

2000 Class D-1 (Eight-Man 1)

DENOTES: 8-Man Hall of Fame Inductee

****119 Teams played 8-Man football in 2000.** For the first time in five seasons, the playoff fields in all classes shrunk from 32 to 16 teams. The 16 team playoff fields in 8-Man football lasted just two years. This season also witnessed the start of one of Nebraska 8-Man's premier Dynasties: The Howells Bobcats of the 2000's- led by Hall of Fame **Coach Mike Speirs**.

2000 Final Class D-1 Top 10 (Stu Pospisil- Omaha World Herald)

- 1 Howells - 13-0, (568-197)**
- 2 Humphrey St. Francis - 9-2, (438-176)**
- 3. Lawrence-Nelson - 11-2, (5144-191)**
- 4. Falls City Sacred Heart - 11-1, (568-178)**
- 5. Kenesaw - 10-2, (448-144)**
- 6. Cedar Bluffs - 7-3, (430-198)**
- 7. Sterling - 9-1, (460-105)**
- 8. Pleasanton - 8-3, (280-171)**
- 9. Polk-Hordville - 8-1, (382-190)**
- 10 Culbertson - 9-1, (473-143)**

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1st Round:

- (7-2) Nebraska Christian (Jeff Hower) 23-20 St. Edward (Rich Lemburg) (7-2)
(9-0) FCSH (**Doug Goltz**) 38-14 Omaha Christian (Tim Hamilton) (7-2)
(8-1) Humphrey SF (Tom Ridder) 41-16 Sterling (**Arlo Wusk**) (9-0)
(9-0) Howells (Mike Speirs) 40-28 Cedar Bluffs (Mitch Egger) (7-2)
(7-2) Pleasanton (Ricci Westland) 34-20 Ans.-Merna (Greg Wemhoff) (8-1)
(8-1) Kenesaw (Leeland Skeen) 36-14 High Plains (**Andy Vrbka**) (8-0)
(8-1) Law.-Nelson (**Gary DeBoer**) 41-20 Culbertson (Jeff Messersmith) (9-0)
(7-2) Orchard (Dan Sich) 52-2 Hyannis (Lucas Lechman) (9-0)

Quarterfinals:

(10-0) Falls City Sacred Heart 68-20 Nebraska Christian (8-2)

(10-0) Howells 14-0 Humphrey St. Francis (9-1)

(9-1) Kenesaw 14-12 Pleasanton (8-2)

(9-1) Lawrence-Nelson 38-12 Orchard (8-2)

Semifinals:

(11-0) Howells 42- Falls City Sacred Heart (11-0)

(10-1) Lawrence-Nelson 26-14 Kenesaw (9-1)

Final: (12-0) Howells 38-14 Lawrence-Nelson (11-1)

Champion: Howells 13-0 - Head Coach – Mike Speirs

2000 Class D-1 All-State Offense

WR--Jeremy Hoefs-Bancroft-Rosalie, 6-1, 180, Senior

WR--Scotty McPeak-Nebraska Christian, 6-1, 165, Senior

OL--Jeremy Cordero-Omaha Christian, 6-0, 300, Junior

OL--Andy Wemhoff-Humphrey St. Francis, 5-11, 205, Senior

OL--Jerron Suck-Kenesaw, 6-4, 210, Senior

QB--Andrew Shanle-St. Edward, 6-1, 175, Junior

RB--Alan Bohaboj-Howells, 5-7, 148, Senior

RB--Brandon Hagen-Culbertson, 6-3, 240, Senior

Kicker-Brandon Bonk-Falls City Sacred Heart, 5-11, 230, Senior

2000 Class D-1 All-State Defense

DL--Brad Metz-Pleasanton, 6-1, 185, Senior

DL--Adam Eickman-Lawrence-Nelson, 5-6, 150, Senior

DL--Ted Straub-Waterloo, 6-1, 230, Senior

LB--Anthony Weaver-Falls City Sacred Heart, 6-1, 215, Junior

LB--Matt Mastny-Howells, 6-0, 182, Senior

LB--Ben Hansen-Cedar Bluffs, 6-0, 190, Junior

DB--Jake Weyers-Sterling, 5-10, 165, Senior

DB--Mitch Blum-Howells, 6-0, 175, Senior

Punter-Joel Grotrian-Johnson-Brock, 6-2, 185, Senior

2000 Final Class D-2 Top 10 (Stu Pospisil- Omaha World Herald)

- 1. Lindsay Holy Family - 12-1 (510-159)**
- 2. Sargent- 12-1 (465-166)**
- 3. Greeley - 11-1 (510-87)**
- 4. Dunning Sandhills - 10-2 (532-155)**
- 5. Dalton Leyton - 10-1 (634-177)**
- 6. Nebraska City Lourdes - 8-3 (362-144)**
- 7. Elgin Pope John - 8-2 (346-150)**
- 8. Ewing - 8-2 (362-200)**
- 9. Shickley - 8-2 (392-132)**
- 10 Hayes Center - 6-4 (333-263)**

2000 Class D-2 (Eight-Man-2)

1st Round:

- (8-1) Lindsay HF (Rusty Rautenberg) 53-6 Prague (Gary Brown) (5-4)
(6-3) Coleridge (Ken Swanson) 54-8 Benedict (Lynn Jurgens) (6-3)
(8-1) NC Lourdes (Andy Fedoris) 26-0 Shickley (Gary Filipi) (8-1)
(9-0) Greeley (Dennis Hurlburt) 40-0 Silver Creek (Scott Porter) (5-3)
(9-0) Sargent (Mike Kozeal) 20-14 Elgin Pope John (Mark Koch) (8-1)
(5-3) Hayes Center (**Jim Cole**) 28-24 Ansley (Mike Sorenson) (8-1)
(8-1) Dunning Sandhills (Reggie Smith) 54-22 Ewing (Jim Crilly) (8-1)
(9-0) Dalton Leyton (**Harlin Dormann**) 50-0 Petersburg (Mike Kennedy) (7-2)

Quarterfinals:

- (9-1) Lindsay Holy Family 46-0 Coleridge (7-3)
(10-0) Greeley 12-8 Nebraska City Lourdes (9-1)
(10-0) Sargent 36-24 Hayes Center (6-3)
(9-1) Dunning Sandhills 30-24 Dalton Leyton (10-0)

Semifinals:

- (10-1) Lindsay Holy Family 36-12 Greeley (11-0)
(11-0) Sargent 34-20 Dunning Sandhills (10-1)

Final: (11-1) Lindsay Holy Family 28-24 Sargent (12-0)

Champion: Lindsay HF (12-1), Head Coach: Rusty Rautenberg

2000 Class D-2 All-State Offense

End-Levi Gray-Harrison, 6-4, 175, Senior

End-Jason Herbert-Verdigre, 5-10, 150, Senior

OL--Tony Kurtenbach-Lindsay Holy Family, 6-1, 225, Senior

OL--Wyatt Johnston-Dunning-Sandhills, 5-11, 225, Senior

OL--Matt Mitchell-Dalton Leyton, 5-9, 235, Senior

QB--Brandon Holtorf-Prague, 5-10, 165, Senior

RB--Jared Franzluebbers, Dodge, 6-0, 205, Senior

RB--Carl Jarecki-Lindsay Holy Family, 5-9, 175, Senior

Kicker-Brad Schlegel-Shickley, 5-10, 200, Senior

2000 Class D-2 All-State Defense

DL--Mike Smith-Sargent, 6-4, 205, Senior

DL--Kory White-Nebraska City Lourdes, 6-1, 205, Senior

LB--Mat Korth-Greeley, 5-9, 175, Senior

LB--Tyson Cox-Dunning-Sandhills, 6-0, 160, Senior

LB--Matt Woodward-North Loup/Scotia, 6-0, 185, Senior

LB--Reggie Twarling-Dalton Leyton, 6-2, 190, Junior

DB--Tim Wiese-Lindsay Holy Family, 5-10, 175, Senior

DB--Brian Selting-Elgin Pope John, 6-1, 180, Junior

Punter-Adam Schueth-Ewing, 5-10, 185, Senior