



COACH JON DAHL – MEAD HIGH SCHOOL

In a coaching career that lasted from 1978 to 2022, Coach Dahl dedicated over 40 years of his life to coaching Nebraska Eight-Man football. Spending almost all of those years as a Mead Raider, Jon compiled a stellar 121-61-1 record as a Head Coach and then later served an additional two decades on staff as an assistant. During that span, he helped lead 12 teams to the state playoffs and won the East Central Nebraska Conference and multiple district football titles along the way. After years of knocking on the door of a state title, Coach Dahl's dominating 1987 squad was able to finish the job with an undefeated season, while winning the Class D-1 State Championship. Jon was later honored as an assistant coach for the East All-Stars in 1989 and later returned to serve as East Head Coach for the epic 1993 All-Star game (a game that was dramatically won by the East on the final play of the game). Through the years, he coached multiple All-State players and was also responsible for sending 13 of them to compete in the All-Star Game. Jon also sent several former players on to play at the college level, but he is most proud of watching them grow up to become great people. Coach Dahl retired after the 2022 season, but he still takes great pride in the relationships he built with fellow coaches- as mentors, competitors, and friends. The NEMFCA is honored to now welcome him into the Eight-Man Hall of Fame class of 2024.