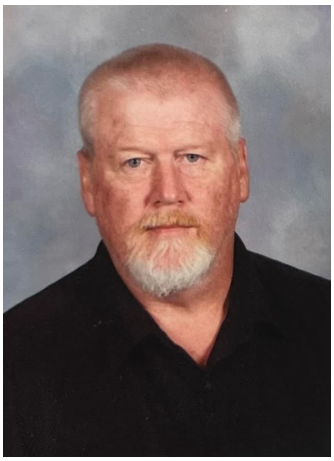

COACH DEAN FILIPI – EXETER-MILLIGAN HIGH SCHOOL

Dean played for the Milligan Roosters in the late 1970's and then returned to coach at his alma mater for nearly 40 years. In a 25-year span, he built one of the state's top Eight Man Football programs- leading 19 of those teams to the state playoffs. His teams also made three state quarterfinal appearances, one semifinal appearance, had one State Runner-Up finish, and they capped both the 2013 and 2014 seasons as the Class D-1 State Champions. Dean's record coaching Eight-Man Football was an impressive 165 wins and 80 losses. He was also a highly successful Six-Man football coach for 14 years of his career, winning the state title in 1997. In 2007, he was honored as an Eight Man All-Star assistant coach and later served as the East Head Coach in 2014. Over the years, Coach Filipi sent 15 of his players to participate in the All-Star game before retiring after the 2021 season. He is most proud of building life-long relationships with the many coaches and players that he worked with and against in Nebraska Eight-Man Football. The NEMFCA is honored to now welcome him into the Hall of Fame Class of 2023.