

NEW PALESTINE FOOTBALL

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

OCT. 13, 2023 | at DELTA | DELTA STADIUM, MUNCIE | 7:30 p.m.

SCHEDULES

NEW PALESTINE (6-2, 6-0)

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*	7:30 p.m.

IHSAA Class 4A Sectional 22

Oct. 20 NEW CASTLE 7 p.m.

*-Hoosier Heritage Conference game

DELTA (5-3, 3-3)

Aug. 18	MUNCIE CENTRAL	W 35-14
Aug. 25	NORWELL	W 34-16
Sept. 1	at Shelbyville*	W 21-14
Sept. 8	YORKTOWN*	W 22-13
Sept. 15	at Mt. Vernon*	L 20-31
Sept. 22	NEW CASTLE*	W 20-8
Sept. 29	at Pendleton Heights*	L 23-28
Oct. 6	at Greenfield-Central*	L 9-28
Oct. 13	NEW PALESTINE*	7:30 p.m.

IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 28

Oct. 20 at Norwell 7 p.m.

*-Hoosier Heritage Conference game

HHC STANDINGS

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

Last week's games

New Palestine 35, New Castle 7

Greenfield-Central 28, Delta 9

Mt. Vernon 28, Shelbyville 14

Pendleton Heights 31, Yorktown 7

This week's games

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

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

Shelbyville at Pendleton Heights, 7 p.m.*

Yorktown at Mt. Vernon, 7 p.m.*

SECTIONAL 22

Friday, Oct. 20

Pendleton Hts. at Greenfield-Central

New Castle at New Palestine

Beech Grove at Muncie Central

Mt. Vernon at Richmond

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. Northridge
4. Kokomo	4. New Palestine
5. Greenfield-Central	5. Kokomo

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(4A 3/4) NEW PALESTINE DRAGONS (6-2, 6-0 HHC)

HEAD COACH: Kyle Ralph (11th season, 122-13). 2022 4A sectional & HHC champion



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

HEAD COACH: Chris Overholt (8th season, 48-36)

PREGAME NOTES

SETTING THE SCENE

- The Dragons conclude the regular season with a trip to longtime conference rival Delta, looking to clinch the outright HHC title. The Dragons have clinched their ninth HHC title in 11 years. The previous eight were all won outright. The Dragons have won 13 HHC titles since 2005.
- This is the 31st meeting between the Dragons and Eagles. The series is tied 15-15, but NP has won the last 10 meetings. Last year, the Dragons won a 47-7 decision as **Grayson Thomas** ran for 187 yards and a career-high five touchdowns, a number he tied last week.
- The Dragons remained No. 3 in the IFCA poll for the second straight week. In the AP poll, they moved up one spot to No. 4.
- The Dragons are 73-2 in HHC games since 2013.

DRAGONS NOTES

- The Dragons took an early 14-point lead against New Castle and never looked back last week in a 35-7 victory. **Grayson Thomas** ran for 210 yards and a career high-tying five touchdowns. It marked his fifth career 200-yard game, including his third this season. Thomas tallied five TDs in a game for the first time since Oct. 14, 2022, when he tallied five in a 47-7 victory over Delta.
- Sophomore QB **Gavin Neal** had 189 yards of total offense last week, with a career-high 93 on the ground and 96 through the air. He completed 10 of his 16 passes, setting a career high for pass completions. For the second straight week, he completed a pass to each of the Dragons' four starting wideouts.
- Neal has thrown for 1,045 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.
- The Dragons have not punted in the last two weeks.
- Thomas has 1,476 yards this season and 5,374 for his career on the ground. He needs 33 yards to pass himself for 12th on the single-season rushing list. He needs 153 yards to move into the top 10. Thomas is NP's No. 2 career rushing leader.
- Thomas leads the HHC and is third in Class 4A in rushing. With 20 TDs, Thomas also leads the HHC in scoring.
- Senior **Kyler Kropp** has 1,110 career receiving yards. He needs 10 yards to pass Blaine Nunnally for eighth place on the Dragons' career list and 64 yards to pass Brandon Collins for seventh place. Kropp is fifth in the HHC with 524 receiving yards.
- Sophomore **Caden Jacobia** tallied 12 tackles - including four TFLs and two sacks last week. Sophomore **Garrett Ranes** also had two sacks and eight solo tackles. The Dragons had five sacks last week, as sophomore **Josh Ranes** also had one.
- The Red Rage has allowed fewer than 200 yards of total offense each of the last two weeks and 14 total points.
- The Dragons have scored on their first possession in five consecutive games.

SCOUTING THE EAGLES

- Delta has one of the top defenses in the HHC, allowing 19 points per game coming into this week. The Eagles have held four teams to 14 points or less this season.
- Junior QB Bronson Edwards is throwing for 169 yards per game, with 35 passes and 549 yards going to senior D'Amare Hood. Senior Jonny Manor has 25 catches for 373 yards. Junior Nolan Carpenter and senior Kaiden Bond have combined for 1,068 yards in the running game.
- The Eagles were held to 130 yards of total offense, with Edwards throwing for 97, in last week's 28-9 loss to Greenfield-Central.

LOOKING AHEAD

- The Dragons open sectional play next week at home against New Castle. The 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. The Dragons are two-time defending sectional champions.

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POLLS

IFCA 4A Top 10 (Week 9)

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

AP 4A Top 10 (Week 9)

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

COMPUTERS

Sagarin 4A rankings (week 9)

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

MaxPreps 4A rankings (week 9)

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

SECTIONAL 22

BEECH GROVE (3-5)

Last week: lost to Triton Central 31-6

This week: at Franklin County

GREENFIELD-CENTRAL (7-1)

Last week: beat Delta 28-9

This week: at New Castle

MT. VERNON (4-4)

Last week: beat Shelbyville 28-14

This week: vs. Yorktown

MUNCIE CENTRAL (3-5)

Last week: beat Anderson 33-6

This week: vs. Tech

NEW CASTLE (1-7)

Last week: lost to New Palestine 35-7

This week: vs. Greenfield-C.

PENDLETON HEIGHTS (6-2)

Last week: beat Yorktown 31-7

This week: vs. Shelbyville

RICHMOND (1-7)

Last week: lost to Kokomo 43-0

This week: vs. Harrison

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: 72 Abe Walling (6-2, 221, So.)

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

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

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 and Eagles have split their 30 meetings, with each team having won 15. The Dragons have won 10 straight meetings and 13 of the last 14. Delta is the lone HHC team to have a .500 or better record against New Palestine.

SERIES HISTORY

Series tied 15-15

At Delta: Delta leads 8-6

Regular season: New Palestine leads 14-13

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

LAST 10 MEETINGS

- 10/14/22: NP 47-7 (at NP)
- 10/13/17: NP 55-7 (at D)
- 10/15/21: NP 55-6 (at D)
- 10/14/16: NP 56-15 (at NP)
- 10/16/20: NP 28-21 (at NP)
- 10/16/15: NP 66-29 (at D)
- 10/18/19: NP 49-13 (at D)
- 10/17/14: NP 54-0 (at NP)
- 10/12/18: NP 84-13 (at NP)
- 9/13/13: NP 41-14 (at D)

IN THE POLLS

The Dragons enter the week ranked No. 3 by the IFCA and No. 4 by the AP. They have been ranked for 19 consecutive weeks. The Dragons have been ranked for 98 of the last 106 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

LAST MEETING

Game 9: Dragons 47, Delta 7

Friday, Oct. 14, 2022 at Kelso Stadium, New Palestine

Delta (3-6, 1-6) 0 7 0 0 --7

New Palestine (9-0, 7-0) 7 20 20 0 --47

Scoring summary

- NP-I.Thacker 41 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), 5:49
- NP-Thomas 2 run (Tanksley kick), 11:55
- D-Elliott 24 pass from K.Bond (Stanley kick), 6:31
- NP-Thomas 34 run (Tanksley kick), 3:18
- NP-Thomas 38 run (kick blocked), 1:24
- NP-Thomas 44 run (pass failed), 9:22
- NP-Thomas 27 run (Tanksley kick), 4:53
- NP-BI.Nunnally 29 pass from Tippit (Tanksley kick), 2:53

Team stats

- First downs: D 5, NP 18
- Rushes-yards: D 29-38, NP 31-185
- Passing C-A-I: D 4-13-1, NP 15-25-0
- Passing yards: D 61, NP 214
- Total plays-yards: D 42-99, NP 56-399
- Fumbles-lost: D 0-0, NP 0-0
- Penalties-yards: D 4-35, NP 4-40
- Punts-avg: D 7-34.1, NP 2-26.0
- Time of possession: D 26:08, NP 21:52

Individual stats

Delta

Rushing: Samuels 16-29, M.Bond 2-4, K.Bond 2-3, Carpenter 9-2

Passing: K.Bond 4-13-1-61

Receiving: Elliott 3-57, J.Manor 1-4

New Palestine

Rushing: Thomas 17-187, Tippit 7-4, O'Dell 1-3, Ley 1-2, Doss 2-0, Harley 1-(-3), Marrow 2-(-4)

Passing: Tippit 15-25-0-214

Receiving: BI.Nunnally 9-135, I.Thacker 4-69, Kropp 1-6, Mitchell 1-4

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

IN THE PIPELINE

The Dragons subvarsity teams are both having strong seasons. The freshmen are now 7-1 after a tough 12-8 loss to Cathedral. The JV is 5-2 and beat New Castle 24-0. Both teams face Delta Monday to close the season.

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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 5,374 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.

GRAYSON THOMAS' TOP RUSHING GAMES

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

CAREER	GP	Car-Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	HiGm
2023 senior	8	212-1476	7.0	20	80	285
2022 junior	11	189-1509	7.9	26	51	191
2021 sophomore	12	203-1288	6.3	19	88	207
2020 freshman	10	211-1101	5.2	14	76	228
Career	41	815-5374	6.6	79	88	285

DOMINANT UP FRONT

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

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

CAREER	GP	Solo-Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	FC/FR
2023 junior	2	7-7	14	3	0	0/0
2022 sophomore	12	74-29	103	34.5	13	3/1
2021 freshman	10	50-39	89	22	5.5	2/1
Career	24	131-75	206	59.5	18.5	5/2

OPENING 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 Isaiha 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 have scored on their first possession in five consecutive games.

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	8	27-211	7.8	4	65	103
2022 junior	13	68-406	6.0	5	35	149
2021 sophomore	12	34-214	6.3	5	33	52
Career	34	129-831	6.4	14	65	149
RECEIVING	GP	Rec-Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	HiGm
2023 senior	8	22-524	23.8	4	57	182
2022 junior	13	28-398	14.2	5	57	86
2021 sophomore	12	18-188	10.4	1	37	46
Career	34	68-1110	16.3	10	57	182

ABOUT NPHS

Nickname: Dragons
Colors: Red and white
Town: New Palestine
County: Hancock
Enrollment: 1,226
Conference: Hoosier Heritage
IHSAA member since: 1915
Varsity football began: 1968
All-time record: 404-203-2
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: 122-13 (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.

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.

QUICK STRIKE

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. **Grayson Thomas** capped the first drive of the game with a 5-yard TD. After the Red Rage forced a three-and-out and **John Raney** deflected a punt, Thomas scored from 22 yards out on the Dragons' next offensive snap.

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.

TWINNING

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

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.

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.

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 Raney** had two each, while **Josh Raney** 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 Raney** 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 Raney** had 15 stops in a 63-39 victory.

MOST TACKLES, 2023

- 16, Garrett Raney 9/22 at Greenfield-Central
- 15, Mason Hiatt 9/22 at Greenfield-Central
- 15, Josh Raney 9/8 vs. Mt. Vernon
- 12, Caden Jacobia 10/6 vs. New Castle
- 12, Mason Oglesby 9/22 at Greenfield-Central
- 11, Josh Raney 9/22 at Greenfield-Central
- 11, Garrett Raney 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 Raney, 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.

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 Raney - three of them. **John Raney** is a junior defensive lineman, while sophomore brothers **Garrett** and **Josh Raney** are starting linebackers. While Garrett and Josh are in the same class, they are not twins. The Raney 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

RUSHING	Att-Yds	Avg TD	Lg	HiGm	
4 Grayson Thomas	212-1476	7.0 20	80	285	
8 Gavin Neal	92-349	3.8 5	21	93	
7 Kyler Kropp	27-211	7.8 4	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	
Totals	357-2042	5.7 30	80	348	
PASSING	C-A-I	Yds TD	Lg	HiGm	
8 Gavin Neal	52-94-7	1045 8	69	256	
Totals	52-96-7	1045 8	69	256	
RECEIVING	Rec-Yds	Yds TD	Lg	HiGm	
7 Kyler Kropp	22-524	23.8 4	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	
KICKING	PAT	FG	Lg		
28 Jake Wells	38-38	3-4	44		
44 Cole Christopher	1-1	0-0	0		
PUNTING	N-Yds	Avg Lg	In20		
28 Jake Wells	16-503	31.4 49	2		
8 Gavin Neal	1-25	25.0 25	0		
RETURNS	KOR	Av	PR	Av	TD
7 Kyler Kropp	6	31.3			1K
10 Micah Clark	3	22.7			
2 Cameron Rollyson	1	15.0			
15 Brayden Harley	1	15.0			
33 Garrett Ranes	1	11.0			
9 Caden Jacobia	1	1.0			
TEAM STATS	NP	Opp			
Points	288	180			
Avg. game	36.0	22.5			
First downs	139	115			
Rushes-yards	357-2042	276-1062			
Passing C-A-I	52-96-7	101-209-10			
Passing yards	1045	1243			
Total offense	453-3087	485-2325			
Avg play/game	6.8/385.9	4.8/290.6			
Fumbles-lost	9-6	7-3			
Punts-yds-avg	17-528-31.1	31-1083-34.9			
2-point conversions	0-1	3-7			
Score by quarters					
New Palestine	105	48	62	73--288	
Opponents	33	47	63	37--180	
DEFENSE					
Tackles leaders: Garrett Ranes 73, Josh Ranes 65, Mason Hiatt 60, Caden Jacobia 48, Alex Guhl 40, Micah Clark 33, Desmond Palmer 29, Abe Walling 27, Ian Moore 25, John Ranes 22, Mason Oglesby 20.					
Sacks: Garrett Ranes 4, Ian Moore 3, Mason Hiatt 2, Josh Ranes 2, Abe Walling 2, Caden Jacobia 2, Alex Guhl 2, Malachi Haines 2, Micah Clark 1.					
Interceptions: Mason Hiatt 3, Caden Jacobia 2, Conner Jacobia 1, Garrett Ranes 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			

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 Ranes at Greenfield-Central 9/22
Most sacks: 2, Mason Hiatt vs. Pendleton Hts. 9/15; Caden Jacobia vs. New Castle 10/6; Garrett Ranes vs. New Castle 10/6
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
Fewest rush yards allowed: 20 vs. Shelbyville 9/29
Fewest pass yards allowed: 94 vs. Mt. Vernon 9/8
Fewest total yards allowed: 127 vs. Shelbyville 9/29
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

2023 BOXES**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, VanOsdol 2-16, Willard 1-4

Passing: Freeman 10-18-1-105, team 0-1

Receiving: Knecht 4-41, Wadle 3-41, Willard 3-23

State rankings: NP 4A 6 (IFCA)/10 (AP); G-C 4A 5

(IFCA)/5 (AP)

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

son 1-4

Passing: Ertel 9-20-1-94

Receiving: Jones 3-46, Barnett 2-29, Etherington 2-27,

Joy 1(-3), Brogan 1(-5)

New Palestine

Rushing: Thomas 31-285, Neal 13-46, Kropp 4-20,

team 2(-3)

Passing: Neal 6-11-0-256

Receiving: Kropp 4-182, Mitchell 1-69, Thomas 1-5

State rankings: NP 4A 6 (IFCA)/9 (AP); MV 4A RV (AP)

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

2023 BOXES (cont.)

Week 2: Decatur Central 43, Dragons 42

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, Arambales 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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All spaces in the Kelso Stadium press box are reserved. Each credentialed media member will receive pregame media notes and access to a pregame hospitality area. Wireless internet will also be available to media members covering games. Please note the press box is a working area that includes game workers, broadcasters and print reporters and no cheering is allowed.

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There is one courtesy telephone line in the press box for visiting radio stations, available on a first-come, first-served basis by contacting Andrew Smith in advance of the game. Wireless internet is available in the press box and cellular service is strong if needed.

Interviews: Please contact Andrew Smith with any midweek or pregame interview requests. We will try to accommodate all reasonable requests. Coach Ralph and players will be available to media on the field after the conclusion of the team postgame huddle.

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. 6, 2023 vs. New Castle, 302 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. 6, 2023 vs. New Castle, Grayson Thomas 210 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)

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

- 5,374, Alex Neligh 2013-15
- 3,610, Justin Plummer, 1997-99
- 3,462, Zach Neligh, 2015-18
- 3,289, Connor Simmons, 2010-11
- 3,282, Blake Luker, 2011-13
- 3,007, Lincoln Roth, 2018-20
- 2,782, Gary Greene, 1983-84
- 2,546, Danny Tippit, 2022
- 2,342, Chris Van Dyke, 1979-81

SEASON

- 2,852, Alex Neligh, 2015
- 2,795, Connor Simmons, 2011
- 2,630, Blake Luker, 2013
- 2,546, Danny Tippit, 2022
- 2,469, Alex Neligh 2014
- 2,006, Matt Rodgers, 1993
- 1,861, Zach Neligh, 2017
- 1,588, Mark Shepler, 1987
- 1,575, Lincoln Roth, 2019
- 1,572, Zach Neligh, 2018
- 1,543, Gunnar Large, 2016
- 1,527, Justin Plummer, 1997
- 1,436, Damon Hockett, 2021
- 1,426, Gary Greene, 1984
- 1,416, Lincoln Roth, 2020
- 1,359, Jeff Stephenson, 1991
- 1,356, Gary Greene, 1983
- 1,205, Justin Plummer, 1999
- 1,079, Chris Van Dyke, 1981
- 1,045, Gavin Neal, 2023**

GAME

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

PASS COMPLETIONS**CAREER**

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

SEASON

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

PASSING TOUCHDOWNS**CAREER**

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

SEASON

- 36, Alex Neligh, 2014
- 35, Connor Simmons, 2011
- 33, Blake Luker, 2013
- 33, Danny Tippit, 2022

GAME

- Several (**Gavin Neal vs. MV, 2023**)

TOTAL OFFENSE**CAREER**

- 8,718, Alex Neligh, 2013-15
- 6,524, Charlie Spegal, 2018-19
- 5,821, Zach Neligh, 2015-18
- 5,374, Grayson Thomas, 2020-23**
- 4,494, Blake Luker, 2011-13
- 3,963, Jeff Miles, 1985-87

SEASON

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

GAME

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

TOTAL OFFENSE TDs**CAREER**

- 123, Charlie Spegal, 2018-19
- 120, Alex Neligh, 2013-15
- 79, Grayson Thomas, 2020-23**
- 64, Blake Luker, 2011-13
- 63, Zach Neligh, 2015-18

SEASON

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

GAME

- Alex Neligh, 2014 vs. New Prairie

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE**CAREER**

- 6,693, Charlie Spegal, 2018-19
- 5,489, Grayson Thomas, 2020-23**
- 3,963, Jeff Miles, 1985-87
- 3,344, Alex Neligh, 2013-15

SEASON

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

GAME

- 414, Charlie Spegal, 2018 vs. Anderson

TOTAL TDs FROM SCRIMMAGE**CAREER**

- 125, Charlie Spegal, 2018

SEASON

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

GAME

- 8, Charlie Spegal, 2018 vs. Anderson

RECEIVING YARDS**CAREER**

- 2,238, Duke Blackwell 2013-15
- 2,134, Tyler Walden 2011-13
- 1,618, Colby Jenkins, 2015-18
- 1,610, Isaiah Thacker, 2021-22
- 1,328, Blake Austin, 2018-20
- 1,270, Jay Ehle, 1992-93
- 1,174, Brandon Collins 2010-11
- 1,120, Blaine Nunnally 2020-22
- 1,110, Kyler Kropp, 2020-23**
- 1,060, Todd Yoder 1993-95
- 1,042, Keith Roseman 1983-84

SEASON

- 1,231, Tyler Walden 2013
- 1,148, Duke Blackwell 2015
- 929, Brandon Collins 2011
- 917, Isaiah Thacker 2022
- 904, Jay Ehle, 1993
- 894, Josh Penley 2011
- 845, Blake Austin 2020
- 824, Duke Blackwell 2014

GAME

- 328, Duke Blackwell vs. FW Snider 2015
- 230, Blake Austin vs. Franklin 2020
- 212, Tyler Walden vs. PH 2013
- 182, Kyler Kropp vs. Mt. Vernon 2023**
- 165, Tyler Walden vs. MV 2012
- 156, Tyler Walden vs. Whiteland 2013
- 152, Josh Marshall vs. HSE 1993
- 151, Josh Penley vs. Richmond 2011

RECEPTIONS**CAREER**

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

SEASON

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

GAME

- 14, Tyler Walden vs. PH 2013
- 12, Blake Austin vs. New Castle 2020
- 11, Josh Marshall vs. HSE 1993
- 10, Duke Blackwell vs. FW Snider 2015
- 10, Tyler Walden at PH 2013
- 10, Tyler Walden vs. Danville 2013
- 10, Brandon Collins vs. Whiteland 2011

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS**CAREER**

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

SEASON

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

GAME

- 4, Kyler Kropp vs. Mt. Vernon 2023**

RUSHING YARDS**CAREER**

- 6,524, Charlie Spegal, 2018-19
- 5,374, Grayson Thomas, 2020-23**
- 3,963, Jeff Miles, 1985-87
- 3,344, Alex Neligh, 2013-15
- 3,307, Nick Roudebush, 1989-90
- 2,919, Chris Grider, 2002-03

SEASON

- 3,356, Charlie Spegal, 2018
- 3,168, Charlie Spegal, 2019
- 2,097, Alex Neligh, 2015
- 2,061, Jeff Miles 1987
- 2,020, Nick Roudebush 1990
- 1,830, DuRon Ford, 2016
- 1,764, Luke Canfield, 2017
- 1,665, Chris Grider, 2003
- 1,636, James Young, 2014
- 1,629, Eric Alcorn, 2005
- 1,627, Nick Brickens, 2015
- 1,509, Grayson Thomas, 2022**
- 1,476, Grayson Thomas, 2023**
- 1,288, Grayson Thomas, 2021**
- 1,256, Greg Davis, 2004

GAME

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

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS**CAREER**

- 123, Charlie Spegal, 2018-19
- 79, Grayson Thomas, 2020-23**
- 56, Alex Neligh, 2013-15
- 52, Jeff Miles, 1986-87
- 46, James Young, 2013-14

SEASON

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

GAME

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

SCORING**CAREER**

- 754, Charlie Spegal, 2018-19
- 476, Grayson Thomas, 2020-23**
- 336, Alex Neligh, 2013-15
- 312, Jeff Miles, 1986-87

SEASON

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

GAME

- 48, Charlie Spegal, 2018 vs. Anderson

KICK SCORING**CAREER**

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

SEASON

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

PATS**CAREER**

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

SEASON

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

GAME

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

CONSECUTIVE

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

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

Pass: 93 yards, Matt Rodgers to Jay Ehle, 1993 vs. Hamilton Southeastern

Run: 98 yards, James Young, 2014 vs. New Prairie (State Finals record)

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

THE 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.

VARSAITY COACHING STAFF

Kyle Ralph (head coach/offensive coordinator)
 Scott McMurray (defensive coordinator)
 Duke Blackwell
 Nick Brickens
 Dan Buchanan
 James Evans
 John Horan
 Garrett Kuhn
 Gunnar Large
 Alex Neligh

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 Nancy Workman, associate athletic director
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 Jim Voelz, principal
 Nicholas Mitchaner & Craig Moore, assistant principals

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