

1996

The 1996 State Football Playoffs' first games were played October 22 with Class C2 qualifying rounds. Class C1 began qualifying play on October 24th. Class B and 8-man Classes D1 and D2 and also 6-man Class D3 began play October 31st. On Wednesday, November 6, there were 16 teams remaining in all classes. Playoff rounds continued with quarterfinals on November 11, semifinals on November 16. Finals were held in all classes at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln for the first time on November 21 (D3, D2), November 22 (D1, A) and November 23 (B, C1, C2). State finals attendance was 17,025 Class A was made up of the 25 largest schools playing football; the next 31 largest were Class B; the next 64 schools Class C1 and the remainder of the schools playing 11-man football were Class C2. The D1 and D2 schools were all schools playing 8-man football. There were 56 schools in each 8-man class. Class D3 had 21 schools playing 6-man football.

Class A

First Round

Papillion-LaVista 28, Millard West 0
Omaha Central 40, Norfolk 32
Creighton Prep 13, Grand Island 0
Omaha Westside 34, Lincoln Northeast 33
OT
Lincoln Southeast 28, Omaha Benson 7
Fremont 35, Omaha Burke 27
Millard North 66, Omaha North 3
Millard South 15, North Platte 13

Quarterfinals

Papillion-LaVista 38, Omaha Central 0
Creighton Prep 35, Omaha Westside 34
Lincoln Southeast 21, Fremont 0
Millard South 24, Millard North 21

Semifinals

Papillion-LaVista 28 Creighton Prep 14
Millard South 10, Lincoln Southeast 0

Final

Papillion-LaVista 35, Millard South 6

Class B

Qualifying Rounds

Scottsbluff 7, Alliance 2
Chadron 21, Gering 14
Lexington 47, Sidney 14
McCook 54, Ogallala 0
Hastings 43, Aurora 0
Grand Island NW 54, Holdrege 6
Crete 43, Schuyler 6
York 21, Seward 13
Lincoln Pius X 55, Beatrice 6
Waverly 33, Norris 13
Platteview 46, Plattsmouth 6
Omaha Gross 27, Omaha Roncalli 12
Omaha Skutt 14, Ralston 6
Elkhorn 42, Boys Town 14
South Sioux City, Blair

First Round

Scottsbluff 44, Chadron 13
Hastings 21, Grand Island NW 3
McCook 43, Lexington 12
Crete 16, York 14
Lincoln Pius X 35, Waverly 3
Nebraska City 34, Platteview 12
Omaha Gross 17, Omaha Skutt 0
Elkhorn 55, South Sioux City 0

Quarterfinals

Scottsbluff 22, Hastings 19
Crete 25, McCook 7
Lincoln Pius X 40, Nebraska City 0
Elkhorn 35, Omaha Gross 7

Semifinals

Crete 22, Scottsbluff 14
Elkhorn 26, Lincoln Pius X 13

Final

Elkhorn 19, Crete 14

Class C1

Qualifying Round 1

Bridgeport 49, Morrill 7
Hemingford 14, Kimball 13
Imperial-Chase County 62, Mitchell 0
Gordon 63, Bayard 6
Wood River 56, Gibbon 6
Minden 35, Cozad 7
Gothenburg 20, Centura 0
Southern Valley 16, Hershey 12
Battle Creek 33, Neligh-Oakdale 0
Crofton 39, Wayne 7
Pierce 35, Madison 6
Elkhorn Valley 27, Albion 6
St. Paul 44, Atkinson West Holt 23
Ord 27, Ainsworth 22
O'Neill 32, Valentine 14
Broken Bow 22, Loup City 13
Elkhorn Mt. Michael 49, Arlington 0
Fort Calhoun 14, Valley 6
Logan View 6, Tekamah-Herman 3
Gretna 39, Omaha Flanagan 12
Auburn 54, Ashland-Greenwood 6
Tri County 15, Conestoga 6
Falls City 36, Syracuse 12
Raymond Central 56, Wilber-Clatonia 7
Aquinas Catholic 48, David City 0
Wahoo Neumann 28, Columbus Scotus 13
West Point 34, North Bend Central 27
Wahoo 35, Columbus Lakeview 7

Milford 42, Grand Island CC 0

Geneva 9, Centennial 7
Superior 28, Central City 13
Adams Central 26, Fairbury 7

Qualifying Round 2

Bridgeport 22, Hemingford 18
Imperial-Chase County 35, Gordon 13
Wood River 16, Minden 14
Gothenburg 34, Southern Valley 22
Battle Creek 37, Crofton 6
Elkhorn Valley 26, Pierce 21
Ord 21, St. Paul 20
O'Neill 27, Broken Bow 24 OT
Elkhorn Mt. Michael 15, Fort Calhoun 8
Logan View 14, Gretna 12
Auburn 30, Tri County 0
Raymond Central 26, Falls City 14
Wahoo Neumann 13, Aquinas Catholic 8
West Point 14, Wahoo 7
Milford 47, Geneva 21
Superior 21, Adams Central 20 OT

First Round

Imperial Chase County 35, Bridgeport 14
Wood River 35, Gothenburg 12
Battle Creek 25, Elkhorn Valley 0
O'Neill 13, Ord 12
Elkhorn Mt. Michael 47, Logan View 28
Auburn 16, Raymond Central 12
Wahoo Neumann 28, West Point 0
Milford 56, Superior 12

Quarterfinals

Imperial 56, Wood River 13
Battle Creek 31, O'Neill 0
Auburn 32, Elkhorn Mt. Michael 13
Milford 21, Wahoo Neumann 17

Semifinals

Battle Creek 14, Imperial 7
Milford 27, Auburn 14

Final

Milford 14, Battle Creek 12

Class C2

Qualifying Round 1

Cambridge 55, North Platte St. Patrick 0
Grant 28, Sutherland 6
Republican Valley 22, Rushville 14
Dundy County 55, Arapahoe 0
Burwell 21, Bertrand 8
Shelton 26, Kearney Catholic 25
Ravenna 37, Alma 12
Rock County 42, Franklin 6
Sandy Creek 44, Bruning Davenport 14
Hastings St. Cecilia 35, Silver Lake 6
Blue Hill 34, Sutton 9
Red Cloud 13, Doniphan 7
Nebraska Lutheran 49, Fullerton 14
Shelby 16, Genoa 0
Henderson 27, Stromsburg 7
East Butler 43, Osceola 14
Bloomfield 48, Randolph 20
Plainview 36, Hartington 7
Stanton 10, Hartington CC 7 OT
Norfolk Catholic 48, Osmond 20
Winside 39, Ponca 14
Wakefield 20, Pender 14
Laurel-Concord 37, Wisner-Pilger 6
Emerson-Hubbard 28, Homer 6
Oakland-Craig 30, Omaha Central Christian
0
Louisville 27, Yutan 26
Bennington 35, West Point CC 0
Fremont Bergan 48, Lyons-Decatur NE 18
Elmwood-Murdock 21, Malcolm 0
Hebron 43, Deshler 8
Palmyra 31, Weeping Water 12
Tecumseh 35, Lincoln Christian 20

Qualifying Round 2

Cambridge 47, Grant 6
Republican Valley 25, Dundy County 15
Burwell 29, Shelton 21
Rock County 21, Ravenna 0
Hastings St. Cecilia 13, Sandy Creek 6
Blue Hill 20, Red Cloud 0
Nebraska Lutheran 44, Shelby 6

Henderson 22, East Butler 15
Bloomfield 42, Plainview 25
Norfolk Catholic 28, Stanton 7
Laurel-Concord 21, Emerson-Hubbard 14
Winside 30, Wakefield 26
Oakland-Craig 14, Louisville 7
Fremont Bergan 46, Bennington 14
Hebron 18, Elmwood-Murdock 14
Tecumseh 21, Palmyra 14

First Round

Cambridge 33, Republican Valley 0
Burwell 27, Rock County 6
Hastings St. Cecilia 34, Blue Hill 0
Nebraska Lutheran 26, Henderson 20 OT
Norfolk Catholic 27, Bloomfield 16
Laurel-Concord 29, Winside 13
Oakland-Craig 14, Fremont Bergan 2
Tecumseh 34, Hebron 28

Quarterfinals

Cambridge 56, Burwell 24
Hastings St. Cecilia 27, Nebraska Lutheran
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Norfolk Catholic 24, Laurel-Concord 18
Tecumseh 28, Oakland-Craig 26 OT

Semifinals

Cambridge 36, Hastings St. Cecilia 13
Norfolk Catholic 27, Tecumseh

Final

Cambridge 35, Norfolk Catholic 16

Class D1

Qualifying Round

Mullen 54, Chappell 8
Hay Springs 16, Crawford 14
Eustis/Farnam 50, Medicine Valley 14
South Platte 52, Leyton 12
Elwood 74, Sargent 28
Spencer-Naper 24, Ansley 14
North Loup-Scotia 50, Axtell 0
Anselmo-Merna 58, Overton 36
St. Edward 46, Niobrara 14
Dodge 54, Clarkson 6
Bancroft-Rosalie 52, Wausa 18
Mead 38, Orchard 34
Friend 34, Meridian 6
Kenesaw 29, Nelson 8
Sterling 66, Polk-Hordville 21
SE Nebraska Consolidated 36, Palmer 14

First Round

Mullen 44, Hay Springs 12
Eustis/Farnam 47, South Platte 22
Spencer-Naper 56, Elwood 20
Anselmo-Merna 44, North Loup-Scotia 38
Dodge 50, St. Edward 0
Mead 34, Bancroft-Rosalie 28
Friend 46, Kenesaw 0
Sterling 38, SE Nebraska Consolidated 28

Quarterfinals

Mullen 34, Eustis/Farnam 15
Anselmo-Merna 60, Spencer-Naper 30
Dodge 72, Mead 36
Friend 30, Sterling 22

Semifinals

Anselmo-Merna 40, Mullen 34
Dodge 66, Friend 20

Final

Dodge 42, Anselmo-Merna 34

Class D2

Qualifying Round

Arnold 38, Potter-Dix 24
Hayes Center 46, Paxton 14
Loomis 46, Sandhills 26
Lodgepole 36, Wallace 16
Elgin 54, Chambers 6
Pope John 42, Clearwater 20
Amherst 58, Giltner 12
Butte 53, Wheeler Central 0
Humphrey St. Francis 67, Wynot 12
Petersburg 44, Newcastle 32
Waterloo 20, Beemer 32
Coleridge 57, Allen 12
Falls City SH 52, Lincoln Lutheran 6
Lewiston 56, Clarks 14
Shickley 58, Diller 12
Table Rock 58, Nebraska City Lourdes 12

First Round

Hayes Center 52, Arnold 6
Loomis 44, Lodgepole 6
Pope John 28, Elgin 22
Butte 45, Amherst 6
Humphrey St. Francis 64, Petersburg 17
Coleridge 41, Waterloo 19
Falls City Sacred Heart 66, Lewiston 22
Shickley 54, Table Rock-Steinauer 6

Quarterfinals

Hayes Center 42, Loomis 36
Butte 39, Pope John 6
Humphrey St. Francis 43, Coleridge 6
Falls City Sacred Heart 24, Shickley 14

Semifinals

Butte 26, Hayes Center 20
Humphrey SF 33, Falls City SH 26

Final

Humphrey St. Francis 37, Butte 20

Class D3

Qualifying Round

Taylor-Loup County 64, Spalding 8
McPherson County 50, Cody-Kilgore 20
Prague 71, Rising City 34
Trumbull 55, Nebraska School for Deaf 7
Bradshaw 52, Guide Rock

First Round

Arcadia 59, Taylor-Loup County 40
Elba 19, Spalding Academy 12
Arthur 62, Hildreth 12
Wolbach 25, McPherson County 16
Milligan 57, Prague 12
Lawrence 68, McCool Junction 32
Benedict 77, Trumbull 48
Monroe 61, Bradshaw 13

Quarterfinals

Elba 22, Arcadia 21
Wolbach 85, Arthur 50
Milligan 48, Lawrence 0
Benedict 32, Monroe 28

Semifinals

Wolbach 80, Elba 55
Milligan 36, Benedict 18

Final

Wolbach 54, Milligan 20