

# Remembering N8M: 1967

***\*102 Teams played 8-Man football in 1967- down 38 from the previous year due to both school consolidations and school closings\****

200 pound linemen were not wide-spread in Nebraska in the 1960s, but this all state squad included Venango's 6-4, 240 pound **Gerald Strand**, who was joined by **Bill Kuester** of Elgin and Center **Joe Knox** of Maywood- who checked in at 190 and 185 respectively. This interior line trio would be the largest in the history of the 8-Man all state team (to that point).

The all state backfield was paced by a sensational athlete from the Nebraska School for the Deaf named **Ken Eurek**. Eurek, an Arcadia native, was named to a Junior National Deaf All-American team in 1966, and quarterbacked his team to an 8-0 record in 1967 while running for 24 touchdowns and passing for another 13.

**Dave Bohlken** from Talmage, the Class D 220-yard dash champion at the 1967 State Track Meet, rushed for 844 yards and 25 touchdowns on 113 carries.

The all-state backfield was topped off by **Chris Krause** of 8-Man Champion Madrid Wheatland. Krause was the most spectacular Dual-Threat Quarterback of his day, rushing for 1,710 yards and passing for an additional 1,271 yards. He also averaged 11 stops a game from his linebacker slot.

Lewiston's **Ron Tegtmeier** also had a banner campaign as a receiver, accumulating 737 yards and hauling in 18 touchdown receptions.

## **1967 Final 8-Man Top 10**

- 1. Madrid Wheatland (9-0)** Coach- Fred Bessler
  - 2. Shelby (10-0)** Coach- John O'Brien
  - 3. Sutherland (9-0)** Coach- Daryl Broberg
  - 4. Talmage (7-0)** Coach- Ron Miller
  - 5. Elgin High (10-0)** Coach- Jerry Mundorf
  - 6. Cedar Bluffs (9-0)** Coach- David Scheffler
  - 7. Ashton (6-1)** Coach- Dennis Lindquist
  - 8. Milligan (8-0)** Coach- Dan Tesar
  - 9. Republican City (7-0)** Coach- Wayne Lutcharms
  - 10. Melbeta (7-1)** Coach-Jim Hanson
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**1967 8-Man All-State Football Team**

**End---Jack Brestal-Big Springs, 6-3, 180, Senior**

**End---Ron Tegtmeier-Lewiston, 5-10, 150 Senior**

**Guard-Gerald Strand-Venango, 6-4, 240, Senior**

**Guard-Bill Kuester-Elgin High, 5-11, 190, Senior**

**Center-Joe Knox-Maywood, 5-11, 185, Senior**

**Back--Chris Krause-Madrid Wheatland, 5-9, 160, Senior**

**Back--Dave Bohlken-Talmage, 5-11, 168, Senior**

**Back--Ken Eurek-Nebraska Deaf, 6-0, 170, Senior**