

# Remembering N8M: 1955

The number Nebraska high school football teams playing 8-Man football exploded from 15 to 47 teams in year two.

Exeter was eventually declared Champion by the Omaha World-Herald. Crofton was a close second, with both teams playing in post-season “Bowl” games. Exeter beat Brady in the “Legion Bowl”, while Crofton beat Norfolk Sacred Heart in the “Veterans Day Classic”.

## 1955 8-Man Final Top 10:

- 1 Exeter (8-0)** Coach-Kenneth C. Kasperek
  - 2. Crofton (9-0)** Coach-James Taylor
  - 3. Rosalie (7-2)**
  - 4. Brady (8-1)** Coach-Elmo Cromer
  - 5. Spencer (7-0-1)** Coach-Genbe Phillips
  - 6. Stapleton (8-1)** Coach-Francis Roche
  - 7. Dakota City (5-4)** Coach-K.C. Paul
  - 8. Bancroft (5-4)** Coach-Kenneth Etchenkamp
  - 9. Sumner (7-1)** Coach-Dean Thieafeld
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## 1955 8-Man All-State Football Team

End---Marlyn Jacobsen-Bancroft, 6-0, 167, Senior

End----Vernon Thomsen-Exeter, 6-0, 176, Junior

Guard-Tom Hoatson-Hershey, 5-10, 169, Senior

Guard-Garve Chapman-Exeter, 5-8, 162, Senior

Center-Arlen Bay-Stapleton, 5-9, 161, Senior

Back---Jerry Steffen-Crofton, 5-11, 180, Junior (26 TD's)

Back---Warren Thomsen-Exeter, 5-9, 147, Senior

Back---Bill Founds-Brady, 5-11, 160, Senior

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