

# NEW PALESTINE BASKETBALL

2023-24 GAME NOTES | NEWPALESTINEATHLETICS.COM | @NPHSDRAGONS

## SCHEDULE (8-2, 2-1 HHC)

Dec. 1	at Eastern Hancock	W 71-47
Dec. 2	RUSHVILLE	W 70-32
Dec. 8	GREENFIELD-C.*	L 54-58
Dec. 15	at New Castle*	W 61-60
Dec. 16	at Franklin Central	W 75-56
Dec. 29	vs. Jennings Co.%	W 83-59
Dec. 29	vs. Newport (Ky.)%	L 66-72
Dec. 30	vs. Bethesda Chr.%	W 69-49
Dec. 30	vs. Pike Central%	W 91-48
Jan. 5	DELTA*	W 62-54
Jan. 12	PENDLETON HTS.*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	at Richmond	7:30 p.m.
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Jan. 20	FRANKLIN	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	at Lawrence North	7:30 p.m.
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Feb. 6	at Guerin Catholic	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	SHELBYVILLE*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	CONNERSVILLE	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Mt. Vernon*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	WHITELAND	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Greenwood	7:30 p.m.

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

## THE DRAGONS

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

**Varsity coach:** Trent Whitaker

**Varsity assistant:** Mike Gizzi

**Varsity assistant:** Jordan Myers

**Junior varsity:** Danny Davison

**Freshman coaches:** Doug Pardue & Greg Nicholson

## HHC STANDINGS

	Conf	GB	Over.
Greenfield-C.	3-0	--	11-0
Mt. Vernon	3-1	.5	7-6
<b>New Palestine</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8-2</b>
Delta	1-1	1.5	11-2
Shelbyville	1-2	2	9-4
Yorktown	1-2	2	6-5
Pendleton Hts.	0-1	2	6-7
New Castle	0-3	3	5-7

### Friday's games

**Pend. Hts. at New Palestine\*, 7:30 p.m.**

New Castle at Greenfield-C.\*, 7:30 p.m.

Marion at Mt. Vernon, 7:30 p.m.

Wes-Del at Delta, 6 p.m. (DelCo Tourney)

Yorktown vs. Wapahani, 8 p.m. (at Delta)

### Saturday's games

Pendleton Hts. at Shelbyville, 7:30 p.m.

E. Hancock at Greenfield-C., 7:30 p.m.

New Castle at Rushville, 7:30 p.m.

Delta/Yorktown in Delaware County Trny.

### Tuesday's games

**New Palestine at Richmond, 7:30 p.m.**

Shortridge at Greenfield-C., 7:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY'S GAME (JAN. 12)



(RV) NEW PALESTINE DRAGONS (8-2, 2-1 HHC)

HEAD COACH: Trent Whitaker (9th season, 124-86). 2023 HHC & sectional champion



VS

PENDLETON HTS. ARABIANS (6-7, 0-1 HHC)

HEAD COACH: Joe Buck (14th season, 195-116; 19th overall, 241-176)

Time: 7:30 p.m. Site: New Palestine HS. Broadcast: NewPalRadio.com & IHSAAtv.org/NewPalestine

## SETTING THE SCENE

- The Dragons return to conference play with a home game against Pendleton Heights. The Dragons are looking to win their fourth straight contest.
- This is the 40th meeting between the two programs. NP trails the series 20-19, but has won seven consecutive meetings since 2018. The Dragons swept two meetings last year, winning 48-35 in the sectional behind **Julius Gizzi's** team-high 13 points. Gizzi had 15 in a 58-41 regular-season victory.
- The Dragons are receiving votes in the IBCA single-class poll for the second straight week and the fourth poll week this season.

## DRAGONS NOTES

- The Dragons enter this contest on a three-game winning streak, including last Friday's 62-54 victory over then-3A No. 2 Delta, their first win over a ranked team this season.
- The Dragons shot 60% last Friday against Delta, hitting 25-42. **Austin McMahan** was a perfect 5-of-5 for a career-high 10 points. **Julius Gizzi** was 11-18 for 34 points and **Ben Slagley** 8-13 for 16 points. It was their second-best shooting performance of the year - they hit 62.5% against Jennings County.
- As a team, the Dragons are shooting 54% from the floor and 38% from deep. McMahan (68%) and Slagley (64%) are the top field goal shooters, while Gizzi (45%) leads the Dragons from beyond the arc.
- Junior **Moses Haynes** is one of the state's top point guards, and showed why Friday, as he dished 13 assists in the Dragons' victory over Delta. He became the first Dragon to have double-digit assists since Duke Blackwell had 10 against Perry Meridian Jan. 31, 2016. Prior to that, the previous 10-assist game was produced by Moses' older brother Solomon Haynes, when he had 11 Dec. 16, 2010 against Morristown.
- Gizzi's 34 points against Delta marked his second straight 30-point game and his sixth 30-point game in his last seven contests. The 34-point performance was the third-highest of his season and career. He had 43 against Franklin Central and 35 against Newport (Ky.). Gizzi just missed a double-double, as he had nine rebounds, one shy of his career high.
- Gizzi and Slagley both reached 500 career points against Delta. Gizzi now has 530 points, Slagley 511. Gizzi has scored 291 points this season.
- Slagley now has 51 career blocked shots, fourth-most in school history. He needs three blocks to tie Seth Cox for third place.
- Gizzi is third in the state in scoring at 29.1 ppg, trailing International's Philip Randolph (31.6) and Maconaquah's Josiah Ball (30.1).
- Slagley (7.5) and Gizzi (7.5) are tied for the HHC lead in rebounding. Haynes (6.6) leads the conference in assists, with Slagley (3.9) fourth. Haynes also ranks sixth in the state in assists. Haynes is fourth in steals (2.1).

## SCOUTING THE ARABIANS

- Pendleton Heights finished fourth in last week's Madison County Tournament, falling 53-50 to Anderson in the first round, then beating Elwood 63-26 and Anderson Prep 75-38 in the consolation bracket.
- Senior Josiah Gustin (13.3 ppg, 6.3 rpg) leads the Arabians. Junior Evan Mazingo adds 10.6 ppg, while sophomore Caden Sims and senior Sam LaRavia each score 7.2 ppg.
- Joe Buck has returned the head coaching position after a 17-year absence, much of which was spent as Pendleton Heights' superintendent. He led the Arabians to six sectional titles from 1993-2006 in his first stint as head coach.

## LOOKING AHEAD

- The Dragons play a three-game week next week, with a Jan. 16 trip to No. 11 Richmond followed by weekend games against Roncalli and No. 20 Franklin at home, their lone January double-weekend.

# DRAGONS BASKETBALL | vs. PENDLETON HEIGHTS

## 2023-24 WHEN

Home games	2-1
Road games	3-0
Neutral sites	3-1
vs. 4A schools	2-1
vs. 3A schools	4-0
vs. 2A schools	1-0
vs. 1A schools	1-0
vs. out-of-state schools	0-1
vs. ranked teams	0-1
vs. HHC teams	2-1
vs. non-conference	6-1
Circle City	0-0
Conference Indiana	0-0
Eastern Indiana	1-0
Hoosier Crossroads	1-0
Hoosier Hills	1-0
Metropolitan	0-0
Mid-Eastern	1-0
Mid-State	0-0
North Central	0-0
Pioneer	1-0
Pocket	1-0
Independents	0-1
Tuesday	0-0
Wednesday	0-0
Thursday	0-0
Friday	4-2
Saturday	4-0
December	7-2
January	1-0
February	0-0
March	0-0
Scoring 39- points	0-0
Scoring 40-49 points	0-0
Scoring 50-59 points	0-1
Scoring 60-69 points	3-1
Scoring 70-79 points	3-0
Scoring 80+ points	2-0
Allowing 39- points	1-0
Allowing 40-49 points	3-0
Allowing 50-59 points	3-1
Allowing 60-69 points	1-0
Allowing 70-79 points	0-1
Allowing 80+ points	0-0
Decided by 5 pts/less	1-1
Overtime	0-0
20-point scorer	8-2
Dbl-figure rebounder	3-0
Leading at half	8-0
Tied at half	0-0
Trailing at half	0-2
Leading after 3	7-1
Tied after 3	0-0
Trailing after 3	1-1

## 2023-24 RESULTS

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### SERIES HISTORY

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#### vs. PENDLETON HEIGHTS

All-time: Pendleton Heights leads 20-19

Regular season: Tied 16-16

At New Palestine: New Palestine leads 9-7

Last meeting: 1/31/70: PH 90-76 (at NP)

#### LAST 10 MEETINGS

3/3/23: NP 48-35 (sect MC) 1/11/19: NP 71-65 (at PH)

1/12/23: NP 58-41 (at PH) 2/27/18: NP 71-56 (sect Rich)

1/14/22: NP 61-53 (at NP) 2/3/18: PH 64-49 (at NP)

1/15/21: NP 55-34 (at PH) 1/13/17: PH 64-50 (at PH)

1/17/20: NP 76-61 (at NP) 1/15/16: PH 60-46 (at NP)

### MILESTONE TRACKER

#### BEN SLAGLEY

511 career points (reached 400 12/1 vs. Eastern Hancock,

500 1/5 vs. Delta)

330 career rebounds (reached 300 12/29 vs. Jennings

County)

93 career assists

#### JULIUS GIZZI

530 career points (reached 400 12/29 vs. Jennings Co.,

500 1/5 vs. Delta)

291 season points

150 career rebounds

#### MOSES HAYNES

185 career points

139 career assists (reached 100 12/16 at Franklin Central)

### RANKINGS

The Dragons opened the year receiving votes in both the IBCA and AP polls. They continued to receive votes in the IBCA poll through the first two weeks of the season. After dropping out in the Dec. 10 poll, they returned to the "receiving votes" category in the IBCA all-class poll Dec. 31.

### LAST MEETING

#### DRAGONS 48, PENDLETON HTS. 35

#### Muncie Central sectional semifinal

Friday, March 3, 2023 at Muncie Fieldhouse

**NEW PALESTINE (22-2):** Gizzi 6-11 0-1 13, Bl.Nunnally 4-9 3-3 11, Slagley 5-11 0-0 10, Roudebush 2-3 1-1 5, Stephens 1-4 3-5 5, Haynes 1-4 0-0 2, Hill 1-1 0-0 2, Br.Nunnally 0-0 0-0 0, Armstrong 0-0 0-1 0, McMahan 0-0 0-0 0, Mahurin 0-0 0-0 0, Seib 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-45 7-11 48..

**PENDLETON HTS. (8-16):** Braxton 5-12 1-2 13, Wilson 4-8 4-6 12, Gustin 3-11 0-0 6, Caplinger 1-1 0-0 2, Cookston 0-4 1-2 1, Kanitz 0-0 1-2 1, Sims 0-1 0-0 0, Fox 0-1 0-0 0, Suchyna 0-1 0-0 0, Eikenberry 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 13-42 7-12 35.

**New Palestine 6 15 13 14 -- 48**

**Pendleton Hts. 5 9 8 13 -- 35**

3-point goals: NP 1-6 (Gizzi 1-2, Haynes 0-2, Bl.Nunnally 0-1, Br.Nunnally 0-1), PH 2-14 (Braxton 2-3, Mozingo 0-3, Gustin 0-3, Wilson 0-2, Cookston 0-2, Fox 0-1)

#### DRAGONS 58, PENDLETON HTS. 41

Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023 at Pendleton Hts. MS

**NEW PALESTINE (12-0, 4-0):** Stephens 8-11 2-6 19, Gizzi 6-11 0-0 15, Bl.Nunnally 3-5 0-2 8, Slagley 2-7 4-5 8, Haynes 2-2 0-0 6, Br.Nunnally 1-3 0-0 2, Hill 0-2 0-0 0, Roudebush 0-1 0-0 0, Armstrong 0-0 0-0 0, Tippitt 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-42 6-13 58.

**PENDLETON HTS. (4-9, 0-2):** Gustin 7-15 0-0 15, Kanitz 2-6 4-6 7, Cookston 3-7 1-2 7, Wilson 1-10 2-2 5, Mozingo 2-7 0-0 4, Caplinger 1-1 0-0 2, Sims 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 16-47 7-10 41.

**New Palestine 12 13 12 21 -- 58**

**Pendleton Hts. 13 9 9 10 -- 41**

3-point goals: NP 8-13 (Gizzi 3-3, Haynes 2-2, Bl.Nunnally 2-3, Stephens 1-1, Br.Nunnally 0-2, Hill 0-1, Roudebush 0-1), PH 2-11 (Wilson 1-4, Gustin 1-3, Mozingo 0-3, Cookston 0-1)

**DOUBLE FIGURES**

Three Dragons have double figures in a game this season.

**Ben Slagley (6 this season, 26 career):** 19-Eastern Hancock, 12-Greenfield-C., 12-Jennings Co., 10-Newport, 16-Pike Central, 16-Delta

**Julius Gizzi (10 this season, 24 career):** 24-Eastern Hancock, 20-Rushville, 20-Greenfield-C., 31-New Castle, 43-Franklin Central, 30-Jennings Co., 35-Newport, 24-Bethesda Christian, 30-Pike Central, 34-Delta

**Moses Haynes (5 this season, 6 career):** 12-Rushville, 10-New Castle, 16-Jennings Co., 11-Newport, 14-Bethesda Christian

**Austin McMahan (1 this season & career):** 10-Delta

**PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

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

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

Junior **Julius Gizzi** had one of the best weekends in school history Dec. 15-16. On Friday at New Castle, Gizzi scored 21 first-half points and finished with 31 on 14-of-23 shooting from the floor. He also had eight rebounds. The next night, however, was one of the greatest scoring performances in school history. He tallied 43 points in the 75-56 victory over Franklin Central, hitting 13-of-22 from the floor and 15-of-17 from the free throw line.

The 43 points were the third-most in school history, the sixth 40-point game in program history, and three points shy of Ryan Curry's school record set in 2015.

The 74 points scored in the weekend is a school record for points in consecutive games.

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

Gizzi also became the first Dragon to score 20 points in five consecutive games since Steele Brasfield did so from Feb. 5-18, 2022.

**MOST POINTS, SINGLE GAME**

1. 46, Ryan Curry, 2/6/15 at Shelbyville
2. 44, T.J. Ott, 1/24/98 at Hamilton SE
3. 43, Julius Gizzi 12/16/23 at Franklin Central
4. 41, Maximus Gizzi, 2/22/20 vs. Whiteland
5. 40, Dennis Ulrey, 11/23/74 vs. Morton Memorial
5. 40, Brent Leary 12/6/63 vs. Charlottesville
7. 39, Dennis Ulrey 2/7/75 at Hamilton SE
7. 39, Gary Mithoefer, 1/31/69 vs. Marshall
9. 38, Duane Riddle 2/19/65 vs. Mt. Vernon

**BLOCK PARTY**

**Ben Slagley** enters the season fifth on the NPHS blocked shots list. Against Franklin Central, he became the fifth player to register 40 blocks in a career. He tallied 50 blocks by tying his career high with four Dec. 30 against Bethesda Christian, moving into fourth place on the career blocked shots list.

**MOST BLOCKED SHOTS: CAREER**

1. 371, John Allison, 1995-98 (state record)
2. 82, Jeff Geurin, 1991-93
3. 54, Seth Cox, 2012-14
4. 51, Ben Slagley, 2021-23
5. 46, Dawson Eastes, 2016-20
6. 33, Gavin Hausz, 2015-18
7. 32, Ian Stephens, 2020-23

**DROPPING DIMES**

Junior **Moses Haynes** scored two points against Delta, but factored in on 26 more, as he had 13 assists in that contest. It was the first double-digit assists game for a Dragon since Duke Blackwell had 10 Jan. 31, 2016 against Perry Meridian. Prior to that, the most recent 10-assist game was when Moses' older brother Solomon Haynes dished 11 assists Dec. 16, 2010 against Morristown.

**BLISTERING SHOOTING**

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

It marked Gizzi's third straight 30-point game and a career-high for Haynes. Slagley added 10 rebounds and nine assists, narrowly missing a triple-double.

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

**MOSES THE THIEF**

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

**DOUBLE-DOUBLE MAN**

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

**BEN SLAGLEY'S DOUBLE-DOUBLES**

- 12/30/23 vs. Pike Central: 16 points/11 rebounds
- 12/29/23 vs. Jennings County: 12 points/10 rebounds
- 12/1/23 at Eastern Hancock: 19 points/11 rebounds
- 2/10/23 at Shelbyville: 15 points/14 rebounds
- 1/6/23 at Delta: 14 points/11 rebounds
- 12/29/22 at Lebanon: 12 points/10 rebounds
- 12/29/22 vs. Gary 21st Century: 22 points/12 rebounds

**ABOUT NPHS**

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

**ADMINISTRATION**

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

**BASKETBALL INFO**

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

**Sectional championships**

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

**Conference championships (12)**

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

**ATHLETIC HISTORY**

**Team state titles: 10**  
 Football: 2014 (4A), 2018, 2019 (5A)  
 Baseball: 2004 (3A)  
 Softball: 2004, 2007, 2008, 2017, 2018, 2019 (3A)  
**Team state runners-up: 4**  
 Football: 1990 (3A), 2015 (5A)  
 Baseball: 2003 (3A)  
 Softball: 2003 (2A)  
**Individual state champs: 8**  
 Samuel Voelz, T&F 2017  
 Alec White, WR 2017  
 Chad Red, WR 2013-16  
 Kyle Ulrey, WR 2009  
 Lori Swegman, T&F 1976

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**WIN AT THE HORN**

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

**DOUBLE-DOUBLE x2**

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

**CHASING THE RECORD**

Head coach **Trent Whitaker** became the fifth coach in NPHS history to win 100 games with the victory over Metropolitan Dec. 28, 2022, then moved into fourth place on the career wins list the next day. He moved into third place on the all-time wins list in the Dec. 1 opener against Eastern Hancock and second place Dec. 29 against Jennings County. He is three wins away from tying Brian Kehrt's record as the Dragons' all-time winningest coach.

**MOST COACHING WINS**

1. 126-93, Brian Kehrt (1995-2005)
2. 124-86, Trent Whitaker (2015-22)
3. 120-103, Adam Barton (2005-2015)
4. 116-57, Ed Frieje (1978-86)
5. 100-72, Wally Cones (1955-62)
6. 58-50, William McNamara (1949-55)
7. 56-85, Fred Keesling (1928-35)
8. 55-79, George Davis (1942-49)

**POSTSEASON HONORS**

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

**HISTORIC YEAR**

The Dragons' 23 wins last season were the most in school history. Coach **Trent Whitaker** has led the Dragons to three of their 10 winningest seasons.

**MOST WINS, SEASON**

- 23-3, 2022-23 (coach Trent Whitaker), HHC & sectional champion
- 21-3, 1988-89 (coach Carl Hughes) Sectional
- 19-3, 1995-96 (coach Brian Kehrt)
- 19-3, 1978-79 (coach Ed Frieje)
- 19-3, 1966-67 (coach Walt Molinder) ECC champ
- 19-3, 1958-59 (coach Wally Cones) HCC champ
- 19-6, 1956-57 (coach Wally Cones) HCC/sect
- 19-7, 2021-22 (coach Trent Whitaker)
- 18-3, 1944-45 (coach George Davis)
- 18-9, 2018-19 (coach Trent Whitaker) sectional

**THE NEXT LEVEL**

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

**2023-24 SEASON HIGHS**

- TEAM**
  - Points in a game: 91, 12/30 vs. Pike Central
  - Points in a quarter: 28, 12/29 vs. Jennings County (3rd quarter)
  - Points in a half: 47, 12/30 vs. Pike Central (1st half)
  - Fewest points allowed: 32, 12/2 vs. Rushville
  - Fewest points allowed in a quarter: 5, 12/2 vs. Rushville (3rd quarter)
  - Fewest points allowed in a half: 16, 12/2 vs. Rushville (1st & 2nd halves)
  - Biggest win margin: 43, 12/30 vs. Pike Central (W 91-48)
  - Most rebounds: 38, 12/30 vs. Pike Central
  - Most assists: 23, 12/29 vs. Jennings County
  - Most steals: 18, 12/2 vs. Rushville
  - Fewest turnovers: 6, 12/16 at Franklin Central; 12/30 vs. Bethesda Christian
  - Most FG: 37, 12/30 vs. Pike Central
  - Most FT: 23, 12/16 at Franklin Central
  - Most 3-pointers: 10, 12/2 vs. Jennings County
  - Best FG %: .625 (35-56) 12/29 vs. Jennings County
  - Best FT %: 1.000 (6-6) 12/29 vs. Newport; .852 (23-27) 12/16 at Franklin Central
  - Best 3pt %: .526 (10-19) 12/29 vs. Jennings County
- INDIVIDUAL**
  - Points in a game: 43, Julius Gizzi 12/16 at Franklin Central
  - Rebounds in a game: 11, Ben Slagley 12/1 at Eastern Hancock; Ben Slagley 12/30 vs. Pike Central
  - Assists in a game: 13, 1/5 vs. Delta
  - Steals in a game: 6, Moses Haynes 12/30 vs. Bethesda Christian
  - Blocks in a game: 4, Ben Slagley 12/15 at New Castle; Ben Slagley 12/30 vs. Bethesda Christian
  - Most 3-pointers: 5, Julius Gizzi 12/30 vs. Pike Central
  - Most FG: 14, Julius Gizzi 12/15 at New Castle
  - Most FT: 15, Julius Gizzi 12/16 at Franklin Central
  - Best 3-point %: .800 (4-5) Moses Haynes 12/29 vs. Jennings County (min. 5 att.)
  - Best FG%: 1.000 (7-7) Ben Slagley 12/30 vs. Pike Central; (5-5) Austin McMahan 1/5 vs. Delta
  - Best FT: .882 (15-17) Julius Gizzi 12/16 at Franklin Central (min. 5 att.)

**THE LAST TIME**

- NP scored 80-90 points:** 12/29/23 vs. Jennings County (W 83-59)
- NP scored 90+ points:** 12/28/21 vs. Metropolitan (W 93-62)
- NP scored 100+ points:** 12/15/89 at Marshall (W 105-89)
- NP allowed 35- points:** 12/2/23 vs. Delta (W 70-32)
- NP allowed 30- points:** 1/30/16 at Yorktown (W 49-23)
- NP allowed 20- points:** 12/9/11 vs. Greenfield-Central (W 63-19)
- NP won by 30-39 points:** 12/2/23 vs. Delta (W 70-32)
- NP won by 40+ points:** 2/14/20 vs. Shelbyville (W 89-49)
- NP scored 30 points in a quarter:** 12/29/23 at Metropolitan (31 points in 4th quarter of 93-62)
- NP played in OT:** 1/8/22 at Southport (W 26-25)
- A Dragon scored 20 points in a quarter:** Julius Gizzi (20 in 3rd quarter) 12/29/23 vs. Jennings County
- A Dragon scored 25-30 points:** Blaine Nunnally (27) 1/21/23 at Franklin
- A Dragon scored 30-39 points:** Julius Gizzi (34) 1/5/24 vs. Delta
- A Dragon scored 40-45 points:** Julius Gizzi (43) 12/16/23 at Franklin Central
- A Dragon scored 45+ points:** Ryan County (26/15) at Shelbyville (46, school record)
- A Dragon scored 30+ points in 2 consecutive games:** Julius Gizzi 12/30/23 vs. Pike Central (30) 1/5/24 vs. Delta (34)
- A Dragon scored 30+ points in 4 consecutive games:** Julius Gizzi 12/15/23 at New Castle (31) 12/16/23 at Franklin Central (43); 12/20/23 at Jennings County (30) & 12/29/23 vs. Newport (32)
- A Dragon had 10+ assists:** Moses Haynes (14) 12/29/23 vs. Delta (13)
- A Dragon had 10-14 rebounds:** Ben Slagley (14) 12/30/23 vs. Pike Central (11)
- A Dragon had 15-19 rebounds:** Ben Slagley (15) 1/21/23 at Franklin (15)
- A Dragon had 20+ rebounds:** Days on Easter 3/6/20 vs. Mt. Vernon (22)
- A Dragon had 30+ rebounds:** Gary Miller (33) 1/31/69 at Marshall (33)
- A Dragon recorded a double-double:** Ben Slagley (16 points/11 rebounds) 12/30/23 vs. Pike Central
- A Dragon recorded double-doubles in consecutive games:** Ben Slagley 12/29/22 vs. Jennings County (22 points/12 rebounds), 12/29/07 at Eastern Hancock (12 points/10 rebounds) & 1/6/23 at Delta (14 points/11 rebounds)
- Two Dragons scored 20 points in a game:** Blaine Nunnally (27) & Ian Stephens (22) 1/2/20 at Eastern Hancock
- Two Dragons scored 30 points in a game:** Ed Wheeler (30) & Tom Williams (30) 11/1/03 at Marshall
- Three Dragons scored 20 points in a game:** Justin Ikerd (25), Michael Morris (24) and Ryan County (24) 11/30/12 at Center Grove
- Four Dragons scored in double figures:** Ian Stephens (14), Blaine Nunnally (12), Moses Haynes (10) & Ben Slagley (10) 1/30/23 vs. Lawrence North
- Five Dragons scored in double figures:** Ian Stephens (17), Blaine Nunnally (14), Eian Roudebush (12), Julius Gizzi (11) & Ben Slagley (10) 12/16/22 at New Castle
- Two Dragons had 10 rebounds in a game:** Slagley (11) & Julius Gizzi (10) 12/1/23 at Eastern Hancock
- Coach Carl Hughes (4 seasons):** 1989-98 (1-8) 1988-89 (21-3 (5-1 BBRC) sec) 1987-88 (11-10 (6-0 BBRC) E) 1986-87 (1-10 (2-4 BBRC) sec)

**RECORD BOOK**

**INDIVIDUAL**

- Single-game points:** Ryan County (30) & Blaine Nunnally (30)
- Single-game rebounds:** Ben Slagley (11) & Tom Williams (11)
- Single-game points ago:** Ben Slagley (100/65)
- Points, consecutive game:** New Castle (31) 12/15/23
- Season points:** 608, Marshall
- Season rebounds:** 302, Marshall
- Season assists:** 138, Jennings County
- Season steals:** 46, Pat Fife
- Season blocks:** 135, John Calverly
- Career points:** 1,612, Marshall
- Career rebounds:** 767, Marshall
- Career assists:** 423, Blaine Nunnally
- Career steals:** 115, Maximus Gizzi
- Career blocks:** 371, John Calverly

**TEAM**

- Single-game points:** 120, Delta
- Single-game rebounds:** 43, Delta
- Single-game points, by quarter:** 21, Marshall
- Points, consecutive game:** Marshall (109-74) and St. Joseph (109-74)
- Victory margin:** 64, vs. Delta

**YEAR-BY-YEAR**

- Coach Trent Whitaker (9 seasons):** 2023-24 (23-3 (2-1 HHC) HHC) 2022-23 (23-3 (2-0 HHC) HHC) 2021-22: 19-7 (5-2 HHC) 2020-21: 14-9 (5-2 HHC) 2019-20: 14-12 (5-2 HHC) HHC 12/30/23 vs. Pike Central (11)
- 2018-19:** 18-9 (6-1 HHC) sectional
- 2017-18:** 15-10 (4-3 HHC)
- 2016-17:** 7-17 (1-6 HHC)
- 2015-16:** 12-10 (2-5 HHC)
- Coach Adam Barton (10 seasons):** 2014-15 (12 (4-3 HHC) HHC) 2013-14: 10-11 (3-3 HHC) 2012-13: 15-6 (7-0 HHC) HHC 12/30/23 vs. Pike Central (11)
- 2011-12:** 11-12 (1-6 HHC) sectional
- 2010-11:** 11-10 (3-4 HHC) sectional
- 2009-10:** 9-14 (1-6 HHC) sectional
- 2008-09:** 9-14 (1-6 HHC) sectional
- 2007-08:** 10-10 (2-2 HHC) sectional
- 2006-07:** 13-9 (4-3 HHC) sectional
- 2005-06:** 8-14 (1-6 HHC) sectional
- Coach Brian Kehrt (10 seasons):** 2004-05 (11-6 HHC) sectional
- 2003-04:** 10-12 (3-4 HHC) sectional
- 2002-03:** 11-11 (5-2 HHC) HHC
- 2001-02:** 12-8 (4-3 HHC) HHC
- 2000-01:** 11-11 (4-3 HHC) HHC
- 1999-00:** 16-7 (5-2 HHC) HHC
- 1998-99:** 10-11 (2-4 HHC) HHC
- 1997-98:** 16-5 (5-2 HHC) HHC
- 1996-97:** 13-10 (3-4 HHC) sectional
- 1995-96:** 19-3 (4-1 HHC) sectional
- Coach Eian Roudebush (1 season):** 1992-93 (14-8 (4-2 RLC) New Castle)
- 1991-92:** 14-8 (4-2 RLC) New Castle
- 1990-91:** 11-7 (1-5 RLC) New Castle
- Coach Carl Hughes (4 seasons):** 1989-98 (1-8) 1988-89 (21-3 (5-1 BBRC) sectional) 1987-88 (11-10 (6-0 BBRC) E) 1986-87 (1-10 (2-4 BBRC) sectional)

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 & Franklin Central (43)  
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 ff Mitchell, 1992-93  
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 nn Allison, 1996-97  
 aximus Gizzi 2016-20  
 Dick Pruet, 1960-63  
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**Coach Ed Frieje (8 seasons, 116-57)**  
 1985-86 15-6 (5-1 BBRC) BBRC champion  
 1984-85 15-6 (4-3 BBRC)  
 1983-84 17-5 (6-1 BBRC) BBRC champion  
 1982-83 11-11 (4-3 BBRC)  
 1981-82 10-11 (2-3 BBRC)  
 1980-81 16-5 (3-2 BBRC)  
 1979-80 13-10 (4-2 BBRC) sectional champion  
 1978-79 19-3 (6-1 BBRC)  
**Coach Larry Collins (4 seasons, 36-49)**  
 1977-78 11-10 (3-4 BBRC)  
 1976-77 6-15 (2-5 BBRC)  
 1975-76 9-11 (2-5 BBRC)  
 1974-75 10-13 (4-3 BBRC)  
**Coach John Wood (1 season, 3-18)**  
 1973-74 3-18 (1-6 BBRC)  
**Coach Warren Stephens (5 seasons, 23-79)**  
 1972-73 2-18 (2-5 BBRC)  
 1971-72 6-14 (3-5 BBRC)  
 1970-71 9-12 (3-5 BBRC)  
 1969-70 4-17 (1-7 BBRC)  
 1968-69 2-18 (3-5 BBRC)  
**Coach Walt Molinder (3 seasons, 35-28)**  
 1967-68 8-13 (4-3 ECC)  
 1966-67 19-3 (7-0 ECC) ECC champion  
 1965-66 8-12 (2-5 ECC)  
**Coach Jesse Blackwell (3 seasons, 20-42)**  
 1964-65 5-16 (2-5 ECC)  
 1963-64 5-15 (2-5 ECC)  
 1962-63 10-11 (5-1 HCC)  
**Coach Wally Cones (8 seasons, 100-72)**  
 1961-62 12-9 (3-3 HCC)  
 1960-61 7-14 (4-4 HCC)  
 1959-60 12-10 (6-2 HCC)  
 1958-59 19-3 (8-0 HCC) HCC champion  
 1957-58 16-5 (5-2 HCC) county champion  
 1956-57 19-6 (7-1 HCC) HCC, sectional champion  
 1955-56 8-12 (4-4 HCC)  
 1954-55 7-13 (3-5 HCC)  
**Coach William McNamara (5 seasons, 58-50)**  
 1953-54 5-15 (2-6 HCC)  
 1952-53 9-14 County champion  
 1951-52 15-7 County champion  
 1950-51 15-6  
 1949-50 14-8  
**Coach George Davis (7 seasons, 55-79)**  
 1948-49 8-12  
 1947-48 9-12  
 1946-47 2-18  
 1945-46 9-10  
 1944-45 18-3 County champion  
 1943-44 8-9  
 1942-43 1-15  
**Coach J.L. Stanley (1 season, 13-10)**  
 1941-42 13-10  
**Coach Theron Ogle (6 seasons, 46-73)**  
 1940-41 9-12  
 1939-40 9-9  
 1938-39 9-11  
 1937-38 9-12  
 1936-37 4-14  
 1935-36 6-15  
**Coach Fred Keesling (6 seasons, 56-85)**  
 1934-35 1-21  
 1933-34 9-15  
 1932-33 12-11  
 1931-32 4-16  
 1929-30 13-12  
 1928-29 17-10  
**Coach H.K. Hendrickson (1+ seasons, 8-10)**  
 1927-28 8-10  
*Season records prior to 1927-28 not available*

## COVERING THE DRAGONS

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# DRAGONS BASKETBALL | vs. PENDLETON HEIGHTS

## 2023-24 BOXES

### DRAGONS 62, DELTA 54

Friday, Jan. 5 at New Palestine HS

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

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

**Delta** 15 11 12 16 -- 54

**New Palestine** 14 13 17 18 -- 62

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

### DRAGONS 91, PIKE CENTRAL 48

Ray Furney Classic 5th place game

Saturday, Dec. 30 at Lawrenceburg HS

**NEW PALESTINE (7-2):** Gizzi 11-20 3-4 30, Slagley 7-7 2-3 16, Haynes 3-7 2-2 9, Armstrong 3-5 0-0 8, Harrison 4-9 0-0 8, Seib 3-5 0-0 6, Guhl 2-4 1-2 5, McMahan 2-5 0-0 4, Adam 1-1 0-0 3, Atkinson 1-1 0-1 2, Mahurin 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 37-65 8-12 91.

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

**New Palestine** 25 22 27 17 -- 91

**Pike Central** 9 13 16 10 -- 48

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

### DRAGONS 69, BETHESDA CHRISTIAN 49

Ray Furney Classic silver bracket

Saturday, Dec. 30 at Greendale MS, Lawrenceburg

**BETHESDA CHRISTIAN (3-6):** S.Mlagan 6-14 4-4 17, Tierney 2-8 6-10 10, Jackson 3-4 0-0 6, Knisley 2-3 0-2 6, I.Mlagan 1-7 0-0 2, Johnson 1-8 0-0 2, Payne 1-1 0-0 2, Brann 1-3 0-0 2, Endress 0-1 2-2 2, Hines 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 17-51 12-18 49

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

**Bethesda Chr.** 14 7 12 16 -- 49

**New Palestine** 11 16 22 20 -- 69

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

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

Ray Furney Classic pool play

Friday, Dec. 29 at Lawrenceburg HS

**NEW PALESTINE (5-2):** Gizzi 13-25 5-5 35, Haynes 4-9 0-0 11, Slagley 4-9 1-1 10, Harrison 3-3 0-0 6, McMahan 2-3 0-0 4, Armstrong 0-2 0-0 0, Guhl 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-51 6-6 66.

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

**New Palestine** 15 16 18 17 -- 66

**Newport (Ky.)** 22 19 14 17 -- 72

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

### +DRAGONS 83, JENNINGS COUNTY 59

Ray Furney Classic pool play

Friday, Dec. 29 at Greendale MS, Lawrenceburg

**JENNINGS COUNTY (4-6):** Kent 9-19 4-5 26, Millspaugh 5-11 0-0 13, Sigler 3-9 0-0 9, Byford 1-5 3-4 5, Hacker 1-6 0-2 3, Juraskovich 1-3 0-0 3, Barnes 0-1 0-0 0, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Earl 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-53 7-11 59..

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

**Jennings Co.** 16 10 13 20 -- 59

**New Palestine** 22 18 28 15 -- 83

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

### DRAGONS 75, FRANKLIN CENTRAL 56

Saturday, Dec. 16 at Franklin Central HS

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

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

**New Palestine** 20 19 20 16 -- 75

**Franklin Central** 20 12 13 11 -- 56

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

### DRAGONS 61, NEW CASTLE 60

Friday, Dec. 15 at New Castle Fieldhouse

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

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

**New Palestine** 14 17 15 15 -- 61

**New Castle** 7 21 20 12 -- 60

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

### GREENFIELD-C. 58, DRAGONS 54

Friday, Dec. 8 at New Palestine HS

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

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

**Greenfield-C.** 15 17 8 18 -- 58

**New Palestine** 8 18 16 12 -- 54

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

### DRAGONS 70, RUSHVILLE 32

Saturday, Dec. 2 at New Palestine HS

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

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

**Rushville** 8 8 5 11 -- 32

**New Palestine** 20 19 18 13 -- 70

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

### DRAGONS 71, EASTERN HANCOCK 47

Friday, Dec. 1 at Eastern Hancock HS

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

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

**New Palestine** 15 21 14 21 -- 71

**E. Hancock** 10 9 12 16 -- 47

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

# DRAGONS BASKETBALL | vs. PENDLETON HEIGHTS



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

**GP/GS:** 10/10  
**Pts:** 3.7  
**Ast:** 0.7  
**FG:** 47 (15-32)  
**FT:** 0 (0-0)  
**Pts:** 9, 12/1/23 Eastern Hancock  
**Reb:** 4, 1/5/24 Delta  
**Ast:** 2, 3x, 12/30/23 Bethesda Chr.



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

**GP/GS:** 10/10  
**Pts:** 9.0  
**Ast:** 6.6  
**FG:** 45 (34-76)  
**FT:** 75 (3-4)  
**Pts:** 16, 12/29/23 Jennings Co.  
**Reb:** 5, 12/16/22 New Castle  
**Ast:** 13, 1/5/24 Delta



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

**GP/GS:** 10/2  
**Pts:** 5.0  
**Ast:** 1.1  
**FG:** 58 (23-40)  
**FT:** 50 (3-6)  
**Pts:** 9, 12/29/23 Jennings Co.  
**Reb:** 5, 3x, 12/30/23 Pike Central  
**Ast:** 3, 12/2/23 Rushville



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

**GP/GS:** 10/10  
**Pts:** 29.1  
**Ast:** 2.1  
**FG:** 55 (110-200)  
**FT:** 79 (46-58)  
**Pts:** 43, 12/16/23 Franklin Central  
**Reb:** 10, 12/1/23 Eastern Hancock  
**Ast:** 6, 12/2/23 Rushville



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

**GP/GS:** 10/8  
**Pts:** 5.2  
**Ast:** 0.7  
**FG:** 68 (23-34)  
**FT:** 45 (5-11)  
**Pts:** 10, 1/5/24 Delta  
**Reb:** 5, 2x, 12/30/23 Pike Central  
**Ast:** 1, 8x, 12/30/23 Pike Central



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

**GP/GS:** 6/0  
**Pts:** 5.7  
**Ast:** 0.3  
**FG:** 42 (10-24)  
**FT:** 86 (6-7)  
**Pts:** 9, 3x, 12/16/23 Franklin C.  
**Reb:** 2, 12/2/23 Rushville  
**Ast:** 1, 3x, 12/16/23 Franklin C.



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

**GP/GS:** 8/0  
**Pts:** 0.9  
**Ast:** 0.8  
**FG:** 50 (3-6)  
**FT:** 0 (0-0)  
**Pts:** 5, 12/30/23 Bethesda Chr.  
**Reb:** 2, 12/30/23 Pike Central  
**Ast:** 2, 2x, 12/30/23 Bethesda Chr.



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

**GP/GS:** 9/0  
**Pts:** 1.7  
**Ast:** 0.7  
**FG:** 47 (7-15)  
**FT:** 50 (1-2)  
**Pts:** 6, 12/30/23 Bethesda Chr.  
**Reb:** 5, 12/30/23 Pike Central  
**Ast:** 2, 2x, 12/30/23 Pike Central



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

**GP/GS:** 10/10  
**Pts:** 11.3  
**Ast:** 3.9  
**FG:** 64 (47-74)  
**FT:** 76 (16-21)  
**Pts:** 22, 12/29/22 Gary 21st Cen  
**Reb:** 15, 1/21/23 Franklin  
**Ast:** 9, 12/29/23 Jennings Co.



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

**GP/GS:** 3/0  
**Pts:** 2.7  
**Ast:** 0.0  
**FG:** 44 (4-9)  
**FT:** 0 (0-2)  
**Pts:** 6, 12/30/23 Pike Central  
**Reb:** 3, 12/29/23 Jennings Co.  
**Ast:** 1, 2x, 12/30/23 Pike Central

**JV roster**

3 Max Lewis 5-6 So. G  
4 Rudy Hubbard 5-7 So. G/F  
5 Axtyn Hamblen 5-11 So. G  
11 Liam Atkinson 6-1 So. G/F  
13 Eli Parrett 5-10 Fr. G  
14 Nolan Lewis 5-5 So. G  
15 Evan Study 6-0 So. F  
24 Sam Adam 6-0 Jr. F

**JV coach: Danny Davison**



**Freshman roster**

3 Carson Rush G  
4 Brayden Anderson G  
11 Braxton Kell G  
12 Jacob Miesse G  
15 Brody Smith F  
21 Jayden Limpus F  
22 Brayden Suit G  
23 Brysen Wood F  
24 Karson Patterson F  
35 Evan Galloway F

**Freshman coaches:**

**Doug Pardue & Greg Nicholson**

**2023-24 SCHEDULE (8-2, 2-1 HHC)**

Dec. 1	at Eastern Hancock	W 71-47
Dec. 2	RUSHVILLE	W 70-32
Dec. 8	GREENFIELD-C.*	L 54-58
Dec. 15	at New Castle*	W 61-60
Dec. 16	at Franklin Central	W 75-56
Dec. 29	vs. Jennings Co.%	W 83-59
Dec. 29	vs. Newport (Ky).%	L 66-72
Dec. 30	vs. Bethesda Christian%	W 69-49
Dec. 30	vs. Pike Central%	W 91-48
Jan. 5	DELTA*	W 62-54
Jan. 12	PENDLETON HTS.*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	RONCALLI	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	at Richmond	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	FRANKLIN	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 24	at Lawrence North	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Yorktown*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	PERRY MERIDIAN	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Southport	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	at Guerin Catholic	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	SHELBYVILLE*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	CONNERSVILLE	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Mt. Vernon*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	WHITELAND	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	at Greenwood	7:30 p.m.

\*Hoosier Heritage Conference game  
%-Lawrenceburg Holiday Tournament



**Trent**  
**Whitaker**

**HEAD COACH**  
2022-23: 23-3  
2021-22: 19-7  
2020-21: 14-9  
2019-20: 14-12  
2018-19: 18-9  
2017-18: 15-10  
2016-17: 7-17  
2015-16: 6-17

Coach Whitaker is in his ninth season as the Dragons' varsity head coach, having entered this season leading NP to a 103-50 record since 2017, including three sectional titles, two HHC titles and the school's first regional final appearance in 30 years. He spent 12 seasons as an assistant coach and was part of the 2013 HHC titlist and three sectional champs. Whitaker is an assistant AD. He is a graduate of Eastern Hancock HS and Ball State University.

**COACHING STAFF**

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

**CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY**

**Sectional championships (10):**  
1957, 1980, 1989, 1997, 2009 (3A), 2011 (3A), 2012 (4A), 2019 (4A), 2020 (4A), 2023 (4A)

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

**RECORD BOOK**

**INDIVIDUAL**  
Single-game points: Ryan Curry, 46 at Shelbyville 2/6/15  
Single-game rebounds: Gary Mithoefer, 33 vs. Indianapolis Marshall 1/31/69  
Single-game points against: Doug Linville, 50 at New Salem 1/30/65  
Season points: 608, Maximus Gizzi, 2019-20  
Season rebounds: 302, Dan Shields, 1970-71  
Season assists: 138, Jeff Mitchell, 1992-93  
Season steals: 46, Pat Feeney, 2009-10  
Season blocks: 135, John Allison, 1996-97  
Career points: 1,612, Maximus Gizzi 2016-20  
Career rebounds: 767, Dick Pruet, 1960-63  
Career assists: 423, Blaine Nunnally, 2019-23  
Career steals: 115, Maximus Gizzi 2016-20  
Career blocks: 371, John Allison, 1994-98 (state record)  
Indiana All-Star: John Allison, 1998  
**TEAM**  
Single-game points: 120 vs. St. Paul, 2/10/67 (New Palestine 120, St. Paul 67).  
Single-game rebounds: 67 vs. Arlington 2/12/66  
Single-game points, both teams: 194 vs. Waldron 2/18/89 (105-89)  
Points, consecutive games: 229 vs. Morton Memorial (109-74) and St. Paul (120-67), 2/4 & 2/10/67.  
Victory margin: 64, vs. Lutheran (92-28), 12/2/85