



TROY KLEFFNER- SPALDING ACADEMY H.S.

From 1978 to 1981, Troy was a force along the line of scrimmage while playing for the Shamrocks- losing only 3 games in the entirety of his high school career. As one of the best interior linemen of that era, he helped lead Spalding Academy to a State Runner-Up finish in 1979 and was chosen as a 1st Team All-Conference player, as well as 1st Team All-State and honorary All-State captain as a senior. After high school, Troy went on to a successful college football career at Kearney State College, where he was both an All-Conference selection, and an All-Nebraska Small College honoree. After graduation, he returned to Spalding to coach at his alma mater. Coach Kleffner spent the next 32 years giving back to his school and community, while also serving as an Assistant Coach (2007) and Head Coach (2013) of the very same Eight Man All-Star game that he played back in the summer of 1982. For his accomplishments as both an 8-Man Football player and coach, The NEMFCA is honored to welcome him into Hall of Fame Class of 2023.