

1987 Class D-1 (Eight-Man 1)

DENOTES: 8-Man Hall of Fame Inductee

1st Round:

(8-1) Arnold 58-8 Leyton (7-1) (@ Dalton or Gurley)
(9-0) Elwood 34-20 Elm Creek (6-2) (@ Elwood)
(9-0) Ansley 42-14 Pleasanton (8-1) (@ Ansley)
(9-0) Spencer 19-6 North Loup-Scotia (7-2) (@ Spencer)
(9-0) Nelson 41-38 Polk-Hordville (9-0) (@ Hordville)
(8-0) Lewiston 52-20 Johnson-Brock (7-2) (@ Lewiston)
(8-1) Bancroft-Rosalie 51-13 Dodge (7-2) (@ Dodge)
(9-0) Mead 49-0 Omaha Brownell-Talbot (8-0) (@ Omaha Benson)

Quarterfinals:

(10-0) Elwood 44-28 Arnold (9-1) (@ Arnold)
(10-0) Ansley 26-20 Spencer (10-0) (@ Ansley)
(9-0) Lewiston 38-35 Nelson (10-0) (@ Nelson)
(10-0) Mead 36-20 Bancroft-Rosalie (9-1) (@ Mead)

Semifinals:

(11-0) Ansley 46-22 Elwood (11-0) (@ Ansley)
(11-0) Mead 28-12 Lewiston (10-0) (@ Mead)

Final: (12-0) Mead 58-36 Ansley (12-0) (@ Mead, Saturday, November 21st)

Champion: Mead (13-0), Head Coach – **Jon Dahl**

(MEAD NE) In front of an estimated 1,600 fans, defending D-1 champion Ansley entered the title game riding a 26 game winning streak, but Mead had set their sights on one thing and one thing only in 1987- and that was winning a state championship for fallen teammate Chris Winkleman.

Mead quarterback Rob Pelster riddled a battered Ansley secondary by completing his first six passes as the Raiders scored on their first five possessions, en route to a commanding 44-14 halftime lead over the defending state champions.

That is not the end of the story, however. We all know Ansley's Hall of Fame coach **Dan Moore**'s football teams never give up, and despite some injuries to key players, the Warriors- behind all-staters **Carl Ostrand** and **Jim Scott**- gave Mead a real battle in the second half.

Ostrand, who had been released from the hospital a little more than 24 hours prior to the opening kickoff, played the final three quarters with a heavily padded left shoulder. The all-state signal caller had suffered a broken collarbone just a month prior (October 23rd) and couldn't get much zip on his passes after Mead had forced the Warriors out of their running game.

But Coach Moore stated Ansley had no excuses on this night. It was the emotionally fueled Raiders that not only raced to that big halftime lead, but had the defensive forces to withstand an Ansley second half comeback attempt.

Pelster ended the night completing 10 of 15 passes for 173 yards and a pair of touchdowns for the victorious Raiders. 1,000-yard rusher Shannon Pickworth led the ground attack with 123 yards on just 12 totes and a score. Mead's two-time All-State linebacker Doug Langemeier also applied a back breaker right before halftime when he pirated an Ostrand pass and returned it 29 yards for a Pick Six.

Running back Lance Rhode of Ansley led all rushers with 158 yards on 30 totes which included touchdown bursts of one, one and five yards. Mead ended the year 13-0 and won their first ever state football championship of the modern playoff era. It also erased the bitter memory of being eliminated by eventual state champion Bancroft-Rosalie in the D-1 semifinals the year before.

1987 Class D-1 (Eight Man 1) Offense

QB-----**Carl Ostrand-Ansley**, 6-0, 160, Senior (Repeat)

Back---Paul Van Housen-Polk-Hordville, 6-2, 190, Senior...(1,765 yards)

Back---**Brent Gatzemeyer-Bancroft-Rosalie**, 6-0, 180, Senior...(1,714 yards)

Back---Cory Holl-Elwood, 5-10, 165, Senior..(1,164 yards) (Repeat)

End----Jason Slaughter-Bancroft-Rosalie, 6-5, 185, Senior

Tackle-Mark Leutkenhaus- Mead, 5-11, 220, Senior

Tackle-**Tony Hoffman-Spencer**, 5-10, 180, Senior

Center-Mike Chudamelka-Dodge, 5-8, 175, Senior

Kicker--Allen Schutte-Nelson, 6-1, 185, Junior

1987 Class D-1 (Eight Man 1) Defense

DL-----Jason Afrank-Humphrey, 6-4, 185, Senior

DL-----**Jim Scott-Ansley**, 6-2, 200, Senior

DL-----Jerry Charles-Mead, 6-2, 215, Junior

LB-----Lance Rohde-Ansley, 6-2, 200, Senior...(1,654 yards)

LB-----Doug Langemeier-Mead, 6-3, 200, Senior... (Repeat)

LB-----Chris Siekman-Friend, 6-1, 195, Senior

DB-----Jason Kennedy-Pawnee City, 5-11, 165, Senior

DB-----Mark Engelman-Arnold, 5-7, 148, Senior...(1,910 yards)

Punter-Jon Pinn-Culbertson, 5-10, 175, Senior...(1,106 yards)

Class D-2 (Eight-Man-2)

1st Round:

(8-1) Wilcox 21-6 Hayes Center (7-1) (@Wilcox)
(7-1) Sidney St. Pats 38-22 Stapleton (7-2) (@ Sidney)
(6-3) Hildreth 60-58 Giltner (7-2) (@ Giltner)
(7-2) Butte 53-6 Keya Paha (8-1) (@ Springview?)
(8-1) Clearwater 20-14 Humphrey St. Francis (7-2) (@ Humphrey)
(9-0) Coleridge 41-14 Wausa (7-2) (@ Coleridge)
(7-1) Clarks 57-12 Adams (7-2) (@ Clarks)
(8-1) Humboldt 32-7 Falls City Sacred Heart (6-3) (@ Humboldt)

Quarterfinals:

(9-1) Sidney St. Pats 34-12 Wilcox (9-1) (@ Sidney)
(8-2) Butte 54-22 Hildreth (7-3) (@ Lawrence)
(10-0) Coleridge 44-26 Clearwater (9-1) (@ Clarks)
(8-1) Clarks 40-32 Humboldt (9-1) (@ Table Rock)

Semifinals:

(10-1) Sidney St. Pats 44-24 Butte (9-2) (@ Lawrence 1:00 pm)
(11-0) Coleridge 28-24 Clarks (9-1) (@ Coleridge 7:30 pm)

Final: (12-0) Coleridge 52-34 Sidney St. Pats (10-1) (@ Sidney)

Champion: Coleridge (13-0), Head Coach – Randy Huebert

(SIDNEY, NE) Troy Jorgensen scored three touchdowns and state rushing champion **Scott Gray** added two more, as Coleridge raced past Sidney St. Pats 52-34 to grab the 1987 Clas D-2 state championship and completed the season unscathed (13-0). The victory was extra sweet for the Bulldogs, who lost the same D-2 title game the year before (35-14) to St. Pats.

Both of Gray's touchdown runs (1 and 40 yards) came in the first quarter. The three-time 1,000-yard rusher ended the night with 189 yards on 29 carries. Troy Jorgensen caught touchdown passes covering 19 and 34 yards from Coleridge QB Jon Heithold, while also rambling for a 49 yard score, completing an evening that saw him touch the ball only nine times but compile 109 yards and those three scores.

St. Pats star (and 2x All-Stater) John Tedesco led all rushers in the game with his 192 yards on 29 carries and scoring scampers of 4 and 27 yards.

Coleridge raced to a 24-6 lead after one quarter then swelled the lead to 36-14 by halftime after Heithold slipped into the end zone from three yards out on the final play of the second stanza. The closest St. Pats could get was 36-22 in the 3rd quarter, but Heithold's 34-yard scoring strike to Jorgensen and subsequent 3-yd scoring run, put the game away for good as the Bulldogs ran away in the 4th.

1987 Class D-2 (Eight Man 2) Offense

QB-----Mark Brewster-Butte, 5-9, 175, Senior...(1,468 yards)

Back---**Scott Gray-Coleridge**, 5-10, 175, Senior (2,462 yards) (Rushing champ)

Back----David Preissler-Giltner, 6-1, 170, Senior.....(1,987 yards)

Back----John Tedesco-Sidney St. Pats, 6-1, 165, Junior.....(1,609 yards)

End-----Doug Hermsen-Butte, 5-9, 160, Senior

Tackle--Mike Kennedy-Sidney St. Pats, 6-0, 187, Senior

Tackle--Nick McKim-Coleridge, 5-11 , 185, Senior

Center-Kevin Shaughnessy-Trumbull, 6-1, 205, Senior

Kicker--Kevin Wemhoff-Humphrey St. Francis, 5-11, 201, Senior

1987 Class D-2 (Eight Man 2) Defense

DL-----**Lance Lundberg-Wausa**, 6-5, 247, Junior

DL-----Marty Brandl-Coleridge, 5-11, 195, Senior

DL-----Andy Wilson-Giltner, 6-1, 190, Senior

LB-----**Ken Mehlin-Humboldt**, 6-0, 220, Junior

LB-----Brian Pollard-Clarks, 6-1, 185, Senior...(1,397 yards)

LB-----Brett Stamp-Clearwater, 5-11, 195, Senior

DB-----Ken Claussen-Wausa, 6-3, 170, Senior

DB-----Todd Pinneo-Rising City, 5-9, 165, Senior...(1,301 yards)

Punter-Scott Dittmer-Clarks, 5-10 , 155, Senior
