

# Remembering N8M: 1964

\*152 Teams played 8-Man football in 1964\*

**DENOTES: 8-Man Hall of Fame Inductee**

8-Man was loaded with quality running backs in 1964. Two that were named to the all state team eventually made their way into both the **Nebraska Eight Man Football Hall of Fame** and the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Big and extremely fast, **Larry Frost** was almost unstoppable for a Malcolm squad that was 7-2 on the year, rambling for an incredible 1,917 yards and 41 Touchdowns on just 144 carries (13.3/touch).

Frost used the combination of his 10.1 hundred-yard dash speed and 195 pound frame to crush defenders, and then leave the rest in a cloud of dust. Larry also completed 10 of 19 passes for 256 yards and three touchdowns.

The Malcolm dazzler set a national high school record (at the time) while scoring 121 touchdowns and 756 points in his career (including 9 touchdowns in a single game).

Then there was the extraordinary **Larry Vlasin** of Madrid. The 170 pound quarterback ran for 895 yards, completed 89 of 136 passes (65%) for 1,220 yards and 18 TDs. He also ran back 9 punts for 289 yards and three scores, brought 6 kickoff returns for 290 yards and one touchdown, and intercepted 14 passes, SEVEN of which were returned for touchdowns.

The 7 Pick 6s in a Single Season is still a State 8-Man record to this day, SIXTY years later. Vlasin also kicked 29 PATS, two field goals and made 91 tackles on defense.

## 1964 Eight-Man Football Final Top 10

1. **Madrid, (9-0)** Coach- Robert Briggs
  2. **Beaver Crossing (9-0)** Coach- Tom Leehy
  3. **Winnebago (9-0)** Coach- Lathan A. Russell
  4. **Chadron Assumption (9-0)** Coach- Larry Whiting
  5. **Hickman-Norris (8-0)** Coach- James D. Wright
  6. **Barneston (9-1)** Coach- Dan Young
  7. **Sutherland (9-0)** Coach- Daryl W. Broberg
  8. **Juniata (8-1)** Coach- Bruce Christensen
  9. **Bartley (10-0)** Coach- Robert Newcomb
  - 10t **Pleasanton (8-1)** Coach- James Barth
  - 10t **Wilcox (8-1)** Coach- William Schnase
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### **1964 8-Man OVERALL All-State Team**

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**End---**Robert Henderson-Cedar Bluffs, 5-11, 185, Senior

**End---**Don Spitler-Halsey-Dunning, 6-2, 180, Senior

**Guard-**Gary Stitt-Barneston, 5-7, 204, Senior

**Guard-**Leonard Grantski -Beaver Crossing, 5-11, 175, Senior

**Center-**Wayne Wilson-Hickman-Norris, 5-10, 175, Junior

**Back---**Delbert Stansberry-Winnebago, 5-6, 160, Senior

**Back---**Larry Frost-Malcolm, 6-0, 195, Senior

**Back---**Larry Vlasin-Madrid, 5-10, 170, Senior

Delbert Stansberry, the Winnebago Quarterback, connected on a sizzling 62 of 94 passes for 1,177 yards and 25 touchdowns. Stansberry also rushed 74 times for 337 yards and 10 TDS while scoring 222 of his team's 341 total points for the season.

Stansberry connected for a touchdown nearly every other time he threw a pass and ran for a score every 7th time he rushed the football.

Other high caliber Backs around the state in the 8-Man ranks in 1964 included:

Amherst super athlete John Eckhout, who narrowly missed the 1964 All-State backfield, Pat Coyle, Mead's sensational open field runner, Dave Macken, Platte Center's marvelous tailback, Gerald Wambold, Beaver Crossing triple-threat, Bob Swanson, who made Wilcox click, Bartley scoring machine Gary Probasco, Dale Stewart of Red Willow and a pair of JUNIOR standouts, Dick Gangwish of Juniata (1,042 rushing) and Ken Beatty from Sutherland.