

There were 66 schools each in Class D1 and D2

1984 Class D-1 (Eight-Man 1)

DENOTES: 8-Man Hall of Fame Inductee

1st Round:

(9-0) Sidney St. Pats 40-38 (7-2) (@ Sidney)
(8-1) Anselmo-Merna 50-14 Maxwell (9-0) (@ Anselmo-Merna)
(9-0) Adams 48-30 Mullen (8-1) (@ Adams)
(8-1) Ansley 23-14 Stuart (7-2) (@ Stuart)
(9-0) Nebraska Christian 46-37 Arnold (8-1) (@ Central City)
(7-1) Lawrence 60-56 Winnebago (7-0) (@ Lawrence)
(9-0) Humboldt 38-34 Beemer (7-1) (@ Humboldt)
(7-0) Leigh 32-14 Leyton (7-2) (@ Leigh)

Quarterfinals:

(10-0) Sidney St. Pats 34-26 Anselmo-Merna (9-1) (@ Sidney)
(9-1) Ansley 32-8 Adams (10-0) (@ Ansley)
(10-0) Nebraska Christian 64-14 Lawrence (8-1) (@ Central City)
(8-0) Leigh 32-12 Humboldt (10-0) (@ Leigh)

Semifinals:

(10-1) Ansley 21-20 Sidney St. Pats (11-0) (@ Sidney)
(9-0) Leigh 3-0 Nebraska Christian (11-0) (@ Leigh)

Final: (10-0) Leigh 36-8 Ansley (11-1) (@ Ansley)

Champion: Leigh (11-0), Head Coach – Wayne Morfeld

Ansley, NE- Leigh took advantage of three Ansley turnovers in the first half, then coasted to a 36-8 victory. The blue and white clad Panthers converted an opening quarter interception into a 7-0 lead after 1,000 yard rusher Shane Belohrad bulled in from a yard out. Leigh also scored twice in the second quarter on short field drives of 35 and 25 yards after recovering two Ansley fumbles.

Leigh QB Dan Gall (who kicked a 22-yard field goal with six seconds left in the semifinal to beat Nebraska Christian 3-0) sprinted 12 yards for the first touchdown of the second quarter and then Belohrad crashed in again from a yard out to give Leigh a commanding 28-0 lead. Ansley's John Slack then hit Dana Thompson for a 1 yard score as the Warriors closed it to 28-6 at the half.

The Panthers accumulated 249 yards rushing in the game. Belohrad ended the night with 135 yards on 39 carries with scoring runs of 1, 1 and 5 yards. The All-State RB also hauled in four passes for 40 yards from Gall. The stingy Leigh defense also limited Ansley to 113 total yards and 8 first downs in the game. Leigh completed the season with a perfect 12-0 record and their first state football championship since winning the 1952 Six-Man title.

1984 Class D-1 (Eight Man 1) Offense

End----Randy Oltman-Adams, 6-1, 160, Senior

End----Scott Johns-Nemaha Valley, 6-3, 185, Senior

Guard-Kirk Metzger-Bancroft, 6-2, 210, Senior

Guard-Paul Mundil-Leigh, 6-3, 237, Senior

Center-Kevin Kolscheen-Pleasanton, 6-5, 232, Senior

QB-----Dan Gall-Leigh, 6-4, 180, Senior

Back----Darwin Snyder-Winnebago, 5-10, 170, Junior.....(1,874 yards)

Back----Matt Downey-Anselmo-Merna, 5-10, 165, Senior.....(1,928 yards)

Kicker--Kip Werman-Arnold, 5-10, 180, Senior

1984 Class D-1 (Eight Man 1) Defense

End----Jeff Bucher-Humboldt, 6-2, 210, Senior

End----Brian Sweet-Mullen, 6-2, 190, Senior

DL-----Darrin Paxton-Stuart, 6-0, 185, Senior

LB-----Don Peetz-North Loup/Scotia, 5-10, 172, Senior...(1,248 yards)

LB-----Marty Fehringer-Sidney St. Pats, 6-2, 195, Senior

DB-----Dan Svoboda-Lawrence, 5-10, 180, Senior...(1,298 yards)

DB-----Scott Hesterman-Adams, 5-9, 150, Senior...(1,117 yards)

DB-----Arvid Haas-Beemer, 6-2, 170, Senior

Punter-Pete Rohde-Ansley, 6-0, 170, Senior...(1,106 yards)

Class D-2 (Eight-Man-2)

1st Round:

(9-0) Greeley 71-14 Brady (5-4) (@ Greeley)

(8-1) Filley 36-22 Lodgepole (7-1) (@ Lodgepole)

(8-1) Wilcox 52-14 Amherst (7-2) (@ Amherst)

(6-2) Nelson 34-0 Rising City (9-0) (@ RisingCity)

(9-0) Giltner 56-12 Harrison (7-1) (@ Giltner)

(6-2) Coleridge 61-16 Loomis (7-1) (@ Loomis)

(9-0) Trumbull 40-20 Butte (6-3) (@ Trumbull)

(7-2) Falls City Sacred Heart 21-14 Dawson-Verdon (8-1) (@ Verdon)

Quarterfinals:

(10-0) Greeley 66-20 Filley (9-1) (@ Filley)

(7-2) Nelson 32-0 Wilcox (9-1) (@ Nelson)

(10-0) Giltner 26-16 Coleridge (7-2) (@ Coleridge)

(10-0) Trumbull 26-19 Falls City Sacred Heart (8-2) (@ Falls City)

Semifinals:

(11-0) Greeley 32-12 Nelson (8-2) (@ Greeley) (ppd. from Saturday to Monday)

(11-0) Giltner 44-14 Trumbull (11-0) (@ Trumbull)

Final: (12-0) Giltner 34-22 Greeley (12-0) (@ Giltner)

Champion: Giltner (13-0), Head Coach – Mike Johnson

Greeley's air circus, led by All-State quarterback Rich Mlinar, that matched up against Giltner's ball hawking defense. Mlinar, who had been intercepted only three times coming in the previous 12 games, was picked off exactly 3 times in the championship, twice by the pirating Les Cates and once by Randy Findley in Giltner's 34-22 victory.

Greeley hit the board first in the opening stanza when Larry Wood intercepted a Findlay pass and raced 29 yards for the score. The Hornets responded quickly as Cates then bolted in from 4 yards away to open the second quarter. Findlay then capped a 48 yard drive by sweeping in for a Giltner score from 8 yards out. Two minutes later, thousand yard rusher David LaBrie scooted 54 yards for another score before Randy Findley added a 3 yard touchdown run. The 28 point second quarter outburst by the Hornets gave them a 28-6 halftime advantage.

The Bulldogs were still in it as they took the second half kick and marched for a score when Mlinar hit Gary Murphy for an 8 yard TD strike. Greeley was set to mount another drive in the 4th but Cates stepped in front of a Bulldog receiver to post a 15 yard Pick 6, giving the Hornets a 34-14 lead. Greeley's Doug Sorensen then returned the ensuing Giltner kickoff 75 yards for a score, pulling the team to within 34-22. The Bulldog defense then held Giltner on downs with 2:46 left in the game, but forty five seconds later Randy Gartner recovered a Greeley fumble to seal the win, capping a perfect 13-0 record.

1984 Class D-2 (Eight Man 2) Offense

End----Terry Dugan-Greeley, 5-11, 187, Senior

End----Dennis Miyamoto-Wheatland, 5-7, 140, Senior

Guard-John Deal-Lodgepole, 5-9, 175, Junior

Guard-Thom Dodson-Giltner, 6-1 , 185, Senior

Center-Bryon Casper-Hildreth 6-1, 205, Senior

QB-----Randy Findley-Giltner, 5-9, 160, Senior

Back---Lynn Menke-Marquette, 5-11, 180, Senior...(1,490 yards)

Back----David LaBrie-Giltner, 6-0, 190, Senior.....(1,866 yards)

Kicker--Arjaan Kraan-Dix, 6-6, 210, Senior

1984 Class D-2 (Eight Man 2) Defense

End----Ken Swenson-Davenport, 6-3, 205, Senior

DL-----Doug Sterkel-Nelson, 5-10, 190, Senior

DL-----Wayne Lienemann-Wilcox, 5-11, 197, Senior

LB-----Doug Askey-Trumbull, 6-1, 190, Senior...(1,225 yards)

LB-----Randy Gartner-Giltner, 6-2, 210, Senior

LB-----Les Cates-Gitner, 5-9, 160, Senior

DB-----Gene Budnik-Hampton, 6-11, 165, Senior

DB-----George Gerdes-Davenport, 5-9, 150, Senior

Punter-Dan Lungrin-Wallace, 6-2 , 175, Senior
