-Central 9/23; Blaine Nunnally at Shelbyville 9/30; Isaiah Thacker at New Castle 10/7
 Total offense: 310, Danny Tippit at Pendleton Heights 9/16 (310 pass, 0 rush)
 Yards from scrimmage: 187, Grayson Thomas vs. Westfield 8/19
 Longest rush: 51, Grayson Thomas vs. Decatur Central 8/26
 Longest pass: 68 yards, Isaiah Thacker from Danny Tippit at Pendleton Heights 9/16
 Most tackles: 18, Eli Hook vs. Greenfield-Central 9/23
 Most sacks: 2, Michael Thacker at Yorktown 9/2; Brock Brownfield at Pendleton Heights 9/16
 Most INTs: 1, several players

TEAM

Total yards: 471 at Shelbyville 9/30
 Rushing yards: 299 vs. Westfield 8/19
 Rushing attempts: 50 vs. Westfield 8/19
 Passing yards: 310 at Pendleton Heights 9/16
 Pass completions: 20 vs. Greenfield-Central 9/23
 Pass attempts: 26 vs. Greenfield-Central 9/23
 Total plays: 67 vs. Westfield 8/19
 First downs: 24 vs. Westfield 8/19
 Pass touchdowns: 5 vs. Greenfield-Central 9/23
 Rush touchdowns: 5 vs. Westfield 8/19
 Return touchdowns: 2 at New Castle 10/7
 Points: 63 at New Castle 10/7
 Points in a quarter: 35, 2nd quarter at New Castle 10/7
 Points in a half: 63, 1st half at New Castle 10/7
 Fewest points allowed: 0 vs. Decatur Central 8/26; at Shelbyville 9/30
 Fewest rush yards allowed: 44 at Yorktown 9/2
 Fewest pass yards allowed: 0 at Shelbyville 9/30
 Fewest total yards allowed: 97 at Shelbyville 9/30
 Fewest first downs allowed: 5 at Shelbyville 9/30
 Turnovers caused: 4 at Yorktown 9/2
 Most sacks: 4 at Pendleton Heights 9/16
 Most interceptions: 4 at Yorktown 9/2
 Most fumble recoveries: 3 at Shelbyville 9/30

2022 BOXES

Game 8: Dragons 63, New Castle 12
Friday, Oct. 7 at Neal Field, New Castle
New Palestine (8-0, 6-0) 28 35 0 0 -- 63
New Castle (2-6, 1-5) 0 6 6 0 -- 12
Scoring summary
 NP-I.Thacker 75 kickoff return (Tanksley kick), 11:47
 NP-Thomas 8 run (Tanksley kick), 9:17
 NP-Thomas 9 run (Tanksley kick), 5:37
 NP-I.Thacker 2 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), 2:45
 NP-Tippit 10 run (Tanksley kick), 11:12
 NP-Thomas 2 run (Tanksley kick), 6:43
 NP-BI. Nunnally 19 interception return (Tanksley kick), 5:38
 NC-T.Thrine 93 kickoff return (kick blocked), 5:21
 NP-Tippit 49 run (Tanksley kick), 5:00
 NP-I.Thacker 22 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), 2:24
 NC-B.Thrine 14 run (run failed), :00

Team stats
 First downs: NP 13, NC 8
 Rushes-yards: NP 26-185, NC 31-79
 Passing C-A-I: NP 11-20-0, NC 4-20-3
 Passing yards: NP 146, NC 41
 Total plays-yards: NP 46-331, NC 51-120
 Fumbles-lost: NP 0-0, NC 2-0
 Punts-avg: NP 2-28.5, NC 4-23.8
 Penalties-yards: NP 4-50, NC 4-22
 Time of possession: NP 19:19, NC 28:41

Individual stats
New Palestine
 Rushing: Thomas 10-98, Tippit 7-76, Neal 6-11, Doss 2-4, McMahan 1(-4)
 Passing: Tippit 11-19-0-146, Neal 0-1-0-0
 Receiving: I.Thacker 5-115, Mitchell 3-20, Thomas 1-7, Kropp 1-6, Bi.Nunnally 1(-2)
New Castle
 Rushing: Eberhart 16-59, B.Thrine 3-14, Hannan 1-3, Boatright 8-2, T.Thrine 1-2, Bradley 2(-1)
 Passing: Boatright 4-20-3-41
 Receiving: Frazier 2-17, Bulmer 1-21, T.Thrine 1-3

Game 7: Dragons 56, Shelbyville 0
Friday, Sept. 30 at McKeand Stadium, Shelbyville
New Palestine (7-0, 5-0) 28 21 7 0 -- 56
Shelbyville (1-6, 1-4) 0 0 0 0 -- 0
Scoring summary
 NP-Thomas 15 run (Tanksley kick), 7:12
 NP-BI. Nunnally 9 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), 6:32
 NP-BI. Nunnally 19 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), 6:17
 NP-Thomas 4 run (Tanksley kick), 1:49
 NP-Kropp 24 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), 9:27
 NP-Mitchell 4 pass from Tippit (Wells kick), 6:18
 NP-Roudebush 5 run (Wells kick), 2:04
 NP-Thomas 27 run (Wells kick), 4:20

Team stats
 First downs: NP 20, S 5
 Rushes-yards: NP 25-188, S 34-97
 Passing C-A-I: NP 15-18-0, S 0-4-0
 Passing yards: NP 283, S 0
 Total plays-yards: NP 43-471, S 38-91
 Fumbles-lost: NP 2-1, S 7-3
 Penalties-yards: NP 3-31, S 3-25
 Punts-avg: NP 0-0, S 4-36.5
 Time of possession: NP 22:19, S 25:41

Individual stats
New Palestine
 Rushing: Thomas 14-138, Tippit 2-27, Roudebush 1-5, Neal 5-20, Doss 2-1, D.Thacker 1(-3)
 Passing: Tippit 14-17-0-239, Neal 1-1-0-44
 Receiving: Kropp 5-70, I.Thacker 4-66, Bi.Nunnally 2-28, Rollyson 1-51, Clark 1-44, Thomas 1-20, Mitchell 1-4
Shelbyville
 Rushing: Conover 13-38, Lux 5-26, Turner 2-26, Jackson 5-19, Macharia 3-0, Martin 2(-1), Parker 4(-11)
 Passing: Parker 0-4-0-0
 Receiving: none
State Rankings: NP 4A 1 (IFCA)/1 (AP)

2022 BOXES (cont.)**Game 6: Dragons 42, Greenfield-Central 7****Friday, Sept. 23 at Kelso Stadium, New Palestine****Greenfield-C. (4-2, 2-2) 0 0 7 0 -- 7****New Palestine (6-0, 4-0) 0 21 7 14 -- 42****Scoring summary**

NP-Thomas 31 run (Tanksley kick), 11:51
 NP-BI.Nunnally 15 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), 3:49
 NP-Kropp 7 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), :46
 NP-Mitchell 16 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), 9:55
 G-C-Knecht 24 pass from Herrell (Lee kick), 3:35
 NP-BI.Nunnally 7 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), 11:53
 NP-Rollyson 6 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), 6:55

Team stats

First downs: G-C 7, NP 20
 Rushes-yards: G-C 41-143, NP 25-158
 Passing C-A-I: G-C 2-3-0, NP 20-26-0
 Passing yards: G-C 31, NP 215
 Total plays-yards: G-C 44-174, NP 49-373
 Fumbles-lost: G-C 2-1, NP 1-1
 Penalties-yards: G-C 4-32, NP 5-37
 Punts-avg: G-C 5-22.0, NP 1-54.0
 Time of possession: G-C 31:27, NP 17:33

Individual stats**Greenfield-Central**

Rushing: Herrell 29-79, Allen 4-50, J.Hinton 2-11, Foley 2-3, Zellers 2-0, Bruno 4-0.
 Passing: Herrell 2-3-0-31
 Receiving: Knecht 1-24, J.Hinton 1-7

New Palestine

Rushing: Thomas 20-158, Tippit 2-4, Kropp 1-(-2), team 2-(-2)
 Passing: Tippit 20-26-0-215
 Receiving: I.Thacker 9-71, BI.Nunnally 4-68, Mitchell 3-52, Kropp 3-18, Rollyson 1-6
State Rankings: G-C 4A 10 (IFCA)/RV (AP); NP 4A 1 (IFCA)/1 (AP)

Game 5: Dragons 42, Pendleton Heights 14**Friday, Sept. 16 at Broughton Field, Pendleton****New Palestine (5-0, 3-0) 14 21 7 0 -- 42****Pendleton Hts. (2-3, 1-2) 0 0 7 7 -- 14****Scoring summary**

NP-BI.Nunnally 26 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), 5:55
 NP-I. Thacker 25 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), 3:04
 NP-BI. Nunnally 7 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), 10:32
 NP-Thomas 3 run (Tanksley kick), 2:20
 NP-Thomas 5 run (Tanksley kick), :19
 PH-Sims 5 pass from Wilson (Apo kick), 5:05
 NP-Mitchell 8 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), :33
 PH-Wilson 19 run (Apo kick), 6:54

Team stats

First downs: NP 21, PH 12
 Rushes-yards: NP 31-160, PH 21-80
 Passing C-A-I: NP 18-21-1, PH 11-23-2
 Passing yards: NP 310, PH 134
 Total plays-yards: NP 52-470, PH 44-214
 Fumbles-lost: NP 0-0, PH 1-0
 Penalties-yards: NP 5-49, PH 1-5
 Punts-avg: NP 0-0, PH 3-46.3
 Time of possession: NP 23:21, PH 24:39

Individual stats**New Palestine**

Rushing: Thomas 18-85, Kropp 4-30, Armstrong 3-33, Co.Jacobia 5-12, Tippit 1-0
 Passing: Tippit 18-21-1-310
 Receiving: I.Thacker 5-147, BI.Nunnally 5-67, Kropp 4-43, Mitchell 2-19, Clark 1-21, Thomas 1-13

Pendleton Heights

Rushing: Wilson 12-43, DeVault 7-31, Hess 1-6, Roberts 1-0
 Passing: Wilson 11-22-2-134, Hess 0-1-0-0
 Receiving: Jordan 4-50, Sims 3-39, DeRolf 2-28, Reddington 2-17
State Rankings: NP 4A 1 (IFCA)/1 (AP)

Game 4: Dragons 42, Mt. Vernon 6**Friday, Sept. 9 at Mt. Vernon Stadium, Fortville****New Palestine (4-0, 2-0) 20 15 7 0 -- 42****Mt. Vernon (1-3, 1-1) 0 0 6 0 -- 6****Scoring summary**

NP-Tanksley 29 FG, 8:30
 NP-Tanksley 23 FG, 6:07
 NP-Kropp 32 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), 4:16
 NP-I.Thacker 45 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), 1:30
 NP-Thomas 46 run (BI.Nunnally pass from Tippit), 2:49
 NP-BI.Nunnally 16 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), :01
 NP-Thomas 1 run (Tanksley kick), 3:30
 MV-Jones 66 pass from Ertel (kick failed), :14

Team stats

First downs: NP 19, MV 7
 Rushes-yards: NP 33-224, MV 20-98
 Passing C-A-I: NP 11-20-0, MV 6-16-1
 Passing yards: NP 220, MV 99
 Total plays-yards: NP 53-444, MV 36-197
 Fumbles-lost: NP 0-0, MV 2-2
 Penalties-yards: NP 5-45, MV 7-31
 Punts-avg: NP 0-0, MV 3-27.0
 Time of possession: NP 27:23, MV 20:37

Individual stats**New Palestine**

Rushing: Thomas 23-166, Armstrong 3-45, Tippit 3-9, D.Thacker 2-6, Doss 1-(-1), team 1-(-1)
 Passing: Tippit 11-20-0-220
 Receiving: I.Thacker 5-86, Kropp 3-86, BI.Nunnally 2-52, Mitchell 1-(-4)

Mt. Vernon

Rushing: Martin 8-44, Burhenn 1-41, Brogan 4-10, Edmonds 1-4, Julian 1-2, Bridenthal 1-(-1), Ertel 4-(-2)
 Passing: Ertel 6-16-1-99
 Receiving: Jones 3-75, Bridenthal 1-12, Etherington 1-7, Stewart 1-5

State Rankings: NP 4A 1 (IFCA)/1 (AP); MV 4A 9 (IFCA)/10 (AP)

Game 3: Dragons 50, Yorktown 13**Friday, Sept. 2 at Tiger Stadium, Yorktown****New Palestine (3-0, 1-0) 7 10 26 7 -- 50****Yorktown (2-1, 0-1) 0 10 0 3 -- 13****Scoring summary**

NP-Tippit 1 run (Tanksley kick), 10:21
 NP-Kropp 6 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), 10:48
 Y-B.Webster 13 pass from Moulton (Nanko kick), 5:18
 Y-Nanko 27 FG, :53
 NP-Tanksley 47 FG, :00
 NP-Thomas 1 run (Tanksley kick), 5:16
 NP-Reierson 13 interception return (kick blocked), 4:24
 NP-Hook 18 pass from Tippit (pass failed), 2:18
 NP-Tippit 8 run (Tanksley kick), :37
 NP-Thomas 3 run (Tanksley kick), 8:43
 Y-Nanko 30 FG, 1:03

Team stats

First downs: NP 16, Y 12
 Rushes-yards: NP 26-173, Y 22-44
 Passing C-A-I: NP 16-23-0, Y 23-46-4
 Passing yards: NP 205, Y 252
 Total plays-yards: NP 49-378, Y 68-296
 Fumbles-lost: NP 1-1, Y 0-0
 Punts-avg: NP 1-24.0, Y 3-22.7
 Penalties-yards: NP 3-30, Y 2-10
 Time of possession: NP 16:34, Y 31:26

Individual stats**New Palestine**

Rushing: Thomas 16-117, Roudebush 5-34, Kropp 3-13, Tippit 2-9
 Passing: Tippit 14-20-0-184, Roudebush 2-3-0-21
 Receiving: Mitchell 5-98, I.Thacker 3-35, BI.Nunnally 3-28, Kropp 3-19, Hook 2-25

Yorktown

Rushing: Thomas 16-61, Green 1-1, Nanko 1-0, Key 1-0, Daugherty 1-0, Moulton 2-(-18)
 Passing: Moulton 24-47-4-253
 Receiving: Nanko 9-111, Daugherty 2-34, Thomas 2-21, Stevens 3-17, W.Webster 3-12, Foltz 2-35, B.Webster 2-22

State Rankings: NP 4A 1 (IFCA)/1 (AP)

Game 2: Dragons 49, Decatur Central 0**Friday, Aug. 26 at Kelso Stadium, New Palestine****Decatur Central (1-1) 0 0 0 0 -- 0****New Palestine (2-0) 14 21 7 7 -- 49****Scoring summary**

NP-Thomas 51 run (Tanksley kick), 10:31
 NP-I.Thacker 10 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), 3:19
 NP-Thomas 44 run (run failed), 11:52
 NP-Hook 51 pass from Tippit (I.Thacker run), 6:51
 NP-Thomas 24 run (Tanksley kick), 1:03
 NP-Roudebush 40 interception return (Tanksley kick), 9:28
 NP-Armstrong 11 run (Tanksley kick), 7:20

Team stats

First downs: DC 10, NP 18
 Rushes-yards: DC 25-62, NP 23-261
 Passing C-A-I: DC 9-28-3, NP 9-12-0
 Passing yards: DC 141, NP 178
 Total plays-yards: DC 53-203, NP 35-439
 Fumbles-lost: DC 0-0, NP 0-0
 Punts-avg: DC 3-39.3, NP 1-28.0
 Time of possession: DC 31:19, NP 16:41

Individual stats**Decatur Central**

Rushing: Polston 7-23, Newkirk 2-8, Cox 5-7, Berry 1-1, Stevens 1-1, LaFollette 1-0, Shanks 4-14, Fowler 3-9, Dodo 1-(-1)
 Passing: Polston 9-27-2-141, Stevens 0-1-1-0
 Receiving: LaFollette 2-36, Calahan 2-28, Carter 2-23, Coleman 2-23, Berry 1-31

New Palestine

Rushing: Thomas 12-173, Kropp 2-13, BI.Nunnally 1-9, Tippit 2-0, Armstrong 3-33, D.Thacker 3-33
 Passing: Tippit 9-12-0-178
 Receiving: Kropp 2-54, BI.Nunnally 2-34, Mitchell 2-20, Hook 1-51, I.Thacker 1-10, Thomas 1-9

State Rankings: DC 5A 2 (IFCA)/2 (AP); NP 4A 2 (IFCA)/1 (AP)

Game 1: Dragons 42, Westfield 28**Friday, Aug. 19 at Kelso Stadium, New Palestine****Westfield (0-1) 0 7 7 14 -- 28****New Palestine (1-0) 7 14 7 14 -- 42****Scoring summary**

NP-Thomas 26 run (Tanksley kick), 6:32
 NP-Kropp 18 run (Tanksley kick), 3:10
 W-Williams 95 kickoff return (Boehm kick), 2:57
 NP-I.Thacker 44 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), 1:39
 NP-Thomas 5 run (Tanksley kick), 11:00
 W-Schramm 26 pass from Ballard (Boehm kick), 7:53
 NP-Thomas 1 run (Tanksley kick), 11:51
 W-Garnett 35 run (Boehm kick), 10:43
 NP-Roudebush 1 run (Tanksley kick), 4:54
 W-Williams 10 run (Boehm kick), 1:50

Team stats

First downs: W 14, NP 24
 Rushes-yards: W 31-151, NP 50-299
 Passing C-A-I: W 14-27-0, NP 9-17-0
 Passing yards: W 196, NP 150
 Total plays-yards: W 58-347, NP 67-449
 Fumbles-lost: W 2-1, NP 0-0
 Punts-avg: W 1-51.0, NP 1-22.0
 Time of possession: W 19:49, NP 28:11

Individual statistics**Westfield**

Rushing: Garnett 7-69, Williams 10-47, Cregar 7-34, Ballard 6-12, team 1-(-11)
 Passing: Ballard 14-26-0-196, team 0-1
 Receiving: Aramboles 4-80, Schramm 2-41, Nosler 1-25, Webster 1-15, Cregar 1-11, Lieske 1-10, Williams 3-9, Garnett 1-5

New Palestine

Rushing: Thomas 24-187, Kropp 8-41, Roudebush 10-42, Tippit 7-30, team 1-(-1)
 Passing: Tippit 9-16-0-150, Roudebush 0-1-0-0
 Receiving: I.Thacker 4-79, BI.Nunnally 4-64, Kropp 1-7
State Rankings: W 6A 6 (IFCA)/4 (AP); NP 4A 2 (IFCA)/3 (AP)

THE LAST TIME

New Palestine shut out an opponent: Sept. 30, 2022 at Shelbyville (56-0)
New Palestine had back-to-back shutouts: Oct. 2, 2020 at Shelbyville (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. 7, 2022 vs. New Castle (63-12)
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. 11, 2019 vs. New Castle (68-6)
New Palestine lost by 40 points: Aug. 25, 2007 at Delta (7-49)
New Palestine scored 20-29 points in a quarter: Oct. 7, 2022 at New Castle (28 points in 1st quarter of 63-12 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: Sept. 30, 2022 at Shelbyville (49 points in 1st half of 56-0 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. 1, 2021 vs. Shelbyville (523 yards in 52-0 victory)
New Palestine had 600-699 yards of total offense: Nov. 2, 2018 vs. Anderson (691 yards in 78-0 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. 15, 2021 at Delta, 317 yards
New Palestine had 400-499 yards rushing: Sept. 27, 2019 at Greenfield-C., 457 yards
New Palestine had 500+ yards rushing: Nov. 2, 2018 vs. Anderson, 560 yards
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: Sept. 30, 2022 at Shelbyville, 97 yards
New Palestine allowed 0 or fewer yards of total offense: Oct. 3, 2014 at Shelbyville, -29 yards
New Palestine allowed 0 yards rushing: Sept. 6, 2019 vs. Yorktown, minus-8 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. 30, 2022 at Shelbyville. Danny Tippit 239 yards
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. 16, 2022 at Pendleton Heights. Danny Tippit 310 yards (all passing)
A Dragon threw 5 TD passes in a game: Sept. 23, 2022 vs. Greenfield-Central. Danny Tippit 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), Tyler 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), Tyler Kropp, Ty Mitchell TDs from Danny Tippit.
A Dragon ran for 5 TDs in a game: Oct. 11, 2019 vs. New Castle, Charlie Spegal 6 TDs
A Dragon ran for 4 TDs in a game: Sept. 3, 2021 vs. Yorktown. Grayson Thomas 4 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: Aug. 25, 2017 vs. Richmond. Colby Jenkins 3 TDs
A Dragon had a rushing and receiving TD in a game: Nov. 2, 2018 vs. Anderson. Charlie Spegal 7 rush TDs, 1 rec 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: Oct. 7, 2022 at New Castle. Isaiah Thacker 115 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. 9, 2020 at New Castle. Grayson Thomas 35 carries.
A Dragon had 40+ carries: Sept. 14, 2018 at Pendleton Hts. Charlie Spegal 40 carries.
A Dragon ran for 200-249 yards: Sept. 3, 2021 vs. Yorktown. Grayson Thomas 207 yards
A Dragon ran for 250-299 yards: Nov. 22, 2019 vs. Bloomington South. Charlie Spegal 277 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 3
A Dragon had two interceptions: Nov. 24, 2018 vs. Decatur Central. Jacob Hockett 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: Oct. 18, 2019 at Delta. Lincoln Roth 203 passing, Charlie Spegal 228 rushing, Brody Luker 101 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: Sept. 17, 2021 vs. Pendleton Heights. Isaiah Thacker 72 pass from Damon Hockett.
New Palestine had a play from scrimmage go for 80-89 yards: Sept. 3, 2021 vs. Yorktown. Grayson Thomas 88 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: Sept. 2, 2022 at Yorktown. A.J. Reiersen 13 interception return.
New Palestine had special teams touchdown: Oct. 16, 2020 vs. Delta. Damon Hockett 70 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: Oct. 7, 2022 vs. New Castle. Isaiah Thacker 75-yard 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. 23, 2022. Defeated 4A No. 10 Greenfield-Central 42-7
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)

RECORD BOOK**PASSING YARDS****CAREER**

- 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
- 2,342, Chris Van Dyke, 1979-81

SEASON

- 2,852, Alex Neligh, 2015
- 2,795, Connor Simmons, 2011
- 2,630, Blake Luker, 2013
- 2,469, Alex Neligh 2014
- 2,006, Matt Rodgers, 1993
- 1,861, Zach Neligh, 2017
- 1,642, Danny Tippit, 2022**
- 1,588, Mark Shepler, 1987
- 1,575, Lincoln Roth, 2019
- 1,572, Zach Neligh, 2018
- 1,543, Gunnar Large, 2016
- 1,527, Justin Plummer, 1997
- 1,436, Damon Hockett, 2021
- 1,426, Gary Greene, 1984
- 1,416, Lincoln Roth, 2020
- 1,359, Jeff Stephenson, 1991
- 1,356, Gary Greene, 1983
- 1,205, Justin Plummer, 1999
- 1,079, Chris Van Dyke, 1981

GAME

- 501, Alex Neligh vs. FW Snider, 2015
- 399, Matt Rodgers vs. HSE, 1993
- 341, Lincoln Roth vs. Franklin, 2020

PASS COMPLETIONS**CAREER**

- 306, Alex Neligh 2013-15
- 239, Blake Luker, 2011-13
- 224, Justin Plummer, 1997-99

SEASON

- 176, Blake Luker, 2013
- 174, Connor Simmons, 2011
- 170, Alex Neligh, 2015

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS**CAREER**

- 64, Alex Neligh, 2013-15
- 40, Blake Luker, 2011-13
- 39, Connor Simmons, 2010-11
- 36, Zach Neligh, 2015-18

SEASON

- 36, Alex Neligh, 2014
- 35, Connor Simmons, 2011
- 33, Blake Luker, 2013

GAME

- 5, Several (Danny Tippit vs. G-C, 2022)

TOTAL OFFENSE**CAREER**

- 8,718, Alex Neligh, 2013-15
- 6,524, Charlie Spegal, 2018-19
- 5,821, Zach Neligh, 2015-18
- 4,494, Blake Luker, 2011-13
- 3,963, Jeff Miles, 1985-87

SEASON

- 4,949, Alex Neligh, 2015
- 3,761, Blake Luker, 2013
- 3,654, Alex Neligh, 2014
- 3,356, Charlie Spegal, 2018
- 3,168, Charlie Spegal, 2019
- 2,991, Zach Neligh, 2017

GAME

- 667, Alex Neligh, 2015 vs. FW Snider
- 471, Blake Luker, 2013 at PH

TOTAL OFFENSE TDs**CAREER**

- 123, Charlie Spegal, 2018-19
- 120, Alex Neligh, 2013-15
- 64, Blake Luker, 2011-13
- 63, Zach Neligh, 2015-18

SEASON

- 73, Alex Neligh, 2015
- 68, Charlie Spegal, 2018
- 55, Charlie Spegal, 2019
- 54, Blake Luker, 2013

GAME

- 8, Alex Neligh, 2014 vs. New Prairie

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE**CAREER**

- 6,693, Charlie Spegal, 2018-19
- 3,963, Jeff Miles, 1985-87
- 3,646, Grayson Thomas, 2020-22**
- 3,344, Alex Neligh, 2013-15

SEASON

- 3,478, Charlie Spegal, 2018
- 3,215, Charlie Spegal, 2019

GAME

- 414, Charlie Spegal, 2018 vs. Anderson

TOTAL TDs FROM SCRIMMAGE**CAREER**

- 125, Charlie Spegal, 2018

SEASON

- 70, Charlie Spegal, 2018
- 55, Charlie Spegal, 2019

GAME

- 8, Charlie Spegal, 2018 vs. Anderson

RECEIVING YARDS**CAREER**

- 2,238, Duke Blackwell 2013-15
- 2,134, Tyler Walden 2011-13
- 1,618, Colby Jenkins, 2015-18
- 1,328, Blake Austin, 2018-20
- 1,302, Isaiah Thacker, 2021-22**
- 1,270, Jay Ehle, 1992-93
- 1,174, Brandon Collins 2010-11
- 1,060, Todd Yoder 1993-95
- 1,042, Keith Roseman 1983-84

SEASON

- 1,231, Tyler Walden 2013
- 1,148, Duke Blackwell 2015
- 929, Brandon Collins 2011
- 904, Jay Ehle, 1993
- 894, Josh Penley 2011
- 845, Blake Austin 2020
- 824, Duke Blackwell 2014

GAME

- 328, Duke Blackwell vs. FW Snider 2015
- 230, Blake Austin vs. Franklin 2020
- 212, Tyler Walden vs. PH 2013
- 165, Tyler Walden vs. MV 2012
- 156, Tyler Walden vs. Whiteland 2013
- 152, Josh Marshall vs. HSE 1993
- 151, Josh Penley vs. Richmond 2011

RECEPTIONS**CAREER**

- 138, Tyler Walden, 2011-13
- 106, Duke Blackwell 2013-15
- 95, Colby Jenkins, 2015-18
- 81, Blake Austin, 2018-20
- 76, Brandon Collins, 2010-11
- 70, Isaiah Thacker, 2021-22**

SEASON

- 86, Tyler Walden 2013
- 60, Brandon Collins 2011
- 54, Blake Austin 2020
- 52, Duke Blackwell 2015

GAME

- 14, Tyler Walden vs. PH 2013
- 12, Blake Austin vs. New Castle 2020
- 11, Josh Marshall vs. HSE 1993
- 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**

- 30, Duke Blackwell 2013-15
- 22, Tyler Walden, 2011-13
- 20, Colby Jenkins, 2015-18
- 20, Josh Penley, 2010-11

SEASON

- 17, Duke Blackwell, 2015
- 17, Josh Penley, 2011

GAME

- 3, Several players (Colby Jenkins, 2017)

RUSHING YARDS**CAREER**

- 6,524, Charlie Spegal, 2018-19
- 3,963, Jeff Miles, 1985-87
- 3,511, Grayson Thomas, 2020-22**
- 3,344, Alex Neligh, 2013-15
- 3,307, Nick Roudebush, 1989-90
- 2,919, Chris Grider, 2002-03

SEASON

- 3,356, Charlie Spegal, 2018
- 3,168, Charlie Spegal, 2019
- 2,097, Alex Neligh, 2015
- 2,061, Jeff Miles 1987
- 2,020, Nick Roudebush 1990
- 1,830, DuRon Ford, 2016
- 1,764, Luke Canfield, 2017
- 1,665, Chris Grider, 2003
- 1,636, James Young, 2014
- 1,629, Eric Alcorn, 2005
- 1,627, Nick Brickens, 2015
- 1,288, Grayson Thomas, 2021**
- 1,256, Greg Davis, 2004

GAME

- 387, Charlie Spegal, 2018 vs. Delta
- 364, Charlie Spegal, 2018 vs. Anderson
- 336, Chris Grider, 2002 at Tipton
- 305, Luke Canfield, 2017 vs. PH

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS**CAREER**

- 123, Charlie Spegal, 2018-19
- 56, Alex Neligh, 2013-15
- 52, Grayson Thomas, 2020-22**
- 52, Jeff Miles, 1986-87
- 46, James Young, 2013-14

SEASON

- 68, Charlie Spegal, 2018 (state record)
- 55, Charlie Spegal, 2019
- 37, Alex Neligh, 2015
- 35, James Young, 2014
- 33, Jeff Miles, 1987
- 33, DuRon Ford, 2016

GAME

- 7, Charlie Spegal, 2018 vs. Kokomo
- 7, Charlie Spegal, 2018 vs. Delta
- 7, Charlie Spegal, 2018 vs. Anderson

SCORING**CAREER**

- 754, Charlie Spegal, 2018-19
- 336, Alex Neligh, 2013-15
- 314, Grayson Thomas, 2020-22**
- 312, Jeff Miles, 1986-87

SEASON

- 422, Charlie Spegal, 2018 (state record)
- 332, Charlie Spegal, 2019
- 222, Alex Neligh, 2015
- 210, Jeff Miles, 1987
- 210, James Young, 2014

GAME

- 48, Charlie Spegal, 2018 vs. Anderson

KICK SCORING**CAREER**

- 285, Spencer Corey, 2013-16
- 220, Alex Kropp, 2017-19

SEASON

- 128, Spencer Corey, 2015 (state record)
- 119, Alex Kropp, 2018

PATs**CAREER**

- 243, Spencer Corey, 2013-16
- 181, Alex Kropp, 2017-19

SEASON

- 113, Spencer Corey, 2015 (state record)
- 101, Alex Kropp, 2018

GAME

- 12, Spencer Corey, 2016 vs. G-C;
- 12, Alex Kropp 2018 vs. Delta

CONSECUTIVE

- 115, Spencer Corey, 2014-15 (state record)

INTERCEPTIONS**CAREER:** 20, Tom Breeden, 1984-86**SEASON:** 10, Tom Breeden, 1984**GAME:** 3, Garrett Kuhn, 2014 at MV**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)

Field goal: 47 yards, Brendan Tanksley, 2022 at Yorktown

THE 2022 DRAGONS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class
2	A.J. Reiersen	RB/LB	5-11	201	Sr.	34	Josh Ranes	RB/LB	6-1	217	Fr.
3	Eian Roudebush	QB/LB	6-1	204	Sr.	35	Caden Jacobia	RB/DB	5-10	165	Fr.
4	Grayson Thomas	RB/DB	6-0	184	Jr.	36	David Pack	WR/DB	6-0	167	Jr.
5	Daniel Thacker	RB/DB	5-8	145	Sr.	37	Connor Jacobia	WR/DB	5-10	131	Fr.
6	Baylor Hurst	WR/DB	5-10	170	Sr.	38	Jake Wells	K	5-11	166	So.
7	Ethan Ley	RB/LB	5-8	193	Sr.	39	Brody Perkins	WR/DB	5-10	170	So.
8	Bryant Nunnally	WR/DB	5-10	163	Sr.	40	Gavin Neal	QB/LB	6-1	199	Fr.
9	James O'Dell	WR/DB	5-7	147	Sr.	41	Colton Spears	QB/DB	5-11	158	Fr.
10	Micah Clark	WR/DB	5-6	142	Jr.	42	Dylan Dragoo	RB/LB	5-8	152	So.
11	Brady Armstrong	QB/DB	5-9	164	Jr.	50	Liam Fuller	OL/LB	5-8	179	Jr.
12	Blaine Nunnally	WR/DB	5-10	171	Sr.	51	Kadin Disman	OL/DL	5-8	208	Jr.
13	Ty Mitchell	WR/DB	5-6	153	Jr.	52	Michael Thacker	OL/DL	6-1	268	So.
14	Alex Guhl	RB/LB	6-0	174	So.	53	Colton Wise	OL/LB	5-10	185	Jr.
15	Daniel Tippit IV	QB/DB	5-9	146	Sr.	54	John Ranes	OL/DL	6-2	266	So.
16	Brendan Tanksley	K	5-7	162	Sr.	55	Thomas Wood	OL/DL	6-2	284	Sr.
17	Kyler Kropp	RB/DB	6-1	184	Jr.	56	Ben Purciful	OL/DL	5-11	258	Sr.
18	Brayden Marrow	WR/DB	5-9	146	Sr.	57	Dakota Scott	OL/LB	5-8	200	Jr.
19	Brayden Harley	WR/DB	5-4	111	Jr.	60	Will Stayton	OL/DL	6-0	211	Jr.
20	Eli Hook	TE/LB	6-3	205	Sr.	61	Carter Mullen	OL/DL	5-9	180	Jr.
21	Carter Hacker	TE/LB	6-0	188	Sr.	65	Trey Keele	OL/DL	6-1	273	Sr.
22	Isaiah Thacker	WR/DB	6-0	186	Sr.	68	Sam Howell	OL/DL	5-9	238	Jr.
23	Austin McMahan	WR/DB	5-10	140	So.	70	Ian Moore	OL/DL	6-6	290	Jr.
24	Mason Hiatt	WR/DB	6-0	175	Jr.	71	Colin Whetsel	OL/DL	6-0	195	Fr.
25	Grant Purcell	WR/DB	5-11	178	Jr.	72	Abe Walling	OL/DL	6-3	211	Fr.
26	Bryce Doss	WR/DB	5-8	140	So.	73	Logan Myers	OL/DL	5-11	180	So.
27	Gavin Lumpkin	RB/DB	5-8	145	So.	74	Seth Merchant	OL/DL	5-10	187	So.
28	Andrew Pritchett	WR/DB	5-9	150	So.	75	Brock Brownfield	OL/DL	6-2	231	Fr.
29	Cameron Rollyson	WR/DB	5-11	161	Fr.	76	Luke Burgess	OL/DL	6-7	291	Sr.
30	Mallari Johnson	K	5-6	138	So.	77	Landon Seib	OL/DL	5-11	218	So.
31	Brandon Brees	WR/LB	6-2	176	Jr.	78	Jalaan Dundich	OL/DL	6-4	331	Sr.
32	T.J. Hammons	RB/DB	5-7	134	So.	80	Keagan Harrison	WR/DB	6-0	142	So.
33	Garrett Ranes	TE/LB	6-1	210	Fr.	84	Sam Adam	WR/DB	6-0	163	So.

Varsity Coaching Staff

Kyle Ralph (head coach/offensive coordinator)
 Scott McMurray (defensive coordinator)
 Wes Anderson
 Duke Blackwell
 Nick Brickens
 Dan Buchanan
 James Evans
 John Horan
 Matt Keele
 Alex Neligh

Freshman Coaching Staff

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Quin Lumbley, Zac Lytell, Sydney Miller, Reese Rosenbaum

Medical Staff

Heather Campbell, athletic trainer
 Dr Greg Estes, team physician

Athletic Administration

Al Cooper, athletic director
 Trent Whitaker, assistant athletic director
 Nancy Workman, associate athletic director
 Summer Parsons, athletic secretary
 Andrew Smith, sports information director

School Administration

Dr. Lisa Lantrip, superintendent
 Jim Voelz, principal
 Nicholas Mitchaner & Craig Moore, assistant principals

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New Palestine	pal-uh-steen
2 A.J. Reiersen	RYE-ur-son
3 Eian Roudebush	EE-un
	ROW-de-bush (row as in HOW)
7 Ethan Ley	LAY
17 Kyler Kropp	CROP
18 Brayden Marrow	MAR-row
	(rhymes with CAR)
25 Grant Purcell	purr-SELL
51 Kadin Disman	DIZ-mun
65 Trey Keele	KEEL
78 Jalaan Dundich	done-ditch

