

64 schools in D1 and 68 schools in D2

1985 Class D-1 (Eight-Man 1)

DENOTES: 8-Man Hall of Fame Inductee

1st Round:

(8-0) Leyton 18-16 Elwood (8-1) (@ Dalton or Gurley)
(8-0) Sandhills 44-14 Arnold (9-0) (@ Dunning)
(7-2) Elgin Pope John 29-12 Stuart (8-1) (@ Stuart)
(6-2) Nebraska Christian 40-8 Palmer (6-2) (@ Palmer)
(9-0) Exeter 15-12 Giltner (8-1) (@ Exeter)
(8-1) Odell 28-0 Johnson-Brock (8-1) (@ Odell)
(7-2) Newcastle 38-26 Verdigre (9-0) (@ Verdigre)
(7-1) Bancroft-Rosalie 44-30 Winnebago (7-2) (@ Bancroft or Rosalie)

Quarterfinals:

(9-0) Sandhills 26-20 Leyton (9-0) (@ Dunning)
(7-2) Nebraska Christian 30-20 Elgin Pope John (8-2) (@ Central City)
(9-1) Odell 30-14 Exeter (10-0) (@ Exeter)
(8-1) Bancroft-Rosalie 42-28 Newcastle (8-2) (@ Newcastle)

Semifinals:

(10-0) Sandhills 20-14 (Overtime) Nebraska Christian (8-2) (@ Dunning)
(9-1) Bancroft-Rosalie 48-0 Odell (10-1) (@ Bancroft or Rosalie)

Final: (10-1) Bancroft-Rosalie 56-20 Sandhills (11-0) (@ Bancroft)

Champion: Bancroft-Rosalie (11-1), Head Coach – **Dr. Jon Cerny**

Bancroft-Rosalie scored the first three times they had the ball and it took only 8 total plays to gain a 20-6 lead over a stunned Sandhills squad. The Panthers eventually rolled up 479 total yards in the 56-20 win, 393 coming on the ground.

Sophomore **Brent Gatzemeyer** (future Hall of Famer) rambled for 146 yards on just 15 carries and five touchdowns, coming on runs of 26, 34, 5 and 15 yards. The talented sophomore was also on the receiving end of a 33 yard TD pass from QB Larry Johnson. That scoring strike may have been the clinching touchdown considering B-R stopped Sandhills inches short of the goal line, then proceeded to drive 79 yards for another score, making it 34-6 at the half.

Sandhills rugged fullback (also a future Hall of Famer) **Corey Anderson** did get his team to within 12-6 with a 29 yard touchdown run midway through the opening stanza, but it would be as close as the Panthers from the West could get. The B-R defense did a stellar job putting the stops on Sandhills' All-State running back David Roseberry to 52 yards on 18 totes for the game. Roseberry had entered the D-1 title game with 1,809 rushing yards.

The Bancroft-Rosalie victory not only capped a one loss season for Hall of Fame Coach **Jon Cerny**'s forces, but climaxed a terrific turnaround for a program that was 0-9 four years before and just 5-4 last season. Dr. Cerny's Panthers closed 1985 by winning 11 in a row after losing to Newcastle in the season opener. B-R then avenged that single loss with a 42-28 win in the quarterfinals.

1985 Class D-1 (Eight Man 1) Offense

QB-----Ryan Ruhl-Exeter, 6-0, 175, Senior

Back---Darwin Snyder-Winnebago, 5-11, 175, Senior...(2,217 yards) (Repeater)

Back---**Brent Gatzemeyer-Bancroft-Rosalie**, 6-0, 175, Sophomore...(1,942 yards)

Back---David Roseberry-Sandhills, 6-0, 180, Senior..(1,861 yards)

End----Billy Baugh-Friend, 6-2, 185, Senior

Tackle-Ken Zarybnicky-Odell, 6-1, 185, Senior

Tackle-Steve Grone-Bancroft-Rosalie, 5-10, 190, Senior

Center-Cope Clark-Sandhills, 6-1, 175, Senior

Kicker--Gary Moody-North Loup/Scotia, 5-10, 160, Senior

1985 Class D-1 (Eight Man 1) Defense

DL-----Mike Weverka-Sargent, 6-0, 202, Senior

DL-----Stan Valasek-Palmer, 6-0, 170, Senior

DL-----Tom Kafka-Omaha Brownell-Talbot, 6-4, 220, Senior

LB-----Rod Rowse-Nebraska Christian, 5-10, 180, Senior...(1,171 yards)

LB-----Shane Belohrad-Leigh, 5-10, 156, Senior...(1,243 yards)

LB-----Lance Michel-Johnson-Brock, 5-11, 160, Senior...(1,250 yards)

DB-----Curt Harms-Kenesaw, 6-2, 185, Senior...(1,396 yards)

DB-----Greg Rosener-Newcastle, 5-8, 155, Senior

Punter-Scott Kneifl-Newcastle, 6-5, 195, Senior...(1,106 yards)

Class D-2 (Eight-Man-2)

1st Round:

(8-0) Harrison 21-6 Dix (4-3) (@ Harrison)
(7-1) Sidney St. Pats 38-14 Wheatland (5-2) (@ Sidney)
(7-1) Trumbull 50-7 Loomis (7-1) (@ Trumbull)
(9-0) Lawrence 36-10 Nelson (6-3) (@ Lawrence)
(7-1) Coleridge 46-14 Keya Paha (3-5) (@ Coleridge)
(8-0) Clarks 14-6 Lindsay Holy Family (8-1) (@ Clarks)
(8-1) Davenport 22-15 McCool Junction (7-2) (@ Davenport)
(9-0) Table Rock 44-14 Adams (8-1) (@ Table Rock)

Quarterfinals:

(8-1) Sidney St. Pats 36-6 Harrison (9-0) (@ Sidney)
(10-0) Lawrence 34-8 Trumbull (8-1) (@ Lawrence)
(8-1) Coleridge 40-26 Clarks (9-0) (@ Clarks)
(10-0) Table Rock 40-32 Davenport (9-1) (@ Table Rock)

Semifinals:

(11-0) Lawrence 38-18 Sidney St. Pats (9-1) (@ Lawrence 1:00 pm)
(9-1) Coleridge 56-12 Table Rock (11-0) (@ Coleridge 7:30 pm)

Final: (12-0) Lawrence 29-24 Coleridge (10-1) (@ Lawrence)

Champion: Lawrence (13-0), Head Coach – Curt Johnson

**Quarterback Roy Faimon's 42 yard touchdown run late in the 3rd quarter lifted Lawrence to a 26-16 lead, giving the Panthers the separation they needed enroute to a 29-24 D-2 championship win over Randy Huebert's tough Coleridge team.

Lawrence took control early when fullback Randy Kohmetscher broke loose for a 35 yard touchdown with 9:41 left in the opening quarter. Later in the 1st, Faimon connected with Wayne Hoelting for a 38 yard score, giving the Panthers a 13-0 lead. Then after a lost fumble by Coleridge, Lawrence marched 56 yards in 8 plays with Faimon scoring from 4 yards away making it 19-0 Panthers.

Coleridge cut the lead to 19-8 at halftime when Brant Anderson scored on a two yard run that was followed by a double PAT run by thousand yard rusher (and future Hall of Famer) Scott Gray. The Bulldogs then held Lawrence on their first drive of the second half before driving it 46 yards to score--the final eight yards coming on pass from Coleridge quarterback Don Graham to Troy Bartling. After Gray's second 2 point run, it was now 19-16 with 5:26 left in the 3rd qt.

Less than two minutes later, it was the Panther's turn again when signal caller Faimon ripped off an electrifying 42 yard TD run, making it 26-16. Lawrence place kicker Lonnie Mazour's 26 field goal gave the Panthers a 29-16 lead early in the 4th quarter, but Coleridge wasn't finished yet. The Bulldogs marched 39 yards with Gray going in from a yard out and then Graham hitting Bartling for two points. That pulled Coleridge to within 29-24.

The Lawrence defense stiffened the rest of the way, culminating with Tim Menke picking off a Graham pass with a 1:30 left in the contest. The championship victory was the 3rd state football title in the last 4 years for the Lawrence Panthers, who grabbed championships in Class D-1 in 1982 and 1983.

1985 Class D-2 (Eight Man 2) Offense

QB-----Roy Faimon-Lawrence, 5-11, 160, Senior

Back----Nolan Beyer-Sidney St. Pats, 5-11, 170, Junior...(1,146 yards)

Back----Jim Gilbert-Table Rock, 6-1, 190, Sr. (2,828 yds- State's Top Rusher)

Back----Jerod Burge-Wheatland, 6-2, 180, Junior.....(1,242 yards)

WR-----Jeff Hoins-Davenport, 6-3, 200, Senior

Tackle-Brad English-McCool Junction, 5-9, 210, Junior

Tackle-Gary Jacobsen-Coleridge, 6-0 , 185, Junior

Center-Dave Edeal-Loomis, 6-2, 230, Senior

Kicker--Lonnie Mazour-Lawrence, 6-1, 155, Senior

1985 Class D-2 (Eight Man 2) Defense

DL-----Pat Copp-Harrison, 5-8, 160, Senior...(1,434 yards)

DL-----Linc Williams-Clarks, 6-2, 170, Senior

DL-----Tom Menke-Lawrence, 6-1, 210, Senior

LB-----Wes Fernau-Butte, 5-7, 175, Senior...(1,636 yards)

LB-----Randy Kohmetscher-Lawrence, 5-11, 185, Senior

LB-----Rich Mliner-Greeley, 6-1, 175, Senior

DB-----Eric McMurray-Adams, 5-10, 170, Senior

DB-----Scott Buresh-Nelson, 6-2, 180, Senior...(1,012 yards)

Punter-Jon Pinn-Culbertson, 5-9 , 150, Sophomore