There were 68 schools in D1 and 64 schools in D2

1986 Class D-1

DENOTES: 8-Man Hall of Fame Inductee

1st Round:

- (8-1) Elwood 62-24 Wauneta (7-2) (@ Wauneta)
- (7-2) Anselmo-Merna 30-22 Arnold (7-2) (@ Anselmo-Merna)
- (9-0) Ansley 44-26 Sargent (8-1) (@ Ansley)
- (9-0) Spencer 35-13 North Loup/Scotia (4-4) (@ Spencer)
- (9-0) Humphrey 42-14 Orchard (8-1) (@ Humphrey)
- (9-0) Bancroft-Rosalie 28-6 Newcastle (7-2) (@ Bancroft-Rosalie)
- (7-0) Mead 45-32 Omaha Brownell-Talbot (9-0) (@ Brownell-Talbot)
- (7-1) Silver Lake 22-20 Odell (7-1) (@ Odell)

Quarterfinals:

- (8-2) Anselmo-Merna 30-8 Elwood (9-1) (@ Elwood)
- (10-0) Ansley 48-0 Spencer (10-0) (@ Ansley)
- (10-0) Bancroft-Rosalie 48-14 Humphrey (10-0) (@ Bancroft-Rosalie)
- (8-0) Mead 36-22 Silver Lake (8-1) (@ Roseland)

Semifinals:

- (11-0) Ansley 46-20 Anselmo-Merna (9-2) (@ Anselmo-Merna/7:30)
- (11-0) Bancroft-Rosalie 22-8 Mead (10-0) (@ Mead/1:30)

Final:

(12-0) Ansley 40-14 Bancroft-Rosalie (12-0)

Champion: Ansley (13-0) - Head Coach - Dan Moore

ANSLEY, NE - Both teams entered the contest with spotless 12-0 records, but it was Ansley's ace Quarterback, future Hall of Famer- Carl Ostrand who ran for a pair of touchdowns and threw for another behind fellow Hall of Famer Jim Scott. The Warriors overwhelmed the visiting Panthers 40-14 as Ansley scored the first two times it touched the football. 1,000 yard rusher Pete Rhode's run from 11 yards out and Ostrand's 26 yard scoring strike to Dana Thompson got it going.

Bancroft-Roaslie did counter in the second quarter on 1 yard scoring run by Brian Tietz, but the hometown Warriors won their second state title in three years by scoring the next 20 points, extending their lead to 34-6 after three quarters.

Ansley piled up 312 rushing yards, on their way to outgaining Bancroft-Rosalie 438 to 162 in the game. Hall of Fame running back Brent Gatzemeyer had been out with an ankle injury for the Panthers, but was slated to play in this game. However, the Panthers could muster just 90 rushing yards for the game.

1986 Class D-1 (Eight Man 1) Offense

- QB---Carl Ostrand-Ansley, 5-11, 155, Junior
- RB---Pete Rhode-Ansley, 5-8, 155, Senior...(1,352 yards)
- **RB**---Brent Gatzemeyer-Bancroft-Rosalie, 6-0, 175, Junior...(1,562 yards)
- **RB**---Cory Holl-Elwood, 5-9, 165, Junior..(1,868 yards)
- TE---Devin Smith-Anselmo-Merna, 6-4, 170, Senior
- OL---Parker Broman-Sargent, 5-10, 180, Senior Senior
- OL---Doug Bures-Odell, 6-5, 205, Senior
- C-----Dan Moore-Nebraska City Lourdes, 6-3, 210, Senior
- K-----Les Borer-Elgin Pope John, 6-0, 190, Senior

1986 Class D-1 (Eight Man 1) Defense

- DL-----Corey Anderson-Sandhills, 6-1, 190, Senior
- DL----Troy Piper-Sargent, 6-0, 200, Senior
- **DL----**Randy Dockweiler-Nebraska Christian, 6-0, 200, Senior...(1,393 yards)
- LB-----Doug Bonneau-Bancroft-Rosalie, 5-11, 210, Senior
- LB-----Doug Langemeier-Mead, 6-1, 185, Junior
- LB-----Neil Van Langen-Silver Lake, 6-1, 180, Senior
- **DB**-----Charles Dresch-Cedar Rapids, 6-1, 170, Senior...(1,057 yards)
- **DB**-----John Farnik-Verdigre, 5-11, 180, Senior
- **Punter**-Tim Schultz-Beemer, 6-4, 181, Senior...(1,109 yards)

Class D-2

1st Round:

- (8-0) Sidney St. Pats 67-22 Hay Springs (8-1) (@ Sidney St. Pats)
- (8-0) Amherst 48-18 Beaver City (7-2) (@ Amherst)
- (7-2) Lawrence 17-0 Davenport (7-2) (@ Lawrence)
- (9-0) Polk 68-40 Hampton (7-2) (@ Polk)
- (7-1) Clearwater 40-23 Clarks (8-1) (@ Clarks)
- (8-1) Coleridge 56-22 Niobrara (6-3) (@ Coleridge)
- (6-2) Sterling 30-26 Rising City (7-2) (@ Sterling)
- (7-1) Lewiston 46-0 Table Rock (7-2) (@ Lewiston)

Quarterfinals:

(9-0) Sidney St. Pats 27-20 Amherst (9-0) (@ Sidney St. Pats/Monday)

(10-0) Polk 46-45 Lawrence (8-2) (@ Polk) {played on Tuesday/winter storm}

(9-1) Coleridge 54-22 Clearwater (7-2) (@ Clearwater/Monday)

(8-1) Lewiston 44-30 Sterling (7-2) (@ Lewiston/Monday)

Semifinals:

(10-0) Sidney St. Pats 40-6 Polk (11-0) (@ Sidney St. Pats/1:30)

(10-1) Coleridge 32-12 Lewiston (9-1) (@ Lewiston/1:30)

Final: (11-0) Sidney St. Pats 35-14 Coleridge (11-1)

Champion: Sidney St. Pats (12-0), Head Coach - Dick Scott

COLERIDGE - 3x1,000 yard rusher and future Hall of Famer, Nolan Beyer ran for 2 touchdowns, passed for another, and led the rushing charge with 129 yards on 19 carries to lead Sidney St. Pats to a 35-14 win over Coleridge. St Pats exploded for 21 points in the first quarter and Coleridge could never catch up.

Beyer scored rushing touchdowns on runs of 48 and 9 yards and also fired a scoring toss of 33 yards to Jim Tedesco in the win. Scott Holley also hit paydirt for St. Pats, going into the endzone from 7 yards out.

Coleridge, led by Head Coach Randy Heubert, had touchdowns from Brant Anderson and a 59 yard pass reception by Scott Gray (from Jon Heitold). Gray, who ended his career with 5,632 rushing yards on his way to the Hall of Fame, led all rushers in this game with 150 yards on 22 carries.

St. Pats apparently believed the third time was the charm after losing in the D-2 State Title game the two previous seasons.

1986 Class D-2 (Eight Man 1) Offense

QB---Nolan Beyer-Sidney St. Pats, 6-0, 197, Senior...(1,196 yards)

RB---Jay Eckhout-Amherst, 5-11, 175, Senior...(1,429 yards)

RB---Paul Van Housen-Polk, 6-2, 175, Junior...(2,142 yards)

RB---Jarod Burge-Wheatland, 6-2, 185, Senior..(1,257 yards)

TE---Tim Menke-Lawrence, 5-11, 165, Senior

OL---John Pokorny-Rising City, 6-1, 205, Senior Senior

OL---Jamie Petty-Lewiston, 6-4, 195, Senior

Center-Mike Pietzyk-Sterling, 6-2, 220, Senior

Kicker-Willy Thorpe-Sidney St. Pats, 6-2, 197, Senior

1986 Class D-2 (Eight Man 2) Defense

- DL----Gary Jacobsen-Coleridge, 6-0, 185, Senior
- DL----Leland Adamson-Lodgepole, 6-2, 198, Senior
- LB----Macy Thomas-Beaver City, 5-11, 190, Senior
- LB----Bill Ziegenbein-Polk, 6-3, 205, Senior
- **LB**----Brant Anderson-Coleridge, 6-0, 185, Senior...(1,126 yards)
- **LB**----Kelly Prater-Clearwater, 5-8, 170, Senior...(1,473 yards)
- **DB----Scott Gray-Coleridge**, 5-11, 175, Junior...(1,892 yards)
- **DB**----Joey Hoos-Amherst, 6-2, 195, Senior...(1,084 yards)
- Punter-Jon Pinn-Culbertson, 5-10, 165, Junior...(1,109 yards)