



MARK OLSEN – HAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL

There was no more dominant player in 8-Man Football during the early 1970's than Mark Olsen of Hampton. From 1970 to 1973, he became a star dual-threat quarterback for Hall of Fame Coach Jim Connick and the Hawks. He was an elite multi-sport athlete, but Mark was best known for his exploits on the gridiron as a 3-year varsity stand-out. During his prolific junior and senior campaigns, he led the team to back-to-back undefeated seasons and the 1973 Eight-Man State Title. Along the way, Mark compiled 4,232 career yards and scored 95 total touchdowns (37 Rushing/58 Passing). He was named 1st Team All-Crossroads Conference, 1st Team All-Area, and 1st Team All-State on multiple occasions and was also selected to play in the 1974 Nebraska Shrine Bowl (an extremely rare honor for 8-Man players in that era and a true reflection of the level of his talents). Mark finished his athletic career playing basketball at Wayne State College, but he is most proud of playing *for* Coach Connick and *with* superb teammates throughout his high school career at Hampton. The NEMFCA is honored to now welcome him into the Eight Man Football Hall of Fame Class of 2026.