

2001 Class D-1 (Eight-Man 1)

DENOTES: 8-Man Hall of Fame Inductee

****129 Teams played 8-Man football in 2001. The playoff fields for Classes D1 and D2 included 16 total teams.**

2001 Final Class D-1 Top 10 (Stu Pospisil- Omaha World Herald)

- 1 Howells - 12-1, (552-209)**
- 2 Humphrey St. Francis - 11-1, (549-129)**
- 3. Bloomfield - 12-1, (603-196)**
- 4. Falls City Sacred Heart - 10-1, (515-148)**
- 5. Friend - 10-1, (501-123)**
- 6. Spencer-Naper - 10-2, (412-269)**
- 7. Eustis-Farnam- 10-1, (415-140)**
- 8. Anselmo-Merna - 9-2, (436-192)**
- 9. Crawford1 - 9-1, (380-133)**
- 10 Elwood - 7-3, (446-206)**

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1st Round:

- (9-0) Humphrey SF 48 (Jeff Korus), Adams-Freeman 14 (Craig Walz) (5-4)
(9-0) Friend (Jim Pfeiffer) 52, Bancroft-Rosalie 28 (Andy White) (8-1)
(8-1) Howells 40 (Mike Speirs), Omaha Christian 14 (Tim Hamilton) (6-3)
(9-0) Falls City Sacred Heart (Doug Goltz) 42, Mead 22 (**Jon Dahl**) (6-3)
(9-0) Eustis-Farnam 51 (Travis Brouilliette) Harvard 6 (Jeff Ashby) (8-1)
(9-0) Bloomfield 48 (Gary Walling) Brun.-Dvenport 0 (Mark Rotter/Chris Ardissono) (8-1)
(8-1) Spencer-Naper 28 (Ken Jensen), Crawford 26 (Casey Walker) (9-0)
(8-1) Anselmo-Merna 42 (Todd Hoyt), Elwood 22 (**Kevin Mahlberg**) (7-2)

Quarterfinals:

- (10-0) Humphrey St. Francis 27, Friend 20 (10-0)
(9-1) Howells 36, Falls City Sacred Heart 23 (10-0)
(10-0) Bloomfield 38, Eustis-Farnam 12 (10-0)
(9-1) Spencer-Naper 12, Anselmo-Merna 8 (9-1)

Semifinals:

(10-1) Howells 22, Humphrey St. Francis 20 (11-0)

(11-0) Bloomfield 54, Spencer-Naper 22 (10-1)

Final: (11-1) Howells 34-20 Bloomfield (12-1)

Champion: Howells 12-1 - Head Coach –Mike Speirs

2001 Class D-1 All-State Offense

QB--Taylor Huettner-Humphrey St. Francis, 5-0, 170, Senior

RB--Travis Mlady-Bloomfield, 5-11, 190, Senior

RB-**Ben Hansen-Cedar Bluffs, 6-0, 190, Senior

WR--Justin Cannady-Elwood, 6-0, 175, Senior

WR--Adam Frey-Nebraska Lutheran (Waco), 5-8, 147, Senior

OL--Mike Strong-Eustis-Farnum, 6-2, 241, Senior

OL--Carsten Mlady-Bloomfield, 6-2, 225, Senior

OL--Justin Ramm-Stuart, 6-1, 205, Senior

Kicker-Clinton Haynes-Anselmo-Merna, 6-1, 170, Senior

2001 Class D-1 All-State Defense

DL--Gerad Brichacek-Howells, 6-3, 216, Senior

DL--Lance Pfeiffer-Eustis-Farnum, 6-5, 252, Senior

LB--Matt Doerr-Bloomfield, 6-0, 235, Senior

LB--Jared Stutzman-Friend, 6-4, 195, *Junior*

LB--Anthony Weaver-Falls City Sacred Heart, 6-1, 235, Senior

DB--Dan Anderson-Omaha Christian, 5-11, 185, Senior

DB--Matt Sells-Falls City Sacred Heart, 6-2, 180, *Junior*

DB--David Wegener-Humphrey St. Francis, 6-2, 175, Senior

Punter-Eric Wiemann-Howells, 6-3, 207, *Junior*

2001 Final Class D-2 Top 10 (Stu Pospisil- Omaha World Herald)

- 1. Lewiston - 11-2 (590-346)**
- 2. Greeley- 10-3 (493-168)**
- 3. Sargent - 11-1 (525-173)**
- 4. Elgin Pope John - 7-1-1 (497-148)**
- 5. St. Edward - 9-2 (491-272)**
- 6. Sterling - 9-1 (500-155)**
- 7. Shickley - 7-3 (369-75)**
- 8. Clearwater - 8-2 (387-219)**
- 9. Hay Springs - 8-2 (415-120)**
- 10 Lindsay Holy Family - 6-5 (362-293)**

2001 Class D-2 (Eight-Man-2)

1st Round:

- (7-2) Lewiston 22 (**Neil Woofter**), Sterling 18 (**Arlo Wusk**) (9-0)
(5-4) Lindsay HF (Rusty Rautenberg) 36, Coleridge 9 (Ken Swanson) (7-2)
(8-1) St. Edward 50 (Rich Lemburg), Elgin 30 (Carlie Wells) (6-3)
(9-0) Elgin Pope John 13 (Mark Koch), Shickley 0 (Gary Filipi) (7-2)
(7-2) Greeley 27 (Dennis Hurlburt), Hay Springs 20 (Pat Ningen) (8-1)
(8-1) Clearwater 20 (**Rod Brummels**), Sandhills 6 (Reggie Smith) (7-2)
(9-0) Sargent 54 (Mike Kozeal), Culbertson 32 (John Kershaw) (7-2)
(7-2) O'Neill St. Mary's 50 (Tony Allen), Hayes Center 32 (**Jim Cole**) (8-1)

Quarterfinals:

- (8-2) Lewiston 52, Lindsay Holy Family 28 (6-4)
(10-0) Elgin Pope John 36, St. Edward 30 (9-1)
(8-2) Greeley 43, Clearwater 8 (9-1)
(10-0) Sargent 34, O'Neill St. Mary's 14 (8-2)

Semifinals:

(9-2) Lewiston 44, Elgin Pope John 7 (11-0)

(8-2) Greeley 26, Sargent 22 (10-0)

Final: (10-2) Lewiston 34, Greeley 32 (OVE) (9-3)

Champion: Lewiston-11-2. Head Coach: Neil Woofter

2001 Class D-2 All-State Offense

QB--Dion Parks-Lewiston, 6-2, 225, Senior

RB--Ben Eisenhart-Culbertson, 6-0, 165, *Junior*

RB--Chris Bartels-Sterling, 5-10, 170, Senior

WR--Randy Leetch-Sargent, 6-0, 150, Senior

WR--Ben Ideus, Lewiston, 6-2, 175, Senior

OL--Justin Dowding-Shickley, 6-1, 207, Senior

OL--Luke Siems-Elgin, 6-2, 280, Senior

OL--Dusty Tallant-Sterling, 6-0, 230, Senior

Kicker--Tom Wemhoff-Coleridge, 5-11, 175, *Junior*

2001 Class D-2 All-State Defense

DL--Derek Ryan-Greeley, 6-0, 190, Senior

DL--Jesse Korell-Hayes Center, 5-10, 208, Senior

LB--Jami Klein-Sargent, 6-3, 225, Senior

LB--John Pelster-Elgin Pope John, 6-0, 185, Senior

LB--Cole Liska-Verdigre, 6-1, 185, Senior

DB--Andrew Shanle-St. Edward, 6-1, 198, Senior

DB--Brian Selting-Elgin Pope John, 6-0, 185, Senior

DB--**Brandon Holtorf-Prague, 5-10, 165, Senior

Punter-Tyler Kester-Cambridge, 6-0, 180, *Junior*

Below is the complete “Who’s Who” list of Nebraska Eight-Man Football Coaches for the 2001 season:

CLASS D-1

District 1- Adams Freeman (Craig Walz), **Cook-NV** (Tim Weber), **Falls City SH** (Doug Goltz), **Humboldt-Table Rock** (Mark Wollard) **Nebraska City Lourdes** (Andy Fedoris), **Stella Southeast** (Kyle Finke), **Pawnee City** (Jamey Boelhauer),

District 2- Cedar Bluffs (Mitch Egger), **Lincoln Parkview Christian** (Chris Moulton), **Macy** (Ed Ross), **Mead** (Jon Dahl), **Omaha Brownell-Talbot** (Ron Scribner), **Omaha Christian** (Tim Hamilton), .

District 3- Bancroft-Rosalie (Andy White), **Clarkson** (Jim Clarkson) **Howells** (Mike Speirs), **Leigh** (Steve Borer), **Lutheran High Northeast** (Matt Steffan), **Winside** (Marland Erbst)

Dist 4- Deshler (Terry Arnold), **Diller-Odell** (Mike Meyerle), **Exeter-Milligan** (Dean Filipi), **Friend** (Jim Pfeiffer), **NE. Lutheran** (Dan Ross) **Bruning-Davenport** (Mark Rotter/Chris Ardissono)

District 5- Cedar Rapids (Ryan Theobald), **Nebraska Christian** (Jeff Hower), **Newman Grove** (Bill Mimick), **Palmer** (Arlo Bockerman), **High Plains** (Andy Vrbka), **Humphrey St. Francis** (Jeff Korus)

District 6- Bassett/Rock Co. (Todd Hale), **Bloomfield** (Gary Walling) **Hartington** (Blair Kalin), **Niobrara-Santee** (JJ Parks), **Osmond** (Chris Stodgill), **Spencer-Naper** (Ken Jensen), **Stuart** (Bob McEvoy).

District 7- Blue Hill (Mark Norvell), **Franklin** (Steve Johnson), **Harvard** (Jeff Ashby), **Kenesaw** (Craig Schnitzler), **Red Cloud** (Andy Davenport), **Shelton** (Gale Dunkhas), **Clay Center** (Rob Rose).

District 8- Anselmo-Merna (Todd Hoyt), **Arapahoe** (Daren Hatch) **Axtell** (Kent Ropers), **Elm Creek** (Stan Wissel), **Overton** (Glen Snodgrass) **Pleasanton** (Ricci Westland), **Wilcox-Hildreth** (Vic Young).

District 9- Curtis MV (Jarrod Burke), **Elwood** (Kevin Mahlberg), **Eustis-Farnam** (Travis Brouillette), **Maxwell** (Chuck Humphrey), **Maywood** (Scott Johnsen), **Stratton-Trenton** (Gene Mohr), **Wauneta/Palisade** (Jim McKinney).

Dist 10- Big Springs/S. Platte (Tim Cooper), **Chappell** (Doug Moran) **Crawford** (Casey Walker), **Dalton Leyton** (Tom Coviello), **Hyannis** (Chris Krause), **Potter-Dix** (Mike Mitchell), **Rushville** (Brent Ehlers).

CLASS D-2

District 1-Dawson-Verdon (Bill Nordioh), **Johnson-Brock** (Brett Davis), **Lewiston** (Neil Woofter), **Omaha Central Christian** (Chuck Kuhns), **Waterloo** (Darin Ahrens), **Sterling** (Arlo Wusk).

District 2- **Benedict** (Lynn Jurgens), **Daykin-Meridian** (Randy Jess) **Dorchester** (Terry Smith), **Giltner** (Randy Schultz), **Hampton** (Jerry Eickhoff), **McCool Junction** (Brad Beyke), **Shickley** (Gary Filipi).

District 3- **Allen** (David Uldrich), **Beemer** (Bud Pettigrew), **Coleridge** (Ken Swanson), **Dodge** (Ron Lund), **Newcastle** (Bart Kneifl) **Walthill** (Doug Mogenson), **Wynot** (Ron Rolfes).

District 4- **Elba** (Harlan Ptomey), **Greeley** (Dennis Hurlbert), **Lindsay Holy Family** (Rusty Rautenberg), **Prague** (Gary Brown), **Rising City** (?) **Spalding/Spald. Academy** (Troy Kleffner), **St. Edward** (Rich Lemburg)

District 5- **Clearwater** (Rod Brummels), **Elgin High** (Carlie Wells), **Humphrey** (Jake Nelson), **Orchard** (Dan Sich), **Elgin PJ** (Mark Koch) **Verdigre** (Kevin Randa), **Wausa** (Lue Graesser).

Dist 6- **Butte** (Steve Colfack), **Chambers** (John Miller), **Ewing** (Jim Crilly) **Lynch** (Jeff Hart), **St. Mary's** (Tony Allen) **Springview** (Mike Stephan),

District 7- **Ansley** (Mike Sorensen), **Loomis** (Denis Reese), **North Loup/Scotia** (Zane Young), **Sargent** (Mike Kozeeal), **Silver Lake** (Keith Crowe), **Sumner-Eddyville-Miller** (Scott Franzen).

District 8- **Arnold** (Andy Schwarz), **Callaway** (Ken Rigler), **Dunning Sandhills** (Reggie Smith), **Stapleton** (Rex Hannah), **Mullen** (Mike Brown) **Theford** (Charlie Curnyn).

District 9- **Bartley TV** (Mark Norvell), **Culbertson** (John Kershaw) **Hayes Center** (Jim Cole), **Madrid Wheatland** (Mike Brown) **Paxton** (Doug Babbit), **Wallace** (Jerry Brown).

District 10- **Cody-Kilgore** (Duke Waln), **Lodgepole** (Tony Jones) **Harrisburg** (Kenny Hessler), **Hay Springs** (Pat Ningen) **Minatare** (Chad Berens), **Harrison Sioux County** (?)