

# NEW PALESTINE FOOTBALL

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

OCT. 20, 2023 | vs. NEW CASTLE | SECTIONAL ROUND 1 | KELSO STADIUM | 7 p.m.

## SCHEDULES

### NEW PALESTINE (7-2, 7-0)

Aug. 18	at Westfield	L 14-34
Aug. 25	at Decatur Central	L 42-43
Sept. 1	YORKTOWN*	W 30-22
Sept. 8	MT. VERNON*	W 63-39
Sept. 15	PENDLETON HEIGHTS*	W 34-14
Sept. 22	at Greenfield-Central*	W 21-14
Sept. 29	SHELBYVILLE*	W 49-7
Oct. 6	NEW CASTLE*	W 35-7
Oct. 13	at Delta*	W 38-7

### IHSAA Class 4A Sectional 22

Oct. 20 **NEW CASTLE** 7 p.m.

\*-Hoosier Heritage Conference game

### NEW CASTLE (1-8, 0-7)

Aug. 18	FRANKLIN COUNTY	W 26-21
Aug. 25	at Triton Central	L 7-36
Sept. 1	at Pendleton Heights*	L 0-42
Sept. 8	SHELBYVILLE*	L 14-34
Sept. 15	at Yorktown*	L 28-34
Sept. 22	at Delta*	L 8-20
Sept. 29	MT. VERNON*	L 21-51
Oct. 6	at New Palestine*	L 7-35
Oct. 13	GREENFIELD-CENTRAL*	L 20-44

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## HHC STANDINGS

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

### This week's games

New Castle at New Palestine, 7 p.m. (4A 22)

Pendleton Hts. at Greenfield-C., 7 p.m. (4A 22)

Mt. Vernon at Richmond, 7 p.m. (4A 22)

Shelbyville at East Central, 7 p.m. (4A 23)

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

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

## SECTIONAL 22

Friday, Oct. 20

Pendleton Hts. (7-2) at Greenfield-Central (8-1)

New Castle (1-8) at New Palestine (7-2)

Beech Grove (4-5) at Muncie Central (4-5)

Mt. Vernon (5-4) at Richmond (1-8)

Semifinals: Oct. 27.

Championship: Nov. 3

## CLASS 4A POLLS

IFCA	AP
1. East Central	1. East Central
2. Ev. Reitz	2. Ev. Reitz
3. New Palestine	3. New Palestine
4. Greenfield-Central	4. Greenfield-Central
5. Mississinewa	5. Mississinewa

## FOLLOW THE GAME

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(4A 3/3) **NEW PALESTINE DRAGONS** (7-2, 7-0 HHC)

HEAD COACH: Kyle Ralph (11th season, 123-13). 2023 HHC champion



**NEW CASTLE TROJANS** (1-8, 0-7 HHC)

HEAD COACH: Kyle York (7th season, 26-47)

## PREGAME NOTES

### SETTING THE SCENE

- The Dragons open sectional play with a rematch of their 35-7 Week 8 victory over New Castle. The Dragons are looking to win their third straight sectional title and their 14th overall. NP has won seven sectional titles in Coach **Kyle Ralph's** first 10 seasons and 13 overall.
- This is the 12th meeting between the Dragons and Trojans. NP has won all 11 previous meetings, including a 35-7 victory two weeks ago at Kelso Stadium in which **Grayson Thomas** ran for 210 yards and five touchdowns. The Dragons amassed 302 yards on the ground in that contest.
- The Dragons remained No. 3 in the IFCA poll for the third straight week. In the AP poll, they moved up one spot to No. 3 to finish the regular season.
- The Dragons closed out their ninth Hoosier Heritage Conference title in 11 years - and their second straight - with last week's 38-7 victory over Delta.

### DRAGONS NOTES

- The Dragons closed out their regular season with a solid performance on both sides of the ball in last week's victory over Delta. The Red Rage held Delta to 122 total yards - a season-low for the Dragons' defense. The Dragons have allowed seven points and fewer than 200 yards in three consecutive weeks.
- The Dragons had four sacks last week and have nine for the last two weeks. **Michael Thacker** returned after a six-game absence and tallied 2.5 sacks and four tackles for loss. **Josh Ranes** had nine tackles to lead the Dragons.
- Senior RB **Grayson Thomas** ran for 243 yards - the second-highest total of his career - last week. He also tallied two touchdowns. Thomas has posted back-to-back 200-yard games and has broken the 200-yard mark four times this season.
- With 1,719 yards, Thomas is eighth on the Dragons' single-season rushing list. He needs 45 yards to pass Luke Canfield for seventh place and 111 to pass DuRon Ford for sixth. Thomas' 5,617 career rushing yards are second to Charlie Spegal.
- Thomas leads the HHC in rushing and in scoring, with 22 touchdowns.
- Senior WR/RB **Kyler Kropp** has been the Dragons' jack of all trades. Last week, he had 101 yards from scrimmage - 60 on the ground and 41 through the air - and three touchdowns. Kropp has 1,151 career receiving yards, eighth-most in school history. He needs 23 yards to pass Brandon Collins for seventh place.
- Sophomore QB **Gavin Neal** has thrown for 1,086 yards this season, the 20th 1,000-yard passing season in school history. A Dragon has thrown for 1,000 yards in each of the past 11 seasons.

### SCOUTING THE TROJANS

- New Castle enters having dropped eight consecutive games after a season-opening victory over Franklin County. The Trojans are led by sophomore Tylin Thrine, who has 333 rushing yards and 561 receiving yards. He also threw for a touchdown against the Dragons two weeks ago.
- QB Tyson Lewis is completing 44 percent of his passes for 158 yards per game and nine touchdowns. Last week, Lewis threw for 203 yards and a touchdown in a 44-20 loss to Greenfield-Central. Sophomore Cade Logston had seven catches for 104 yards.

### LOOKING AHEAD

- Tonight's winner will face either Pendleton Heights or Greenfield-Central in the Oct. 27 semifinal round. If the Dragons win, they would host G-C or travel to PH.

### FOLLOW US

- All New Palestine games are broadcast free-to-listen at NewPalRadio.com. All home games are also video streamed at IHSAAtv.org on a pay-per-view basis.
- NPHS Athletics is on Facebook and Instagram (@NewPalestineDragons), Twitter (@NPHSDragons) and online (NewPalestineAthletics.com).

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**POLLS**

**IFCA 4A Top 10 (final)**

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

**AP 4A Top 10 (final)**

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

**COMPUTERS**

**Sagarin 4A rankings**

1. East Central (9-0)
2. Evansville Reitz (9-0)
3. Jasper (6-3)
4. **New Palestine (7-2)**
5. East Noble (7-2)
6. Leo (7-2)
7. Evansville Memorial (6-3)
8. Greenfield-Central (8-1)
9. Evansville Bosse (3-6)
10. Pendleton Heights (7-2)

**MaxPreps 4A rankings**

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

**SECTIONAL 22**

**BEECH GROVE (4-5)**

**Last week:** beat Franklin County 28-27

**This week:** at Muncie Central

**GREENFIELD-CENTRAL (8-1)**

**Last week:** beat New Castle 44-20

**This week:** vs. Pendleton Hts.

**MT. VERNON (5-4)**

**Last week:** beat Yorktown 35-21

**This week:** at Richmond

**MUNCIE CENTRAL (4-5)**

**Last week:** beat Tech 41-12

**This week:** vs. Beech Grove

**NEW CASTLE (1-8)**

**Last week:** lost to Greenfield-Central 44-20

**This week:** at New Palestine

**PENDLETON HEIGHTS (7-2)**

**Last week:** beat Shelbyville 28-6

**This week:** at Greenfield-Central

**RICHMOND (1-8)**

**Last week:** lost to Harrison 42-6

**This week:** vs. Mt. Vernon

**PROBABLE STARTERS**

**NEW PALESTINE OFFENSE**

WR: 2 Cameron Rollyson (5-11, 171, So.)  
 SL: 13 Ty Mitchell (5-6, 150, Sr.)  
 LT: 70 Ian Moore (6-6, 311, Sr.)  
 LG: 77 Landon Seib (6-0, 246, Jr.)  
 C: 75 Brock Brownfield (6-3, 249, So.)  
 RG: 55 Colin Whetsel (6-0, 209, So.)  
 RT: 72 Abe Walling (6-2, 221, So.)  
 SL: 7 Kyler Kropp (6-1, 184, Sr.)  
 WR: 24 Mason Hiatt (6-0, 181, Sr.)  
 QB: 8 Gavin Neal (6-0, 208, So.)  
 RB: 4 Grayson Thomas (6-0, 190, Sr.)

**NEW PALESTINE SPECIALISTS**

K: 28 Jake Wells (6-0, 169, Jr.)  
 P: 28 Jake Wells (6-0, 169, Jr.)  
 LS: 55 Colin Whetsel (6-0, 209, So.)

**NEW PALESTINE DEFENSE**

DT: 52 Michael Thacker (6-0, 271, Jr.)  
 NG: 27 Malachi Haines (6-0, 227, Sr.)  
 DT: 54 John Ranes (6-1, 251, Jr.)  
 SLB: 20 Alex Guhl (6-0, 210, Jr.)  
 MLB: 34 Josh Ranes (6-0, 219, So.)  
 WLB: 33 Garrett Ranes (6-1, 224, So.)  
 AL: 9 Caden Jacobia (5-9, 188, So.)  
 AL: 24 Mason Hiatt (6-0, 181, Sr.)  
 CB: 10 Micah Clark (5-6, 154, Sr.)  
 CB: 12 Desmond Palmer (6-0, 163, So.)  
 FS: 5 Connor Jacobia (6-1, 150, Jr.)

KR: 10 Micah Clark (5-6, 154, Sr.)  
 KR: 7 Kyler Kropp (6-1, 184, Sr.)  
 PR: 24 Mason Hiatt (6-0, 181, Sr.)

**TEAM/PLAYER NOTES**

**SERIES HISTORY**

The Dragons lead the all-time series 11-0. It has been played annually since New Castle joined the HHC in 2014. The teams have met once in the postseason, a 74-0 Dragons victory in 2014 en route to a state title.

**SERIES HISTORY**

**New Palestine leads 11-0**

**At New Palestine:** New Palestine leads 6-0

**Postseason:** New Palestine leads 1-0

**SERIES MEETINGS**

10/6/23: NP 35-7 (at NP)	10/6/17: NP 56-24 (at NP)
10/7/22: NP 63-12 (at NC)	10/7/16: NP 56-7 (at NC)
10/8/21: NP 42-7 (at NP)	10/9/15: NP 72-0 (at NP)
10/9/20: NP 28-0 (at NC)	10/31/14: NP 74-0 (sect at NP)
10/11/19: NP 48-6 (at NP)	10/10/14: NP 55-10 (at NC)
10/5/18: NP 56-14 (at NC)	

**IN THE POLLS**

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

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

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

**IN THE PIPELINE**

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

**LAST SEASON**

**Week 8: New Palestine 63, New Castle 12**

**Friday, Oct. 7, 2022 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  
 Penalties-yards: NP 4-50, NC 4-22  
 Punts-avg: NP 2-28.5, NC 4-23.8  
 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  
**State Rankings: NP 4A 1 (IFCA)/1 (AP)**  
**Week 8 boxscore in the season boxes**

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## RUSHING LEADER

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

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

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

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

### GRAYSON THOMAS' TOP RUSHING GAMES

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

CAREER	GP	Car-Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	HiGm
2023 senior	9	239-1719	7.2	22	80	285
2022 junior	11	189-1509	7.9	26	51	191
2021 sophomore	12	203-1288	6.3	19	88	207
2020 freshman	10	211-1101	5.2	14	76	228
<b>Career</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>842-5617</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>285</b>

## DOMINANT UP FRONT

Junior DL **Michael Thacker** returns for his third season as a starter on the defensive line after a standout sophomore season, in which he posted 103 tackles and an eye-popping 34.5 tackles for loss. His 13 sacks were among the state leaders last season.

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

CAREER	GP	Solo-Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	FC/FR
2023 junior	3	12-10	24	7	2.5	0/0
2022 sophomore	12	74-29	103	34.5	13	3/1
2021 freshman	10	50-39	89	22	5.5	2/1
<b>Career</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>136-78</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5/2</b>

## TO "THE" NEXT LEVEL

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

## PERFECT PASSING

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

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

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

### 7-for-7

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

## VERSATILE KROPP

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

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

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

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

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

RUSHING	GP	Car-Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	HiGm
2023 senior	9	34-271	7.9	5	65	103
2022 junior	13	68-406	6.0	5	35	149
2021 sophomore	12	34-214	6.3	5	33	52
<b>Career</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>136-891</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>149</b>
RECEIVING	GP	Rec-Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	HiGm
2023 senior	9	25-565	22.6	5	57	182
2022 junior	13	28-398	14.2	5	57	86
2021 sophomore	12	18-188	10.4	1	37	46
<b>Career</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>71-1151</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>182</b>

## ABOUT NPHS

**Nickname:** Dragons  
**Colors:** Red and white  
**Town:** New Palestine  
**County:** Hancock  
**Enrollment:** 1,226  
**Conference:** Hoosier Heritage  
**IHSAA member since:** 1915  
**Varsity football began:** 1968  
**All-time record:** 405-203-2  
**Home stadium:** Kelso Stadium  
**Field:** Shepler Field  
**Surface:** Sprinrturf (2018)

### ADMINISTRATION

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

### FOOTBALL INFO

**Head coach:** Kyle Ralph  
 HS: Cincinnati St. Xavier '02  
 College: North Carolina '06  
**Career record:** 123-13 (11 yrs.)  
 2022 record: 12-1 (7-0 HHC)

**Offense:** Power spread

**Defense:** 3-3 stack

### FOOTBALL HISTORY

**State championships:** 3

(2014, 2018, 2019)

**State Finals appearances:** 5  
 (1990, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019)

**Regional championships:** 7  
 (1987, 1990, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019)

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

**Conference championships:**

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

### ATHLETIC HISTORY

**Team state titles:** 10

Football: 2014 (4A), 2018 (5A), 2019 (5A)

Baseball: 2004 (3A)

Softball: 2004, 2007, 2008,

2017, 2018, 2019 (3A)

**Team state runners-up:** 4

Football: 1990 (3A), 2015 (5A)

Baseball: 2003 (3A)

Softball: 2003 (2A)

**Individual state champs:** 8

Samuel Voelz, T&F 2017

Alec White, WR 2017

Chad Red, WR 2013-16

Kyle Ulrey, WR 2009

Lori Swegman, T&F 1976

## 600 CLUB

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

## 14 in 5

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

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

## TAKE A QUARTER

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

## START WITH A BANG

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

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

The Dragons scored on their first possession in five consecutive games.

### FIRST DRIVE TOUCHDOWNS, 2023

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

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

9/22 at Greenfield-Central: Ty Mitchell 65 pass from Gavin Neal (11:44 1Q - first offensive snap)

9/15 vs. Pendleton Heights: Kyler Kropp 89 kickoff return (11:47 1Q - opening kickoff)

9/8 vs. Mt. Vernon: Kyler Kropp 30 pass from Gavin Neal (10:34 1Q)

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

## GOING THE DISTANCE

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

## DUAL-THREAT QB

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

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

## BIG PLAYS

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

## IN THE LONG RUN

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

## GROUND GAME

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

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

## SACK DANCE

The Dragons had five sacks in the Oct. 6 victory over New Castle. **Caden Jacobia** and **Garrett Ranes** had two each, while **Josh Ranes** had one. All three are sophomores.

## FINDING THE FOOTBALL

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

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

### MOST TACKLES, 2023

16, Garrett Ranes 9/22 at Greenfield-Central

15, Mason Hiatt 9/22 at Greenfield-Central

15, Josh Ranes 9/8 vs. Mt. Vernon

12, Caden Jacobia 10/6 vs. New Castle

12, Mason Oglesby 9/22 at Greenfield-Central

11, Josh Ranes 9/22 at Greenfield-Central

11, Garrett Ranes 9/15 vs. Pendleton Hts.

11, Mason Hiatt, 8/18 at Westfield

10, Brock Brownfield 9/22 at Greenfield-Central

10, Micah Clark 8/25 at Decatur Central

10, Garrett Ranes, 8/25 at Decatur Central

## DRAGONS IN COLLEGE

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

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

## POSTSEASON HONORS

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

## TWINNING

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

## RETURNING HOME

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

## MAKING IT RANES

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

## FACING THE TOP

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

## TWO-SPORT KICKERS

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

## PICK-6

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

## MEET COACH RALPH

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

Ralph brought immediate success to New Palestine, with an attacking, aggressive 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 2023 with a 116-11 career record.

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

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

**2023 STATS**

<b>RUSHING</b>					
	Att-Yds	Avg TD	Lg	HiGm	
4 Grayson Thomas	239-1719	7.2 22	80	285	
8 Gavin Neal	102-394	3.9 5	21	93	
7 Kyler Kropp	34-271	8.0 6	65	103	
27 Malachi Haines	8-35	4.4 1	10	35	
15 Brayden Harley	1-15	15.0 0	15	15	
11 Brady Armstrong	4-14	3.5 0	8	9	
17 Bryan Caldwell	3-14	4.7 0	7	14	
32 T.J. Hammons	1-4	4.0 0	4	4	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>405-2381</b>	<b>5.9 34</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>348</b>	
<b>PASSING</b>					
	C-A-I	Yds TD	Lg	HiGm	
8 Gavin Neal	55-102-8	1086 9	69	256	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>55-104-8</b>	<b>1086 9</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>256</b>	
<b>RECEIVING</b>					
	Rec-Yds	Yds TD	Lg	HiGm	
7 Kyler Kropp	23-565	22.6 5	57	182	
13 Ty Mitchell	14-292	20.8 3	69	75	
24 Mason Hiatt	9-106	11.8 1	36	45	
2 Cameron Rollyson	5-84	16.8 0	32	42	
10 Micah Clark	1-34	34.0 0	34	34	
4 Grayson Thomas	1-5	5.0 0	5	5	
<b>KICKING</b>					
	PAT	FG	Lg		
28 Jake Wells	43-43	4-5	44		
44 Cole Christopher	1-1	0-0	0		
<b>PUNTING</b>					
	N-Yds	Avg	Lg	In20	
28 Jake Wells	18-576	32.0	49	4	
8 Gavin Neal	1-25	25.0	25	0	
<b>RETURNS</b>					
	KOR	Avg	PR	Avg	TD
7 Kyler Kropp	6	31.3			1K
10 Micah Clark	3	22.7	1	-2.0	
2 Cameron Rollyson	1	15.0			
15 Brayden Harley	1	15.0			
33 Garrett Ranens	1	11.0			
9 Caden Jacobia	2	8.5			
<b>TEAM STATS</b>					
	NP	Opp			
Points	326	187			
Avg. game	36.2	20.8			
First downs	156	123			
Rushes-yards	405-2381	309-1103			
Passing C-A-I	55-104-8	108-222-10			
Passing yards	1086	1324			
Total offense	509-3467	531-2427			
Avg play/game	6.8/385.2	4.6/269.7			
Fumbles-lost	13-7	9-3			
Punts-yds-avg	19-601-31.6	36-1314-36.5			
2-point conversions	0-1	3-7			
<b>Score by quarters</b>					
New Palestine	112	62	76	76--	326
Opponents	33	47	70	37--	187

**DEFENSE**

**Tackles leaders:** Garrett Ranens 79, Josh Ranens 74, Mason Hiatt 60, Caden Jacobia 51, Alex Guhl 47, Micah Clark 36, Desmond Palmer 30, Abe Walling 27, Ian Moore 27, Connor Jacobia 24, John Ranens 24, Michael Thacker 22, Mason Oglesby 21.

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

**Interceptions:** Mason Hiatt 3, Caden Jacobia 2, Connor Jacobia 1, Garrett Ranens 1, Brady Armstrong 1, Alex Guhl 1, Desmond Palmer 1

**Fumble recoveries:** Ty Mitchell 1, Colton Wise 1, Ian Moore 1

**2023 GAME-BY-GAME**

	Rusher	Passer	Receiver
Westfield	Kropp 103	Neal 69	Kropp 58
DecaturC	Thomas 233	Neal 108	Kropp 100
Yorktown	Thomas 180	Neal 119	Mitchell 62
MtVernon	Thomas 285	Neal 256	Kropp 182
PendHts	Thomas 192	Neal 56	Clark 34
GrnfieldC	Thomas 186	Neal 120	Mitchell 75
Shelbyville	Thomas 108	Neal 221	Kropp 126
NewCastle	Thomas 210	Neal 96	Krp/Mtchl 31
Delta	Thomas 243	Neal 41	Kropp 41
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**2023 SEASON HIGHS**

**INDIVIDUAL**

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

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

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

Total TDs: 5, Kyler Kropp vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8; Grayson Thomas vs. New Castle 10/6

Passing yards: 256, Gavin Neal vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8

Pass completions: 10, Gavin Neal vs. New Castle 10/6

Pass attempts: 16, Gavin Neal vs. New Castle 10/6

Pass TDs: 5, Gavin Neal vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8 (ties school record)

Receiving yards: 182, Kyler Kropp vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8

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

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

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

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

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

Longest pass: 69 yards, Gavin Neal to Ty Mitchell vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8

Most tackles: 16, Garrett Ranens at Greenfield-Central 9/22

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

Most INTs: 1, multiple players

**TEAM**

Total yards: 604 vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8

Rushing yards: 348 vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8

Rushing attempts: 52 vs. Yorktown 9/1

Passing yards: 256 vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8

Pass completions: 10 vs. New Castle 10/6

Pass attempts: 16 vs. New Castle 10/6

Total plays: 66 vs. Yorktown 9/1

First downs: 24 vs. New Castle 10/6

Pass touchdowns: 5 vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8

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

Return touchdowns: 2 vs. Pendleton Hts. 9/15

Points: 63 vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8

Points in a quarter: 21, 1st quarter at Decatur Central 8/25; 1st quarter & 3rd quarter vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8; 1st quarter vs. Shelbyville 9/29

Points in a half: 35, 2nd half vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8; 1st half vs. Shelbyville 9/29

Fewest points allowed: 7 vs. Shelbyville 9/29; vs. New Castle 10/6; at Delta 10/13

Fewest rush yards allowed: 20 vs. Shelbyville 9/29

Fewest pass yards allowed: 81 at Delta 10/13

Fewest total yards allowed: 122 at Delta 10/13

Fewest first downs allowed: 6 vs. Shelbyville 9/29

Turnovers caused: 3 vs. Yorktown 9/1; vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8; vs. Pendleton Hts. 9/15

Most sacks: 5 vs. New Castle 10/6

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

Most fumble recoveries: 2 vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8

**TOURNEY HISTORY**

All-time tournament record: 70-37

Sect: 55-27; Reg: 7-6; Semistate: 5-2; State: 3-2

**SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (13)**

2022: 4A: 12-1. Kyle Ralph

2021: 5A: 8-4. Kyle Ralph

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

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

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

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

2013: 4A: 13-1. Kyle Ralph (reg)

2009: 4A: 10-3. Tim Able

2005: 3A: 10-3. Doug Armstrong

2004: 3A: 10-3. Doug Armstrong

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

1989: 3A: 10-2. Marvin Shepler.

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

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

**Class 4A**

2022: \*New Palestine 43, Connersville 14

**Class 5A**

2021: \*New Palestine 20, Whiteland 17

2020: \*Whiteland 48, New Palestine 13

2019: \*New Palestine 49, Franklin 14

2018: \*New Palestine 78, Anderson 0

2017: Zionsville 26, \*New Palestine 24

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

**Class 4A**

2014: New Palestine 83, \*Beech Grove 20

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

2011: Pendleton Hts 24, \*New Palestine 13

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

**Class 3A**

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

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

2004: New Palestine 37, \*Yorktown 20

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

1995: \*Roncalli 35, New Palestine 21

1990: New Palestine 21, \*Elwood 16

1989: \*New Palestine 7, Hamilton SE 3

1988: \*Lawrenceburg 20, New Palestine 0

1987: \*New Palestine 36, Lawrenceburg 14

**Class 2A**

1984: \*Hagerstown 11, New Palestine 6

1983: Yorktown 14, \*New Palestine 7

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

**Class 4A**

2022: \*Roncalli 20, New Palestine 7

**Class 5A**

2021: \*Cathedral 23, New Palestine 7

2019: \*New Palestine 35, Cathedral 10

2018: New Palestine 31, \*Harrison 7

2015: \*New Palestine 49, Zionsville 21

**Class 4A**

2014: New Palestine 44, \*Roncalli 13

2013: \*New Palestine 27, Chatard 14

2009: \*Cathedral 45, New Palestine 3

**Class 3A**

2005: Chatard 14, \*New Palestine 0

2004: Chatard 38, \*New Palestine 7

1990: New Palestine 20, \*Chatard 12

1989: \*Roncalli 21, New Palestine 3

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

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

**Class 5A**

2019: \*New Palestine 45, Bloomington South 0

2018: \*New Palestine 35, Michigan City 10

2015: \*New Palestine 56, Castle 6

**Class 4A**

2014: \*New Palestine 30, Columbus East 28

2013: \*Columbus East 49, New Palestine 14

**Class 3A**

1990: New Palestine 20, \*Tell City 14

1987: \*Zionsville 24, New Palestine 6

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

**Class 5A**

2019: New Palestine 27, Valparaiso 20

2018: New Palestine 28, Decatur C. 14

2015: FW Snider 64, New Palestine 61

**Class 4A**

2014: New Palestine 77, New Prairie 42

**Class 3A**

1990: FW Dwenger 56, New Palestine 14

**SECTIONAL ROUND 1 NEW PALESTINE vs. NEW CASTLE OCT. 20, 2023**

**2023 BOXES**

**Week 9: Dragons 38, Delta 7**

Friday, Oct. 13 at Delta Stadium, Muncie

New Palestine (7-2, 7-0)	7	14	14	3	--38
Delta (5-4, 3-4)	0	0	7	0	--7

**Scoring summary**

NP-Thomas 34 run (Wells kick), 4:06  
 NP-Kropp 15 run (Wells kick), 4:42  
 NP-Kropp 25 pass from Neal (Wells kick), :17  
 D-Ritchie 33 pass from Edwards (Stanley kick), 9:37  
 NP-Kropp 11 run (Wells kick), 8:02  
 NP-Thomas 2 run (Wells kick), 7:57  
 NP-Wells 34 FG, 3:54

**Team stats**

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

**Individual stats**

**New Palestine**

Rushing: Thomas 27-243, Kropp 7-60, Neal 10-45, team 4-(-9)  
 Passing: Neal 3-8-1-41  
 Receiving: Kropp 3-41

**Delta**

Rushing: Bond 15-71, Carpenter 3-17, J.Jones 3-4, Backus 1-0, Russell 1-(-1), Ritchie 1-(-2), Lennis 1-(-4)  
 Edwards 7-(-42), team 1-(-2)  
 Passing: Edwards 7-13-0-81  
 Receiving: Ritchie 2-47, J.Manor 2-19, J.Jones 2-10, Bratton 1-5  
 State rankings: NP 4A 3 (IFCA)/4 (AP)

**Week 8: Dragons 35, New Castle 7**

Friday, Oct. 6 at Kelso Stadium, New Palestine

New Castle (1-7, 0-6)	0	0	7	0	--7
New Palestine (6-2, 6-0)	14	7	7	7	--35

**Scoring summary**

NP - Thomas 2 run (Wells kick), 8:29  
 NP - Thomas 1 run (Wells kick), 4:57  
 NP - Thomas 3 run (Wells kick), 6:01  
 NP - Thomas 3 run (Wells kick), 6:40  
 NC - Semler 4 pass from Thrine (Barrett kick), 2:24  
 NP - Thomas 1 run (Wells kick), 6:40

**Team stats**

First downs: NC 11, NP 24  
 Rushes-yards: NC 34-55, NP 47-302  
 Passing C-A-I: NC 9-22-1, NP 10-16-2  
 Passing yards: NC 109, NP 96  
 Total plays-yards: NC 56-164, NP 63-398  
 Penalties-yards: NC 8-84, NP 4-35  
 Fumbles-lost: NC 1-0, NP 1-1  
 Punts-avg: NC 4-51.5, NP 0-0  
 Time of possession: NC 24:39, NP 23:21

**Individual stats**

**New Castle**

Rushing: Thrine 14-43, Hannan 9-29, Semler 1-4, Logsdon 1-(-4), Lewis 9-(-17)  
 Passing: Lewis 8-21-1-105, Thrine 1-1-0-4  
 Receiving: Thrine 5-60, Semler 2-33, McMartin 2-16

**New Palestine**

Rushing: Thomas 30-210, Neal 16-93, team 1-(-1)  
 Passing: Neal 10-16-2-96  
 Receiving: Kropp 3-31, Mitchell 3-31, Hiatt 3-25, Rollyson 1-9  
 State rankings: NP 4A 3 (IFCA)/5 (AP)

**Week 7: Dragons 49, Shelbyville 7**

Friday, Sept. 29 at Kelso Stadium, New Palestine

Shelbyville (3-4, 1-4)	0	0	0	7	--7
New Palestine (5-2, 5-0)	21	14	7	7	--49

**Scoring summary**

NP-Thomas 8 run (Wells kick), 9:46  
 NP-Neal 1 run (Wells kick), 6:50  
 NP-Thomas 3 run (Wells kick), :34  
 NP-Neal 1 run (Wells kick), 8:28  
 NP-Hiatt 19 pass from Neal (Wells kick), 1:32  
 NP-Thomas 6 run (Wells kick), 4:00  
 S-Martin 4 run (Heifer-Vazquez kick), 9:05  
 NP-Haines 10 run (Christopher kick), :36

**Team stats**

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

**Individual stats**

**Shelbyville**

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

**New Palestine**

Rushing: Thomas 16-108, Neal 5-24, Haines 8-35, Harley 1-15, Caldwell 3-14  
 Passing: Neal 9-10-0-221  
 Receiving: Kropp 4-126, Mitchell 2-44, Hiatt 2-28, Rollyson 1-23  
 State rankings: NP 4A 4 (IFCA)/7 (AP)

**Week 6: Dragons 21, Greenfield-Central 14**

Friday, Sept. 22 at Clayton Myers Field, Greenfield

New Palestine (4-2, 4-0)	14	0	0	7	--21
Greenfield-C. (5-1, 3-1)	0	6	8	0	--14

**Scoring summary**

NP-Mitchell 65 pass from Neal (Wells kick), 11:44  
 NP-Thomas 6 run (Wells kick), 2:33  
 G-C-Foley 3 run (run failed), 4:00  
 G-C-Foley 1 run (Freeman run), 6:02  
 NP-Thomas 1 run (Wells kick), 5:28

**Team stats**

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

**Individual stats**

**New Palestine**

Rushing: Thomas 29-186, Neal 7-23, Kropp 3-9, team 2-(-4)  
 Passing: Neal 5-11-0-120  
 Receiving: Mitchell 3-75, Hiatt 2-45

**Greenfield-Central**

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

**Week 5: Dragons 34, Pendleton Heights 14**

Friday, Sept. 15 at Kelso Stadium, New Palestine

Pendleton Hts. (3-2, 1-2)	0	0	7	7	--14
New Palestine (3-2, 3-0)	14	6	7	7	--34

**Scoring summary**

NP-Kropp 89 kickoff return (Wells kick), 11:47  
 NP-Kropp 9 run (Wells kick), 6:24  
 NP-Wells 43 FG, 5:03  
 NP-Wells 44 FG, :00  
 NP-Thomas 56 run (Wells kick), 10:28  
 PH-DeRolf 11 pass from Frank (Apo kick), 1:22  
 NP-Armstrong 55 interception return (Wells kick), 10:40  
 PH-Sims 16 pass from Wilson (Apo kick), 6:13

**Team stats**

First downs: PH 11, NP 13  
 Rushes-yards: PH 25-53, NP 43-184  
 Passing C-A-I: PH 13-34-3, NP 4-9-1  
 Passing yards: PH 125, NP 56  
 Total plays-yards: PH 59-178, NP 52-240  
 Penalties-yards: PH 5-30, NP 9-75  
 Fumbles-lost: PH 0-0, NP 0-0  
 Punts-avg: PH 3-44.3, NP 4-36.8  
 Time of possession: PH 22:52, NP 25:08

**Individual stats**

**Pendleton Heights**

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

**New Palestine**

Rushing: Thomas 31-192, Kropp 2-18, Neal 8-6, team 2-(-32)  
 Passing: Neal 4-8-1-56, team 0-1  
 Receiving: Kropp 2-12, Clark 1-34, Rollyson 1-10  
 State rankings: NP 4A 5 (IFCA)/10 (AP); PH 4A RV (IFCA)

**Week 4: Dragons 63, Mt. Vernon 39**

Friday, Sept. 8 at Kelso Stadium, New Palestine

Mt. Vernon (1-3, 0-2)	3	14	22	0	--39
New Palestine (2-2, 2-0)	21	7	21	14	--63

**Scoring summary**

NP-Kropp 30 pass from Neal (Wells kick), 10:34  
 MV-Vinard 38 FG, 9:06  
 NP-Kropp 57 pass from Neal (Wells kick), 3:07  
 NP-Neal 9 run (Wells kick), :37  
 NP-Mitchell 69 pass from Neal (Wells kick), 9:55  
 MV-Jones 25 pass from Ertel (Vinard kick), 8:01  
 MV-Brogan 3 run (Vinard kick), 1:53  
 MV-Brogan 4 run (run failed), 8:59  
 NP-Thomas 80 run (Wells kick), 8:47  
 NP-Kropp 50 pass from Neal (Wells kick), 6:26  
 MV-Brogan 65 run (Etherington pass form Ertel), 6:16  
 NP-Kropp 10 run (Wells kick), 1:12  
 MV-Brogan 62 run (Jones run), :53  
 NP-Kropp 45 pass from Neal (Wells kick), 11:30  
 NP-Thomas 2 run (Wells kick), 5:02

**Team stats**

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

**Individual stats**

**Mt. Vernon**

Rushing: Brogan 26-246, Jones 2-14, Ertel 5-4, Johnson 1-4  
 Passing: Ertel 9-20-1-94  
 Receiving: Jones 3-46, Barnett 2-29, Etherington 2-27, Joy 1-(-3), Brogan 1-(-5)

**New Palestine**

Rushing: Thomas 31-285, Neal 13-46, Kropp 4-20, team 2-(-3)  
 Passing: Neal 6-11-0-256  
 Receiving: Kropp 4-182, Mitchell 1-69, Thomas 1-5  
 State rankings: NP 4A 6 (IFCA)/9 (AP); MV 4A RV (AP)

**2023 BOXES (cont.)**

**Week 3: Dragons 30, Yorktown 22**

**Friday, Sept. 1 at Kelso Stadium, New Palestine**

Yorktown (2-1, 0-1)	9	0	6	7	-- 22
New Palestine (1-2, 1-0)	0	14	6	10	-- 30

**Scoring summary**

Y-Weaver 22 FG, 5:51  
 Y-Webster 10 interception return (kick failed), :28  
 NP-Mitchell 30 pass from Neal (Wells kick), 10:06  
 NP-Neal 12 run (Wells kick), 6:12  
 Y-Ewing 48 run (pass failed), 9:01  
 NP-Thomas 1 run (pass failed), 6:05  
 NP-Thomas 8 run (Wells kick), 11:42  
 NP-Wells 24 FG, 3:33  
 Y-Dougherty 43 pass from Moulton (McKay kick), 2:40

**Team stats**

First downs: Y 12, NP 21  
 Rushes-yards: Y 24-128, NP 54-214  
 Passing C-A-I: Y 14-39-3, NP 6-12-1  
 Passing yards: Y 184, NP 119  
 Total plays-yards: Y 63-312, NP 66-333  
 Penalties-yards: Y 10-79, NP 7-59  
 Fumbles-lost: Y 0-0, NP 4-2  
 Punts-avg: Y 5-40.6, NP 1-45.0  
 Time of possession: Y 22:09, NP 25:51

**Individual stats**

**Yorktown**

Rushing: Ewing 13-77, Moulton 7-48, Webster 3-5, Cummins 1-(-2)  
 Passing: Moulton 14-39-3-184  
 Receiving: Williams 5-64, Perdue 5-58, Dougherty 3-57, Webster 1-5

**New Palestine**

Rushing: Thomas 31-180, Neal 19-70, Armstrong 1-5, Kropp 1-(-5), team 2-(-36)  
 Passing: Neal 6-12-1-119  
 Receiving: Mitchell 3-62, Rollyson 2-42, Kropp 1-15)  
*State rankings: NP 4A 7 (IFCA)/10 (AP); Y 3A RV (IFCA)/10 (AP)*

**Week 2: Decatur Central 43, Dragons 22**

**Friday, Aug. 25 at Devere Fair Stadium, Indianapolis**

New Palestine (0-2)	21	0	14	7	-- 42
Decatur Central (2-0)	7	17	6	13	-- 43

**Scoring summary**

DC - Richmond 38 pass from Polston (Vogel kick), 8:37  
 NP - Thomas 5 run (Wells kick), 5:30  
 NP - Thomas 22 run (Wells kick), 4:19  
 NP - Thomas 1 run (Wells kick), :41  
 DC - Richmond 48 pass from Polston (Vogel kick), 9:54  
 DC - Dodo 27 run (Vogel kick), 5:54  
 DC - Vogel 40 FG, :00  
 NP - Neal 4 run (Wells kick), 11:35  
 NP - Kropp 13 run (Wells kick), 8:19  
 DC - Dodo 1 run (pass failed), 2:53  
 DC - Vogel 44 FG, 9:00  
 NP - Thomas 52 run (Wells kick), 5:50  
 DC - Vogel 46 FG, 5:13  
 DC - Polston 7 run (Vogel kick), :42

**Team stats**

First downs: NP 14, DC 17  
 Rushes-yards: NP 41-312, DC 29-84  
 Passing C-A-I: NP 6-12-2, DC 24-43-0  
 Passing yards: NP 108, DC 354  
 Total plays-yards: NP 53-420, DC 72-439  
 Penalties-yards: NP 3-30, DC 8-59  
 Fumbles-lost: NP 1-1, DC 1-0  
 Punts-avg: NP 2-32.0, DC 4-26.0  
 Time of possession: NP 19:50, DC 28:10

**Individual stats**

**New Palestine**

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

**Decatur Central**

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

**Week 1: Westfield 34, Dragons 14**

**Friday, Aug. 18 at Riverview Stadium, Westfield**

New Palestine (0-1)	0	0	0	14	-- 14
Westfield (1-0)	14	10	7	3	-- 34

**Scoring summary**

Scoring summary  
 W-Gilbert 9 run (Boehm kick), 8:45  
 W-B.Braun 38 pass from Gilbert (Boehm kick), 8:27  
 W-Boehm 28 FG, 4:19  
 W-Webster fumble recovery in end zone (Boehm kick), 2:21  
 W-Gilbert 5 run (Boehm kick), 9:44  
 NP-Thomas 3 run (Wells kick), 9:45  
 W-Boehm 23 FG, 4:49  
 NP-Kropp 65 run (Wells kick), 4:35

**Team stats**

First downs: NP 15, W 17  
 Rushes-yards: NP 48-272, W 38-152  
 Passing C-A-I: NP 6-15-1, W 10-17-1  
 Passing yards: NP 69, W 165  
 Total plays-yards: NP 63-341, W 59-317  
 Penalties-yards: NP 2-10, W 6-40  
 Fumbles-lost: NP 1-1, W 2-0  
 Punts-avg: NP 5-19.2, W 4-34.0  
 Time of possession: NP 22:10, W 25:50

**Individual stats**

**New Palestine**

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

**Westfield**

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

**COVERING THE DRAGONS**

The New Palestine High School athletic department welcomes media coverage of all of our athletic programs throughout the season and school year. Please contact Sports Information Director Andrew Smith (asmith@newpal.k12.in.us or 317-861-4417 x2132) with all media requests. Email is preferred.

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**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:** Sept. 8, 2023 vs. Mt. Vernon (63-39)  
**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:** Sept. 29, 2023 vs. Shelbyville (21 points in 1st quarter of 49-7 victory)  
**New Palestine scored 30-39 points in a quarter:** Oct. 7, 2022 at New Castle (35 points in 2nd quarter of 63-12 victory)  
**New Palestine scored 40+ points in a quarter:** Oct. 12, 2018 vs. Delta (42 points in 1st quarter of 84-13 victory)  
**New Palestine scored 40-49 points in a half:** Nov. 4, 2022 vs. Connersville (43 points in 1st half of 43-14 victory)  
**New Palestine scored 50-59 points in a half:** Oct. 15, 2021 at Delta (52 points in 1st half of 55-6 victory)  
**New Palestine scored 60+ points in a half:** Oct. 7, 2022 at New Castle (63 points in 1st half of 63-12 victory)  
**New Palestine had 500-599 yards of total offense:** Oct. 21, 2022 at Mt. Vernon (509 yards in 35-24 victory)  
**New Palestine had 600-699 yards of total offense:** Sept. 8, 2023 vs. Mt. Vernon (604 yards in 63-39 victory)  
**New Palestine had 700-799 yards of total offense:** Nov. 27, 2015 vs. FW Snider (757 yards in 64-61 loss)  
**New Palestine had 800+ yards of total offense:** Sept. 19, 2015 vs. Pendleton Heights (813 yards in 84-17 victory)  
**New Palestine had 300-399 yards rushing:** Oct. 13, 2023 at Delta, 339 yards  
**New Palestine had 400-499 yards rushing:** Sept. 27, 2019 at Greenfield-C., 457 yards  
**New Palestine had 500+ 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:** Oct. 14, 2022 vs. Delta, 99 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. 29, 2023 vs. Shelbyville, Gavin Neal 221 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. 8, 2023 vs. Mt. Vernon, Gavin Neal 302 yards (256 passing, 46 rushing)  
**A Dragon threw 5 TD passes in a game:** Sept. 8, 2023 vs. Mt. Vernon, Gavin Neal 5 TDs  
**A Dragon threw 4 TD passes in a game:** Sept. 30, 2022 at Shelbyville, Danny Tippit 4 TDs  
**Four different Dragons caught TD passes in the same game:** Sept. 23, 2022 vs. Greenfield-Central, Blaine Nunnally (2), Kyler Kropp, Ty Mitchell, Cameron Rollyson TDs from Danny Tippit.  
**Three different Dragons caught TD passes in the same game:** Sept. 30, 2022 at Shelbyville, Blaine Nunnally (2), Kyler Kropp, Ty Mitchell TDs from Danny Tippit.  
**A Dragon ran for 6 TDs in a game:** Oct. 11, 2019 vs. New Castle, Charlie Spegal 6 TDs  
**A Dragon ran for 5 TDs in a game:** Oct. 6, 2023 vs. New Castle, Grayson Thomas 5 TDs  
**Two Dragons each had 4 TDs in a game:** Aug. 25, 2017 vs. Richmond, Luke Canfield (4 rush) & Colby Jenkins (3 rec, 1 rush)  
**A Dragon had 3 receiving TDs in a game:** Sept. 8, 2023 vs. Mt. Vernon, Kyler Kropp 4 TDs (school record)  
**A Dragon had a rushing and receiving TD in a game:** Sept. 8, 2023 vs. Mt. Vernon, Kyler Kropp 4 receiving TDs, 1 rushing TD  
**A Dragon had two 70+-yard catches in a game:** Oct. 19, 2012 vs. Mt. Vernon, Tyler Walden 73, 78-yard TD receptions from Chaz Hill  
**A Dragon had 100+ yards receiving:** Sept. 29, 2023 vs. Mt. Vernon, Kyler Kropp 126 yards

**A Dragon had 200+ yards receiving:** Oct. 30, 2020 vs. Franklin, Blake Austin 230 yards  
**A Dragon had 300+ yards receiving:** Nov. 27, 2015 vs. FW Snider, Duke Blackwell 328 yards  
**A Dragon had 10 receptions:** Oct. 9, 2020 at New Castle, Blake Austin 12 receptions.  
**A Dragon had 30-39 carries:** Oct. 6, 2023 vs. New Castle, Grayson Thomas 30 carries  
**A Dragon had 40+ carries:** Sept. 14, 2018 at Pendleton Hts. Charlie Spegal 40 carries.  
**A Dragon ran for 200-249 yards:** Oct. 13, 2023 at Delta, Grayson Thomas 243 yards  
**A Dragon ran for 250-299 yards:** Sept. 8, 2023 vs. Mt. Vernon, Grayson Thomas 285 yards.  
**A Dragon ran for 300+ yards:** Nov. 2, 2018 vs. Anderson, Charlie Spegal 364 yards  
**A Dragon had 300-399 yards from scrimmage:** Sept. 27, 2019 at Greenfield-Central, Charlie Spegal 300 yards (288 rushing, 12 receiving)  
**A Dragon had 400+ yards from scrimmage:** Nov. 2, 2018 vs. Anderson, Charlie Spegal 418 yards (364 rushing, 54 receiving)  
**A Dragon ran for 100 yards and threw for 200:** Sept. 1, 2017 at Yorktown, Zach Neligh 174 rush/200 pass  
**A Dragon ran for 200 yards and threw for 200:** Sept. 19, 2015 vs. Pendleton Heights, Alex Neligh 200 rush/248 pass  
**A Dragon had five sacks:** Sept. 5, 2014 vs. Yorktown, Gabe Estes 5  
**A Dragon had three interceptions:** Sept. 12, 2014 at Mt. Vernon, Garrett Kuhn 3  
**A Dragon had two interceptions:** Oct. 21, 2022 at Mt. Vernon, Blaine Nunnally 2  
**New Palestine had two 100-yard rushers in same game:** Sept. 24, 2021 at Greenfield-Central, Grayson Thomas 146 yards, Damon Hockett 125 yards.  
**New Palestine had three 100-yard rushers in same game:** Sept. 19, 2015 vs. Pendleton Heights, Alex Neligh 200 yards, Nick Brickens 168 yards, Luke Ely 137 yards  
**New Palestine had a 200-yard passer, 100-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver in the same game:** Sept. 29, 2023 vs. Shelbyville, Gavin Neal 221 yards passing, Grayson Thomas 108 yards rushing, Kyler Kropp 126 yards receiving  
**New Palestine had two plays from scrimmage go for 70+ yards:** Oct. 12, 2018 vs. Delta, Brody Luker 73 pass from Zach Neligh; Charlie Spegal 82 run  
**New Palestine had two plays from scrimmage go for 80+ yards:** Sept. 16, 2016 at Pendleton Hts. Gunnar Large 80 run; DuRon Ford 90 run  
**New Palestine had a play from scrimmage go for 70-79 yards:** Aug. 25, 2023 at Decatur Central, Grayson Thomas 76 run  
**New Palestine had a play from scrimmage go for 80-89 yards:** Sept. 8, 2023 vs. Mt. Vernon, Grayson Thomas 80 run  
**New Palestine had a play from scrimmage go for 90+ yards:** Sept. 16, 2016 at Pendleton Hts. DuRon Ford 90 run  
**New Palestine had a defensive touchdown:** Sept. 15, 2023 vs. Pendleton Heights, Brady Armstrong 55 interception return.  
**New Palestine had special teams touchdown:** Sept. 15, 2023 vs. Pendleton Heights, Kyler Kropp 89-yard kickoff return.  
**New Palestine had a player record an offensive, special teams and defensive score:** Oct. 17, 2014 vs. Delta, Garrett Kuhn 25-yard INT return, 49-yard punt return & 25-yard reception for TDs  
**New Palestine had a player record an offensive and defensive score:** Sept. 3, 2021 vs. Yorktown, Blaine Nunnally 12-yard TD reception, 35-yard INT return.  
**New Palestine scored two defensive TDs in the same game:** Sept. 4, 2020 at Yorktown, Hunter Burks 45 INT return, Aidan Ewers 36 INT return.  
**A New Palestine player scored two defensive TDs in the same game:** Sept. 23, 2016 vs. Greenfield-C. Adam Kincaid 83 and 60-yard fumble returns  
**New Palestine blocked a punt:** Sept. 30, 2022 at Shelbyville, Blaine Nunnally blocked punt.  
**New Palestine recorded a safety:** Oct. 29, 2021 vs. Franklin, Blaine Nunnally tackled Franklin punter in end zone.  
**New Palestine recorded two safeties in the same game:** Sept. 12, 2014 at Mt. Vernon, MV punter & QB each fumbled ball out of end zone.  
**New Palestine had a kickoff return for touchdown:** Sept. 15, 2023 vs. Pendleton Heights, Kyler Kropp 89-yard kickoff return.  
**New Palestine had a punt return for touchdown:** Oct. 2, 2015 vs. Shelbyville, Nick Brickens 88-yard return (statistically: Oct. 11, 2019 vs. New Castle, Maxen Hook 2 blocked punt return).  
**New Palestine beat a ranked opponent:** Sept. 15, 2023, defeated 4A No. 5/5 Greenfield-Central 21-14  
**New Palestine won after trailing by 20+ points:** Oct. 30, 2020 vs. Franklin, Won 31-27 after trailing 27-3 with 2:44 remaining in third quarter.  
**New Palestine played an overtime game:** Aug. 21, 2009 vs. Whiteland 22-16. (note: New Palestine has won five straight OT games since 2004)



# THE 2023 DRAGONS

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

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## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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