



ERIC RYAN – OVERTON HIGH SCHOOL

As a Tight End and Defensive End, Eric led The Eagles to their 1st playoff victory in school history and a Class D1 State Runner-Up finish in 1994. During his prep career, he broke school records in tackles (428) and receiving yards (1,908). In both his junior and senior seasons, he was named 1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-State, and Defensive Player of the Year. Eric was selected to play in the Nebraska Shrine Bowl and was also named the Most Valuable Defensive Player of The 1995 Eight Man All-Star Game. He then went on to a successful college football career at The University of Nebraska where he was a part of 3 Conference Championship teams and 2 National Championship teams for the Cornhuskers. After college, Eric returned to Overton to coach his Alma Mater for the last 18 years. His goal has been to share a lasting football culture that began with he and his teammates in the 1990's. As an assistant coach in 2006, Eric's career came full circle as helped the Eagles to their 1st ever Class D-1 State Football Championship. The NEMFCA is honored to welcome him into the Eight Man Football Hall of Fame Class of 2019.