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# THE RED HAT

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## SPECIAL! STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EDITION SPECIAL!

# Making Newman History!



**By: Madelyn Seidl '22**

(Anthony Noll, contributor)

The first Newman football team took the field in the 1951 season. Seventy years later, on the 13th of November, 2021, the Newman Catholic Fighting Cardinals won their very first official state championship and brought home their first gold ball. The Newman Cardinals play 8-player football and had a decisive 49-6 victory over Luck High School, the team that Newman fell to in the last state championship in 2019.

In 2017, Newman made the switch from 11 to 8-player football due to the low student population in comparison to the schools that they played in their conference. From the first snap in 8 man football, Newman has dominated their opponents, with a combined record of 49-2 in those 5 years. The two losses were both in the postseason, and to teams that ended

up winning that year's state title.

The Newman Catholic Fighting Cardinals took the title after a crushing end to the 2020 Covid-19 season. Ranked first in the state in 2020, Newman's season was cut short by a team-wide quarantine that eliminated the possibility of them continuing in the playoffs.

Congratulations to the football players for winning not only yours' but also Newman's first gold football:

### PLAYERS

- |                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| #1 Jacob Pfiffner    | #55 Owen Sullivan  |
| #2 Thomas Bates      | #56 Samuel Zeimet  |
| #9 Eli Gustafson     | #63 Greg Zabrowski |
| #10 Conner Krach     | #71 Caleb Nikolai  |
| #12 Tyler Ackermann  | #74 Ben Hardesty   |
| #15 Matthew Hamilton | #75 Carson Calo    |
| #18 Josh Klement     | #77 Wyatt Gasper   |
| #21 Caiden Nikolai   | #78 Damion Ladecki |
| #22 Steven Klement   |                    |
| #23 Nathan Klement   |                    |
| #25 Matthew Meyer    |                    |
| #30 Carson Rice      |                    |
| #40 Samuel Beaumont  |                    |

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Karl Thorpe  
Joe Ackermann  
Nate Brill  
Wayne Thomson

# Thank You!

The football team and the rest of Newman High School would also like to extend a thank you to the Newman Catholic Fighting Cardinal Football Coaches for all of the time and hard work that they put into this season and every season prior!



**2021 Playoff Victories Versus:**  
Greenwood, Belmont, and Gilman

**Newman Catholic, is 49-2 in 8 player football and has the second longest active winning streak in the state**

### Conference Statistics

#### Defense

12 first half points allowed all season  
59 tackles for loss  
31 sacks  
15 interceptions

#### Offense

467 points scored  
(second place=246)  
2335 yards passing, 38 TD  
7.6 yards per carry





Quarterback Conner Krach (10) leaps for the goal line.



Brothers Josh (18) and Nathan (23) Klement celebrate a touchdown scored by Eli Gustafson.



Wide receiver Nathan Klement (23) toe taps for a catch.



Team photo after defeating Luck in the State Championship.



Wide receiver Jacob Pfißner (1) fights for yards after catch.



The Newman Cards celebrate after receiving the state championship trophy.

# Season Overview

By: Josh Klement '22

**Before the State Game:** Even before we entered into the postseason, the entire team, as well as myself, knew that the road to state would be a long and difficult journey. Throughout most of the regular season, we were able to beat most teams by 40 points or more before halftime and we would put in our JV team. As we entered the postseason however, things obviously changed. Our first playoff game was against Greenwood, who in the regular season, was our toughest opponent, winning 21 to 12. Even with keeping our starters out on the field and fighting hard throughout the entire game, the final score was what we were able to accomplish against most teams before half.

The next team we faced was Belmont, who was known for having really good skill position players and a very strong defense. This was another hard fought game, complicated by losing one of our players before half due to a head injury. The final score to this second level playoff game was 35-0. Thanks to our very strong defense, that was our eighth shutout of the



Conner Krach (10) celebrate Touchdown with Nathan Klement (23).



Newman's Offensive Line takes their stance before play.



Ben Hardesty (74) and Damion Ladecki (62) chase down the ball carrier.



Newman fights to make a defensive stop

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season. Our third and final playoff game would be against Gilman, who at that time, was the number one ranked team in the state for eight man football. Our coaches watched a lot of film and prepared us for the game to come as it was going to be by far the hardest game that we played, even harder than our potential opponents in the state game. Newman dominated the game against Gilman until we reached the fourth quarter. As Gilman picked up the pace, they were gaining yards and scoring on us like it was nothing. With forty seconds left on the clock, Gilman scored another touchdown making the score 29 to 28 Newman. We knew that at the pace the game was going and with how Gilman had such a strong defense, that there would be no way we could score on them again so we needed a huge stop to prevent them from getting the two-point conversion. Newman Catholic's defense came through and got the stop that was needed, barely scraping by to get the victory that was needed to get to the state championship against Luck.

Knowing how hard we had to play in order to get to the state championship, there were a lot of nerves thinking about the state final.

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# The Red Hat

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## Season Overview (Continued from Page 4)

By: Josh Klement '22

**During the State Game:** The game started off with Luck High School kicking the ball off to Newman Catholic and after a well played first quarter by both sides the score was only 7 to 0 Newman Catholic, but after that, the rest of the game was dominated by Newman Catholic. In the second quarter, Newman Catholic scored five touchdowns and two of those touchdowns were made with 50 seconds left in the half. Following halftime, the game went by really fast with Newman Catholic forcing a running clock in a state game. The final score to the Newman Catholic versus Luck state championship game was 49 to 6.

**After the State Game:** After the game was a time of cheering and taking pictures with the fans of Newman Catholic. That day is a day full of cherished memories as we celebrated what would be the last game that we would play for the rest of the season. As we were riding the bus home we were all laughing and singing the songs that were being played from a speaker.

## History of The Red Hat

*The Red Hat* was founded by the first class of Newman Catholic High School on February 6, 1951 by Bishop John P. Treacy. Starting off as the name of the yearbook, *The Red Hat* became the name for Newman's newspaper. This newspaper was written every month by *The Red Hat* staff with the help of Newman's Journalism Club members.

*The Red Hat* was written for the students and the faculty.

It would highlight Newman sports, clubs, dances, and most importantly, the faith-centered education of Newman High. *The Red Hat* ran on-and-off for 55 years but unfortunately released its last edition in 2006 due to lack of interest. From 2010-2012 there was an attempt to restart a version of *The Red Hat* in an online "blog" form, but became out of date without any current postswith new classes came less interest in maintaining the blog. If you would like to find those editions, the URL is in vol. LVI, ed. VI of *The Red Hat*. In September of 2021, *The Red Hat* was reinstated as a digital newspaper, crossing both the traditional newspaper and modern blog styles from past editions, and released nine editions during 2020-2021.

It is hoped that the return of *The Red Hat* will revive the spirit of Newman Catholic High School.

## Star Quarterback Interview

By: Ashley Lo '22



Newman's star quarterback, Conner Krach, was interviewed November 15, 2021 about the football season he and his team had this year. Conner has grown a lot in his football career so far; going from JV quarterback freshman year to starting varsity his junior year. As he reflected on his growth in his football career so far, he jokingly said that he's grown a little taller and went into how it has been an honor to take on the responsibilities of previous players that came before him. Conner was further asked what advice he would give to aspiring football quarterbacks and he responded, "I would say, work hard during the off season and stay focused mentally by knowing what you're doing. That is a big part of being a good quarterback is knowing the plays and working with your teammates. But mainly don't worry. Eventually things will work out the way it is supposed to." One of his

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# OUR SENIORS

## Josh Klement (18)

By: Madelyn Seidl '22

Running back and offensive lineman Josh Klement was asked a few questions following the state championship game. He said that while preparing for the game was exciting, there was a lot of stress that came with it. "Luck High School to me seemed like this great rival that we would always seem to face at the end of the season".

"Knowing that the team and I were making history for this school is amazing because we knew that if we won that game it would be the first official gold football that Newman has ever won." Klement has always looked up to his coaches as a source of inspiration, "I know that they aren't players on the team but they are my teammates and family. The hardest working people on this team are the coaches for a fact." Reflecting back on the state game, Josh said that his favorite moment of the game was receiving the trophy and holding it over his head as it was presented to his team. "Being able to be with them and talk to them {friends and family}, we all felt relief and a sense of accomplishment." Throughout the season, Klement's performance earned him the award of First Team Defensive Player of the Year.

"When I found out about this award, it was kept a secret. I wanted to tell a lot of people because I was so excited and I wanted to share my excitement and accomplishment with them. Then at the pep assembly before state, all of the awards that the team had shared were announced to the school so when we all got the applause at the end I was really happy." Some of the players that Josh really looks up to are Marshal Hackel and Elliot Samuels. "Looking back to when Elliot and Cade Kimball told me that I had those shoes to fill I hope that I was able to do that with my career here at Newman."



## Nathan Klement (23)

By: Charlie Shields '22



After speaking with 2022 Newman Catholic wide receiver Nathan Klement, this is what he had to say: When looking back on the past season, Nathan reflected on his favorite memory, "I would have to say that winning the state championship with this hard working group of guys was easily my favorite memory from this past season." Before each game, the football team gets together to get hyped up for the game. "My favorite thing to do pregame is listen to music and visualize. This helps me to shift my whole mindset into football mode and calm myself down." Nathan believes that the work that the team and the coaches do outside of regular practice is what gave the Newman Cardinals an advantage this season. "We watched film and studied how the other teams played, along with the scout team mimicking our next opponent in practice before each game." When asked which NFL player Nathan looked up to the most he replied, "Jaire Alexander has been my biggest role model, because he has so much passion for the sport, and he works hard every play. He is the reason I am number 23

**"Describe this past season using only 3 words"**

"Lit. Crazy. Movie"



# OUR SENIORS

## Sam Zeimetz (56)

By: Zongcha Lo '22



After the big win, senior right guard Sam Zeimetz was asked a couple of questions looking back at his season. Winning the Gilman game was one of the best moments for him. This was all possible after the football team had stopped the two-point conversion. "This would have to be the best moment for me because when it happened, I knew that we won the game and this allowed us to go to the state championship." Everyone worked hard and played their parts which allowed for the team to reach the goal of winning state. Sam believes that the Klement twins worked the hardest because "they're brutal and don't stop playing hard at all. They'll play through any pain that has been afflicted on them." To Sam, Coach Michlig also played a huge part in the football season. "Coach Michlig would arrange all of the practices and games. He literally taught us everything that we know to this day. He put in many hours outside of practice in order for us to be prepared for the next game." With the long, beautiful hair that somehow doesn't get in Sam's way, he was able to see the win before it even happened. The only way that this is done is when he brushes his hair for 10 seconds in the morning and slicks his hair back into his helmet so that it doesn't get in the way when he is playing. Sadly, Sam, a Gophers and Vikings fan, will not pursue football in the future because he'd "rather study at college and not deal with sports."

## Jacob Pfiffner (1)

By: Zongcha Lo '22

Wide receiver Jacob Pfiffner was interviewed about the great season that the football team had, ending with a huge win in the state championship. After bringing back the gold trophy, Jacob looked back at the season and recognized that winning the state championship and enjoying the journey with the team was one of the best moments for him because "it's a once in a lifetime opportunity." All of the moments of "going to the gas stations before practice, playing video games in the locker room, getting food after practice, and also having team meals" were part of what made the journey enjoyable for Jacob. If it wasn't for Head Coach Paul Michlig, who "puts in countless hours behind the scenes on the weekends in order to prepare us for our opponents and organize practices accordingly then none of this would have been possible." Even after the great season that Jacob had with the team, he doesn't know if he'll continue playing football in the future. His exact words were, "I enjoy playing this sport but we will have to see how things will line up in college." Even though he won't be playing football in college, he will still watch his favorite teams play, the Wisconsin Badgers for college and the Rams for the NFL.



# Mr. Gress on Coach Michlig's Coaching Career

By: Josh Klement '22



"Coach Michlig was a football player first at Newman. I know he started at least three years on the varsity team and excelled at running back and defensive back." Some of Coach Michlig's next moments at Newman came when he was an assistant coach and offensive coordinator with the varsity in the late 90s before taking over as a head coach in the early 2000s.

Mr. Gress went on to discuss the beginning of Michlig's career as head coach. "When Coach Michlig first took over the varsity program, Newman was not represented well with a lot of wins even though his passion, love of the kids, and basically bleeding Newman football through his body is the same way he started twenty years ago as it is now." Early on, while Coach Michlig was building the program, the Newman Cardinals played in some very tough conferences against programs known statewide. The programs played a style of football that was very physical, and it became difficult for Newman to match up with those teams due to the size and number of athletes. Over the years, Coach Michlig has found ways to make his team successful. He made adjustments offensively and defensively to fit the type of players that he has each year.

"I would label him as a coach that brings out the most success in their individual talents as well as a coach that will never stop until he helps his student-athletes rise to the level of

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# Eli Gustafson's Post Season Thoughts

By: Anna Brown '22



When asked about his post season memories and future hopes for the team, Junior, Eli Gustafson (9) had some great things to say. Since next year's Seniors will make up the majority of the Newman football team I asked Eli what he thought about that and how it would impact their season, "I think it will be really fun because the bond that our class has is like no other since we were in elementary school."

When asked how he personally felt about his Junior season and looked forward to for next years season, his answer was simple, "I think getting the chance to play football for one last time for Newman." Even though the season was full of many high points and success, there are still things that people, including Eli, wished they could've changed, "I think that we could've always kept our heads up as a team and not gotten mad at ourselves after little mistakes". Being a Senior next season Eli said one piece of wisdom he would give to any freshman interested in playing next season would be, "The bond that us football players have at Newman is like no other and being a part of this team is like being part of a family."

# Thomas Bates' Post Season Thoughts

By: Anna Brown '22



Junior Thomas Bates, had quite a different experience this year compared to the rest of his teammates. Bates, who was injured during their game against local team Wausau East, took on a more "behind-the-scenes" role along his teammates.

When asked how the transition was going from playing to being on the sidelines or in the box Thomas said, "Yes it was difficult. I tried my best to keep a positive attitude though. My mindset for next season is to enjoy every moment of it". When asked about his personal goals, and the team goals Bates said "My personal goals are to rehab well and get back to 100%."

As a team, I hope we continue working hard to bring back another state title." Newman, who will be the defending state champions for next season, will have a major target on their

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Quarterback  
Conner  
Krach (10)  
takes  
the snap  
and looks  
to score.



Seniors Sam Zeimetz (56)  
and Jacob Pfiffner (1)  
celebrate the  
start of the game.



Eli Gustafson (9)  
breaks a  
tackle down  
the sideline.



Senior Jacob Pfiffner (1)  
fights for added during  
state game against Luck.

## Thomas Bates Post Season Thoughts (Cont.)

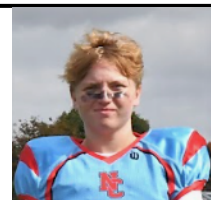
By: Anna Brown '22

back, but Thomas, and as I'm sure most of the time, believe that, "It's just another reason to work harder, and bring home another one".

As seniors played their last game this year and the previous three seasons, Bates said that one thing he took away from them was, "Don't take things for granted". We are all so excited to see what next year's team will achieve and wish the best to all who play, and that they stay safe in all they do!

## Sam Beaumont Post Season Interview

By: Hanna Seidl '24



Sophomore tight end and outside linebacker, Sam Beaumont was interviewed after his trip to state last with the Newman football team. This season was Sam's second season on the high school football team. Beaumont shares his favorite moment of the season, "The Gilman game was my favorite moment, it was easily, one of the most exciting games of football I've ever experienced." Sam thinks Coach Michlig played a huge role in getting to state, "He played a big part in our success. He pushed us physically and mentally to have a good mindset." When asked about his team, Sam says, "I love the team, we put in the work and it all added up in the end." Beaumont is planning to continue playing football for the rest of his high school career.



## Carson Calo Post Season Interview

By: Kaylee List '24

Freshman center Carson Calo was interviewed after the amazing weekend of winning the state championship. Carson tells us how he enjoys spending time with his teammates at mass before football games. When asked about Coach Michlig, Calo believes that Michlig was a main factor in winning the state championship. "Michlig motivated us, and always made sure we were prepared". Carson will continue playing football for the Newman Cardinals for the rest of his high school career.



## Matthew Meyer Post Season Interview

By: Hanna Seidl '24

Sophomore running back and outside linebacker Matthew Meyer was interviewed after the big state championship against Luck. He enjoyed many moments from the season but he said, "The practices when the coach is singing and dancing are the best because that tells you if it's gonna be a good practice or not." He added, "He united us as a team."

The 2021 season was Meyers second year on the high school football team. Matthew enjoys being around the team, and his favorite memory was sleeping out in the shed. "We all got to hang out and get to know each other," he said. Meyer ended his interview with answering if he will continue playing football throughout high school and responded, "I would love to."

## Tyler Ackermann Post Season Interview

By: Hanna Seidl '24



Tyler Ackerman, freshman quarterback and defensive end, was interviewed after his first trip to state. "Winning the state championship was my favorite moment from the season because we worked so hard for it, and it was something we set up as a goal at the beginning of the season." He enjoyed celebrating as a team in the locker room after any victory.

He has looked up to Conner Krach, "I am the backup quarterback, so he helps me, and he plays a leadership position, so he was a leader to all of us." When asked how Coach Michlig helped the team get to state, he responded, "Oh yeah, he and the other coaches put in a lot of time to help the team. They can be hard on us at times, but it's only because they want us to do well." At the end of the interview, Tyler said he wanted to continue playing football at Newman throughout high school.

## Conner Krach Interview (Cont.)

By: Ashley Lo '22

favorite moments this season with his team was getting to see the underclassmen improve and grow their skills throughout season. "It's been really funny to see a couple of the younger guys grow because at the start of the year, they weren't necessarily that good which was kind of funny but not really. However, by the end of the year they knew what they were doing, which was really cool to see." He also spoke about how football has impacted his life by teaching him the importance of time management and collaborating with others to create the best possible outcome. Conner ended his interview with answering what he wants to be remembered for after he graduates Newman next year and he replied, "I honestly don't know, as a team it would be really cool to be back at state championships again which is a very big goal, however, I think we can do it with the work we will be putting in the off season."

## Mr. Gress on Coach Michlig (Cont.)

Right: Coach Michlig has had the honor being selected to coach in the senior all-star game, featuring many past Newman grads over the past 4 years. Pictured with Coach represent the Class of '21: Dylan Ackermann, Charlie McCarty, and Brennan Shaughnessy



most success in their individual talents as well as a coach that will never stop until he helps his student-athletes rise to the level of success that he thinks they can reach." Michlig's program has evolved over his twenty years of coaching varsity. From moving out of difficult 11 man conferences into the stellar success that Newman has found in eight man football, Coach Michlig continues to make his team a state "powerhouse".

Every year, in terms of his guidance and effort levels, Michlig leads the team, helping bring the most success out of his student-athletes. The culmination of the state championship with this team and Coach Michlig's twenty-plus years of coaching have come from the same blood, sweat, and amazing efforts that he has put into the football program day in and day out.

## Alumni Memories:

**Patrick Meverden**

**Class of '05**

**By: Madelyn Seidl '22**



Patrick Meverden was Newman Catholic's quarterback during his time at Newman. He played from 2001-2004. In 2001, he was coached by John Raflik and from 2002-2004 was coached by Paul Michlig. Along with football, Patrick also played basketball and baseball. Patrick and his wife, Brooke, who graduated from Newman in 2009, were able to attend Newman's championship game and first state victory. He remarked that the players played great in all three phases of the game. He says, "It was obvious that Newman was better prepared than Luck and was able to execute their game plan. One thing I noticed that hasn't changed over the years is the great support by the students, parents, and staff in the stands." Patrick was able to meet and catch up with many people that he used to play ball with years ago. Patrick's favorite memory from playing football at Newman was winning the last game of his junior season. Newman had not won a game in almost five years. The Cardinals beat Spencer 27-26 in overtime. The game was not of any importance but it meant a lot to the whole school. Patrick says, "The whole school had a party that night. It was as if we won the state championship."

## Alumni Memories:

**Ben Noll**

**Class of '21**

**By: Madelyn Seidl '22**



Ben Noll was one of six seniors that had their last season cut short by a team quarantine as they entered the playoffs, eliminating the chance of winning the state championship in the 2020 season. "I had hoped it would have been us, but I am proud of this team and my old coaches and teammates!"

"I was at Wausau West during my freshman season, and my dad encouraged me to take a look at Newman. One of the things that was a motivator for me was when Coach Michlig invited me to join the team on a pre-season trip to the Lodge at Cedar Creek. I felt very welcomed, and especially remember Michael Alfonso. He was very welcoming and seemed excited about me coming to Newman."

## Ben Noll Interview (cont. from previous column)....

While it was Ben's ultimate goal was to win a state title, he also had a personal goal to be recognized for his individual accomplishments during his senior year. Unfortunately, due to the late season quarantine, and a one game quarantine mid season, Ben was only able to play four games. He felt his last two games were the best he played, and would have liked to see what he could have done in the playoffs. "The greatest disappointment of all was Coach calling us into a Zoom meeting and telling us we were all quarantined and our season was over."

Despite that, Ben is most thankful for the ability to even play his senior year, because with COVID-19 that was not certain. "I'm very thankful for Coach Michlig. He did everything he could to make the 2020 season happen."

Throughout his time as a Newman Catholic football player, Ben always looked up to Kacey Kalafice (Class of 2019) because he always encouraged him and treated him. "I still remember sitting in the locker room after our loss to Sevastapol in the last playoff game, thinking there could be nothing worse than being a senior like Kasey was, and putting on your uniform and knowing it was the last time you would wear it. Unfortunately, I found out it was much worse not knowing you were in your last game, and that it was the last time you would put your uniform on."

Noll also appreciated his relationship with quarterback Ben Bates. He looked up to him as a leader and friend, "Ben Bates was unselfish and a true leader. He played through a serious injury to lead us in the 2019 State Title game."

Throughout his time at Newman, Ben took the most personal pride in a play was during the state title game in 2019. It was 3rd down, and Luck had the ball. "Coach told me on a time out that I needed to make a play. Thomas Bates and Joe Stephan were both hurt. He was the next man up and had to make a stop to get the ball back. Ben dragged a Luck player down in the middle, short of the first down marker."

Ben appreciated the opportunity to be involved in the 2021 season, Ben was able to help the coaches during early season practices and games. He wore a headset from the booth during the victorious state game on November 13 and according to Coach Michlig, "was saying the right things."

Ben played football for Newman, and all of his playing time was in 8-player football. He believes that, "our athletes are suited best for 8 man, but the preparation that the coaches make is the real reason for the success of the team since starting 8 man football in 2017."

## Parent Messages

*Joshua, Nathan, and Steven,  
We are so happy that all three of you were  
all able to be a part of this amazing  
experience together. We will always look  
back on this day and remember how  
special it was. We are so proud of all your  
accomplishments and a triumphant  
football season.*

*Love,  
Mom and Dad*

*Samuel,  
Congratulations on a well  
deserved state championship! We  
could not be prouder of your  
dedication to football and your  
team. You make us "euphoric!"*

*Love Mom and Dad*

*Thomas,  
We are incredibly proud you! Even  
though this season did not go the  
way you wanted, you stayed  
positive, supported your teammates,  
and continued to work hard.  
"Every setback is a setup for a  
comeback. God wants to bring you  
out better than you were before."  
We love you so much, Thomas!  
Love, Mom and Dad*

**Congratulations to the 8-Player State Champions, the Newman Catholic Fighting Cardinals.** You made school history as the first football team State Champion. After a shortened 2020 season, you focused on your 2021 goal and achieved it through great teamwork. You banded together through injuries and other obstructions but those didn't deter you. Equally important was your dominating performance in all three phases of the game: special teams, defense, and offense. You can enjoy this now and reminisce about it in the future.

Thank your coaches for all the time they put into you and your season. Your coaches prepared you well and you separated from the competition. They will put you in position to continue to be a dominant program for next year and years to come. You need to trust the process.

~Mr. and Mrs. Krach

*Dear Benjamin (74)  
Some people have to wait  
their entire lives to meet  
their favorite player-  
I raised mine.*

*Love your spirit and drive -  
Mom*

**To Conner,  
it was great to see you play  
hard, be strong, and play like  
you belong. Congratulations  
on a great season.**

**Love, Mom, Dad, and Mackenzie**

**JACKSON-WE ARE SO PROUD  
OF YOU AND SO HAPPY FOR  
YOU, YOUR COACHES AND  
YOUR FRIENDS AND  
TEAMMATES. YOU ARE ALL  
GREAT YOUNG MEN AND  
REPRESENT NEWMAN WELL.  
THANK YOU FOR AN  
ENJOYABLE SEASON THAT  
WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!  
-DAD, MICHELLE, QUINCY,  
LILLIAN, GRACE AND GRANDMA  
& GRANDPA**

*Owen --  
Congratulations to you and your teammates  
for winning the State Championship! The  
path to that trophy wasn't easy, and we saw  
first-hand how hard you and your teammates  
worked to win the whole season. You've all  
been working since grade school on  
becoming better players, and it has been  
amazing to watch you all become champions!  
We hope you will carry the lessons you've  
learned this season forward in your life, and  
we hope you will remember that hard work  
will help you overcome most obstacles. We  
love you and we are proud of you.  
Congratulations, Champ!  
Love, Mom & Dad*

## Parent Messages

**JACKSON- I'M SO PROUD OF YOU FOR FOLLOWING YOUR HEART THIS YEAR AND PLAYING FOOTBALL. (EVEN IF I WAS A LITTLE SKEPTICAL) WATCHING YOU GROW AS A YOUNG MAN IN SO MANY WAYS AMONGST YOUR TEAMMATES AND COACHES WAS THRILLING. KEEP DOING YOU AND PUTTING EFFORT ON AND OFF THE FIELD!**

**LOVE, MOM**

**Congratulations Jacob (#1) and the entire Newman Catholic Football team! Jacob, watching you start your senior year of high school with football first has been one of our greatest times of joy. Way to give it your all selflessly; always putting the team first. Your team success and individual accolades are the result of hard work, dedication to the team, and always giving it your best effort every play no matter what. Continue these traits, Son, and we know you will do amazing things in life. God has blessed you. Use your talents wisely. We are extremely proud of you and we love you. Mom and Dad**

*Carson (Rice)*

*It's all about the Journey, to truly enjoy the destination! Long hours, hot, cold, wet, tired, bruised, sore, thirsty, or hungry, you persisted, stayed the course, and amazed us all season! Not many get the opportunity to "Hoist the Gold Ball" in high school, #30. You have now earned that privilege and will carry these stories, memories, and relationships for the rest of your life! Continue to - "Bring Your Own Juice!"*

*Love,*

*~Mom, Dad, & Lexi.*

**Tyler, we are soooo proud of you!!! We cannot wait for next year's football season!!!**

**Love, Mom and Dad**

**CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT YEAR WYATT! PROUD OF YOU AND THE WHOLE TEAM. GET IN THE WEIGHT ROOM AND SPEED CAMP, LET'S RUN IT BACK NEXT YEAR! GO CARDS!**

**LOVE MOM, DAD, SOPHIA, BROCK**

*Dear Ben, Your team spirit and drive were so much fun to watch all season. We are extremely proud of your individual accomplishments and most proud of the team working together all season long. Congratulations on the State Championship - Go Cards!*

*Love Mom and Dad*



## A Thankful Heart for God's Blessings

"All that is good, all that is true, all that is beautiful, all that is beneficent, be it great or small, be it perfect or fragmentary, natural as well as supernatural, moral as well as material, comes from God."

-Cardinal St. John Henry Newman

### Congratulations

to our Newman Catholic  
Football 2021 WFCB  
All State Team Recipients



**Josh Klement**  
*Inside Linebacker #18*



**2021 WFCB All State Team**  
*HONORABLE MENTION*

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*The separation  
is in the  
preparation.*

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### Newman Catholic Football Seniors, Class of 2021 (Below):

Front Row (L-R) Nick Brenner, Ben Noll, Nick Thums;  
Back Row (L-R) Brennan Shaughnessey, Charlie McCarty,  
Dylan Ackermann, Gavin Wulf



**Jacob Pfiffner**  
*Wide Receiver #1*



**2021 WFCB All State Team**  
*OFFENSE*



**Conner Krach**  
*Quarterback #10*



**2021 WFCB All State Team**  
*OFFENSE*



## THIS ISSUE IS DEDICATED TO:

This special edition of "The Red Hat" is a tribute to the 2021 season and dedicated first and foremost to **all** Newman alumni who played or supported the school's football team over the past 71 years.

As a special tribute, "The Red Hat" would like to honor last year's seniors, the **Class of 2021** (right), who, while ranked #1 had their season cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic after only 5 full regular season games.