

# Remembering N8M: 1960

**\*167 Teams played 8-Man football in 1960\***

In 1960, thirteen 8-Man football teams finished with unbeaten records.

Fremont Bergan finished the year 9-0-1, Bellwood Marietta, Bennett, Indianola, Madrid and Johnson all completed the year at 9-0.

Wolbach and Friend went 8-0-1, while Record scoring Fairfield (640 points), Amherst and Winnebago ended up 8-0.

Wausa completed their 1960 campaign at 7-0, while Lynch concluded their season with a 6-0-2 mark.

The 1960 Fairfield team (8-0) scored like no other Nebraska high school team has ever scored before. They blitzed eight opponents to the tune of an average score of 80 to 1.6. That's correct, 640 points scored. 13 given up. 100 plus points scored twice. Coach Howard Zook's 1960 Eight-Man Dream Team scored 93 touchdowns, 80 (one-point) conversions and a safety.

The legendary backfield of quarterback Marion Fike and backs Joe Heckenlively, Tom Zook and Fenton Crookshank was lethal to say the least.

Seventy-four of the touchdowns came on runs and 19 came on passes thrown by Fike. All four of Fairfield's backs scored over 100 points in 1960.

\*Rushing yards were seldom kept back then. Points scored was the measuring stick\*

Joe Heckenlively led the way with 220 points (30 touchdowns and 40 PATS), QB Marion Fike was next with 138 (20 TDs/18 PATS).

Tom Zook followed with 129 points (20 TDs, 9 PATS) and Fenton Crookshank racked up 110 points (17 TDS/8 PATS).

If you figure those games consisted of four 12-minute quarters (divided the 640 points) they scored two points every minute.

The Eagles were also magnificent on Defense. Fairfield opponents had possession 113 times during those EIGHT games and could muster just one touchdown coming on a pass play and the other on a kick return.

Below is the 1960 OVERALL All-State Football team plus the Class "A" and Class "B" All-State teams before the OVERALL squad was chosen.

**1960 Eight-Man Football Final OVERALL Top 10**

- 1. Fairfield, (8-0)** Coach- Howard Zook  
**\*640 points scored, 13 allowed\***
- 2. Fremont Archbishop Bergan (9-0-1)** Coach- Lou Wewel
- 3. Amherst (8-0)** Coach- Cecil Stutzman
- 4. Winnebago (8-0)** Coach- Keith Richey
- 5. Friend (8-0-1)** Coach- Chuck Sukovaty
- 6. Fairmont (7-1)** Coach- Charles Findley
- 7. Falls City Sacred Heart (7-1)** Coach- The Reverend Dennis Hotovy
- 8. Lawrence (6-2-1)** Coach- Don Janda
- 9. Johnson (9-0) {373-131}** Coach- Al Stiers
- 10. York St. Joseph (8-1)** Coach- Jerald Melcher

**1960 Eight-Man Football Final CLASS "A" Top 10**

- 1. Fremont Bergan, (9-0-1)**
- 2. Winnebago, (8-0)**
- 3. Friend, (8-0-1)**
- 4. Falls City Sacred Heart, (7-1)**
- 5. Johnson, (9-0)**
- 6. Sutherland, (8-1)**
- 7. Hershey, (8-1)**
- 8. Spalding Academy, (6-1-1)**
- 9. Wausa, (7-1)**
- 10. Valparaiso, (6-2)**

**1960 Eight-Man Football Final CLASS "B" Top 10**

- 1. Fairfield, (8-0)**
- 2. Amherst, (8-0)**
- 3. Fairmont, (7-1)**
- 4. Lawrence, (6-2-1)**
- 5. York St. Joseph, (8-1)**
- 6. Madrid, (9-0)**
- 7. Bellwood Marietta, (9-0)**
- 8. Lynch, (6-0-2)**
- 9. Bennet, (9-0)**
- 10T. Wolbach, (8-0)**
- 10T. Indianola, (9-0)**

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**1960 8-Man OVERALL All-State Football Team**

**End----Emmit Bosshamer-Amherst, 6-1, 188, Junior**

**End----Gerald Troxel-Brady, 6-2, 190, Senior**

**Guard-Herbert Beck-Fremont Bergan, 5-10, 175, Senior**

**Guard-Myron Petr-Lawrence, 6-2, 232, Senior**

**Center-Robert Hoins-Fairfield, 5-9, 170, Junior**

**Back--\*Joe Heckenlively-Fairfield, 6-2, 172, Senior**

**Back---Miles Otoupal-York St. Joseph, 5-9, 158, Senior**

**Back---Steve McGuire-Fremont Bergan, 5-10, 175, Senior**

**1960 8-Man Class "A" All-State Football Team**

***End----Rudy Hernandez-Hershey***

***End----Dale Engel-Friend***

***Guard-Herbert Beck-Fremont Bergan***

***Guard-Jim Copeland-Sutherland***

***Center-Tom Rice-Fremont Bergan***

***Back---John Tompkins-Winnebago***

***Back---Douglas Voegele-Falls City Sacred Heart***

***Back---Steve McGuire-Fremont Bergan***

**1960 8-Man Class "B" All-State Football Team**

***End----Emmit Bosshamer-Amherst***

***End----Gerald Troxel-Brady***

***Guard-Terry Parkening-Waterloo***

***Guard-Myron Petr-Lawrence***

***Center-Robert Hoins-Fairfield***

***Back--\*Joe Heckenlively-Fairfield***

***Back---Miles Otoupal-York St. Joseph***

***Back---Dennis Thorell-Loomis***

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