

***121 Teams played 8-Man football in 2004** (60 schools in D1 and 61 schools in D2) Four schools playing eight-man were above the playoff eligibility enrollment limit.

Class D-1 Playoff Qualifiers (Head Coaches)

Diller-Odell (Mike Meyele), Humboldt-TRS (Mike Wollard), Nebraska City Lourdes (Andy Fedoris), Omaha Christian Academy (Tim Hamilton), Falls City Sacred Heart (**Doug Goltz**), Shelby (Gerald Humlicek), Exeter-Milligan (**Dean Filipi**), Lewiston (**Neil Woofter**), Howells (Mike Speirs), Osmond (Charlie Curryn), Wausa (Chris Carlson), Bancroft-Rosalie (**Dr. Jon Cerny**), Winside (Marland Erbst), Cedar Bluffs (Mitch Egger), St. Francis, Leigh (Mike Sorenson), Spencer-Naper (Ken Jensen), Spalding/Spalding Academy (**Troy Kleffner**), Elgin Pope John (PJ Book), Harvard (Jeff Ashby), Newman Grove (**Bill Mimick**), Axtell (Kent Ropers), Lawrence-Nelson (**Gary DeBoer**), Silver Lake (Charlie Shoemaker), Arapahoe (Darren Hatch), Maxwell (Chuck Humphrey), Elm Creek (Stan Wissel), Wauneta-Palisade (Charles Isom), Crawford (Casey Walker), Leyton (Glen Lipska), Overton (**Glenn Snodgrass**), Anselmo-Merna (Brian Fangmeyer)

2004 Final Class D-1 Top 10 (Stu Pospisil- Omaha World Herald)

- 1 Howells - 13-0, (618-109) {47.5-8.4}**
- 2. Humphrey St. Francis - 9-2, (507-162)**
- 3. Friend - 8-0, (389-56)**
- 4. Overton- 11-2, (548-142)**
- 5. Diller Odell - 10-2, (430-258)**
- 6. Falls City Sacred Heart - 8-3, (404-170)**
- 7. Elgin Pope John- 10-2, (329-128)**
- 8. Spencer-Naper - 9-1, (370-96)**
- 9. Lawrence-Nelson - 9-2, (404-196)**
- 10 Arapahoe - 10-1, (468-174)**

2004 Class D-1 (Eight-Man 1)

First Round:

- (7-1) Diller-Odell 54, Humboldt-TRS 20 (4-4)
- (5-3) Nebraska City Lourdes 22, Omaha Christian Academy 10 (6-2)
- (6-2) Falls City Sacred Heart 32, Shelby 6 (4-4)
- (7-1) Exeter-Milligan 40, Lewiston 6 (5-3)
- (8-0) Howells 48, Osmond 0 (4-4)
- (6-2) Wausa 54, Bancroft-Rosalie 44 (6-2)
- (5-3) Winside 53, Cedar Bluffs 12 (7-1)
- (7-1) Humphrey St. Francis 47, Leigh 0 (4-4)
- (8-0) Spencer-Naper 20, Spalding/Spalding Academy 6 (5-3)
- (7-1) Elgin Pope John 42, Harvard 8 (5-3)
- (6-2) Newman Grove 48, Axtell 0 (5-3)
- (7-1) Lawrence-Nelson 58, Silver Lake 36 (5-3)
- (8-0) Arapahoe 54, Maxwell 6 (5-3)
- (7-1) Elm Creek 49, Wauneta-Palisade 28 (6-2)
- (7-1) Crawford 44, Leyton 7 (5-3)
- (7-1) Overton 55, Anselmo-Merna 0 (4-4)

Second Round:

- (8-1) Diller-Odell 19, Nebraska City Lourdes 6 (6-3)
- (7-2) Falls City Sacred Heart 42, Exeter-Milligan 6 (8-1)
- (9-0) Howells 61, Wausa 6 (7-2)
- (8-1) Humphrey St. Francis 54, Winside 8 (6-3)
- (8-1) Elgin Pope John 25, Spencer-Naper 24 (9-0)
- (8-1) Lawrence-Nelson 22, Newman Grove 14 (7-2)
- (9-0) Arapahoe 30, Elm Creek 28 (8-1)
- (8-1) Overton 45, Crawford 0 (8-1)

Quarterfinals:

(9-1) Diller-Odell 28, Falls City Sacred Heart 24 (8-2)

(10-0) Howells 30, Humphrey St. Francis 6 (9-1)

(9-1) Elgin Pope John 33, Lawrence-Nelson 25 (9-1)

(9-1) Overton 58, Arapahoe 14 (10-0)

Semifinals:

(11-0) Howells 54, Diller-Odell 7 (10-1)

(10-1) Overton 30, Elgin Pope John 14 (10-1)

Final:

(12-0) Howells 43, Overton 6 (11-2)

Championship Coach: Mike Speirs

2004 Class D-1 (Eight Man 1) Offense

QB--Joe Irlmeier-Elgin Pope John, 6-1, 190, Senior

RB--Trevin Stutzman-Friend, 6-0, 190, Senior

RB--Josh Warren- Overton, 6-0, 195, Senior

RB--Travis Wegener-Humphrey St. Francis, 5-10, 200, Junior

End-Michael Cacy-Arapahoe, 6-1, 190, Senior

OL--Orion Matthies-Overton, 6-6, 310, Senior

OL--Bart Harm-Harvard, 6-1, 210, Junior

OL--Josh Choate- Falls City Sacred Heart, 6-3, 270, Senior

Kicker-Scott Nilus-Omaha Christian Academy, 5-9, 157, Junior

2004 Class D-1 (Eight Man 1) Defense

DL--Steven Bazata-Howells, 6-4, 241, Senior

DL--Travis Nitsch-Overton, 6-3, 245, Senior

LB--Craig Brester-Howells, 6-1, 190, Senior

LB--Scott Bayer-Howells, 6-1, 218, Junior

LB--Jared Janssen- Rushville, 5-10, 190, Senior

LB--Jeff Mimick-Spencer-Naper, 6-0, 205, Senior

DB--Philip Schroer-Lawrence Nelson, 6-0, 170, Senior

DB--Spencer Eisenmenger-Humphrey St. Francis, 5-10, 170, Senior

Punter-John Noojin-Deshler, 6-0, 185, Senior

Class D-2 Playoff Qualifiers (Head Coaches)

Clay Center (Steve Johnson), Humphrey (Ryan Luther), Dodge (Ron Lund), St. Edward (Rich Lemburg), Nemaha Valley (Doug Schnack), Sterling (Arlo Wusk), Bruning-Davenport (Mark Rotter/Chris Ardissono), Shickley (Bob Floth), Lindsay Holy Family (Rusty Rautenberg), Clearwater (Rod Brummels), Stuart (Lance Howitt), Butte (Steve Colfack), Ewing (Brock Eichelberger), Wynot (Ron Rolfes) Bloomfield (Jim Dooley), Newcastle (Bart Kneilf), Sargent (Mike Kozeal), Sumner-Eddyville-Miller (Scott Franzen), Pleasanton (Ricci Westland), Arnold (Andy Schwarz), Loomis (Denis Reese), Sandhills (Reggie Smith), Bertrand (Brent Streeter), Kenesaw (Craig Schnitzler), Hayes Center (Jim Cole), Minatare (Jason Mitchell), Stapleton (Dan Hutchinson), Wallace (Shannon Messersmith), Potter-Dix (Mike Mitchell), Banner County (Kenny Hesseler), Mullen (Mike Brown), Cody-Kilgore (Duke Waln).

2004 Final Class D-2 Top 10 (Stu Pospisil- Omaha World Herald)

- 1. Lindsay Holy Family - 13-0 (585-119) {45.-9.2}**
 - 2. Mullen - 11-2 (675-273)**
 - 3. Bruning Davenport - 10-2 (570-231)**
 - 4. Loomis - 8-4 (449-336)**
 - 5. Bloomfield - 10-1 (537-134)**
 - 6. Sargent - 10-1 (437-137)**
 - 7. Bertrand - 9-1 (489-173)**
 - 8. Dodge - 8-3 (455-224)**
 - 9. Stapleton - 8-3 (424-300)**
 - 10 Clay Center - 9-1 (442-194)**
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2004 Class D-2 (Eight-Man-2)

First Round:

- (8-0) Clay Center 46, Humphrey 12 (4-4)
(6-2) Dodge 50, St. Edward 26 (6-2)
(6-2) Nemaha Valley 40, Sterling 28 (5-3)
(7-1) Bruning-Davenport 50, Shickley 0 (3-5)
(8-0) Lindsay Holy Family 50, Clearwater 6 (4-4)
(6-2) Stuart 41, Butte 12 (6-2)
(7-1) Ewing 36, Wynot 22 (5-3)
(8-0) Bloomfield 62, Newcastle 14 (5-3)
(8-0) Sargent 39, Sumner-Eddyville-Miller 8 (4-4)
(6-2) Pleasanton 39, Arnold 22 (5-3)
(5-3) Loomis 36, Sandhills 20 (5-3)
(8-0) Bertrand 56, Kenesaw 6 (4-4)
(8-0) Hayes Center 65, Minatare 20 (5-3)

(6-2) Stapleton 22, Wallace 20 (7-1)
(7-1) Potter-Dix 20, Banner County 16 (5-3)
(7-1) Mullen 46, Cody-Kilgore 0 (4-4)

Second Round:

(7-2) Dodge 56, Clay Center 30 (8-1)
(8-1) Bruning-Davenport 64, Nemaha Valley 30 (7-2)
(9-0) Lindsay Holy Family 46, Stuart 13 (7-2)
(9-0) Bloomfield 42, Ewing 12 (8-1)
(9-0) Sargent 41, Pleasanton 6 (7-2)
(6-3) Loomis 48, Bertrand 16 (9-0)
(7-2) Stapleton 48, Hayes Center 40 (9-0)
(8-1) Mullen 48, Potter-Dix 24 (8-1)

Quarterfinals:

(9-1) Bruning-Davenport 42, Dodge 36 (8-2)
(10-0) Lindsay Holy Family 34, Bloomfield 0 (10-0)
(7-3) Loomis 42, Sargent 38 (10-0)
(9-1) Mullen 52, Stapleton 14 (8-2)

Semifinals:

(11-0) Lindsay Holy Family 44, Bruning-Davenport 22 (10-0)
(10-1) Mullen 72, Loomis 30 (7-3)

Final:

(12-0) Lindsay Holy Family 36, Mullen 18 (11-1)
Championship Coach: Rusty Rautenberg

2004 Class D-2 (Eight Man 2) Offense

QB--Drew Billeter-Loomis, 6-1, 165, Senior

RB--Steven Dent-Mullen, 5-10, 175, Senior***

RB--Brian Ortmeier-Dodge, 6-0, 180, Senior

RB--Josh Rohde-SEM, 6-0, 201, Junior

End-Lance Thorell-Loomis, 6-0, 165, Sophomore

OL---Kyle Klassen-Lindsay Holy Family, 6-1, 210, Senior

OL--Jesse Hoffmeister Saint Edward, 6-4, 240, Senior

OL--Tom Dahlseid-Bloomfield, 6-2, 250, Junior

Kicker--Jerry Klassen-Lindsay Holy Family, 6-3, 185, Senior

2004 Class D-2 (Eight Man 2) Defense

DL--Isaac Kuck-Bertrand, 6-1, 205, Senior

DL--Casey Bender Lindsey Holy Family, 6-6, 240, Senior

LB--Jared Rohrer-Bloomfield, 5-11, 238, Senior

LB--Jeff Jarecki-Lindsay Holy Family, 6-0, 200, Senior

LB--Taylor Spencer Mullen, 6-1, 195, Senior

LB--Matt Hadenfeldt Lynch, 6-1, 175, Senior

DB--Cort Scheer-Sandhills, 5-10, 170, Senior

DB--Kole Ficken-Bruning-Davenport, 6-1, 195, Junior

Punter-Jeff Mannlien-Sargent, 6-2, 205, Junior
