2014 NSAA Football Championships

The State Football Playoffs began on Thursday, October 31 for Classes D1 and D2. Thirty-two teams qualified for the playoffs in D1 and D2. Second-round games were schedule for Wednesday, November 5. Playoff rounds for D1 and D2 continued with the quarterfinals on November 11. D1 and D2 semifinals were on Monday, November 17. Classes A, B, C1 and C2 qualified 16 for the playoffs and played its first-round games on October 31 and its second-round games on November 7. Class A, B, C1 and C2 semifinals were played on November 14. Championship finals for all classes were held at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln for the 19th consecutive year. Classes D2, D1 and A played their championship finals on November 24, while C2, C1 and B played November 25. Paid attendance for state finals: 15,271.

Class A was made up of the 28 largest schools playing football. The top three teams in the four districts and the next four teams with the highest wild-card point average advanced to the playoffs. The next 32 largest schools were Class B. The eight district champions and the next eight teams with the highest wild-card point average made the playoffs. The next 47 schools were Class C1. The remaining schools playing 11-man football (48) were Class C2. Classes D1 and D2 consisted of all schools playing 8-man football. There were 54 in D1 and 54 in D2. Eight schools playing eight-man were above the playoff eligibility enrollment limit. In Classes C1 and C2 the eight district champions and the next 8 teams with the highest wild-card point average qualified for the playoffs. In Classes D1 and D2 the 10 district champions and the next 22 teams with the highest wild-card point average qualified for the playoffs.

2014 Football Results

CLASS A

First Round

Omaha North 50, Lincoln Southwest 16 Kearney 14, Norfolk 10 Millard West 37, Omaha Westside 13 Grand Island 40, Columbus 0 Creighton Preparatory School 35, Omaha Burke 0 Omaha Central 21, Lincoln East 14 Papillion-La Vista South 42, Bellevue West 21 Millard North 62, Bellevue East 27

Ouarterfinals

Omaha North 54, Kearney 14 Grand Island 21, Millard West 6 Creighton Preparatory School 30, Omaha Central 27 Papillion-La Vista South 38, Millard North 35

Semifinals

Omaha North 48, Grand Island 14 Creighton Preparatory School 28, Papillion-La Vista South 0

Championship Final

Omaha North 41, Creighton Preparatory School 0 *Championship Coach: Larry Martin*

CLASS B

First Round

Omaha Skutt Catholic 35, Waverly 0 Seward 24, Sidney 14 Beatrice 42, Elkhorn South 35 Scottsbluff 41, Aurora 33 McCook 38, Omaha Gross Catholic 25 Blair 31, Crete 22 Elkhorn 27, York 24 Gretna 49, Lincoln Pius X 34

Ouarterfinals

Omaha Skutt Catholic 17, Seward 13 Scottsbluff 30, Beatrice 28 McCook 13, Blair 7 Elkhorn 10, Gretna 7

Semifinals

Omaha Skutt Catholic 28, Scottsbluff 7 Elkhorn 24, McCook 10

Championship Final

Omaha Skutt Catholic 40, Elkhorn 10 *Championship Coach: Matt Turman*

CLASS C1

First Round

Ashland-Greenwood 48, Central City 14
Grand Island Central Catholic 35, Wilber-Clatonia 34 OT
Chadron 6, Ogallala 0
Cozad 41, Fort Calhoun 13
Columbus Scotus 35, Pierce 7
Kearney Catholic 27, Boys Town 26 OT
Norfolk Catholic 35, Falls City 6
Boone Central/Newman Grove 48, Milford-Dorchester 7

Ouarterfinals

Ashland-Greenwood 37, Grand Island Central Catholic 7 Cozad 41, Chadron 17 Kearney Catholic 22, Columbus Scotus 21 Boone Central/Newman Grove 23, Norfolk Catholic 17

Semifinals

Ashland-Greenwood 34, Cozad 7 Boone Central/Newman Grove 34, Kearney Catholic 7

Championship Final

Boone Central/Newman Grove 54, Ashland-Greenwood 14

Championship Coach: Arnold Johnson

CLASS C2

First Round

Battle Creek 31, Lutheran High Northeast 10 Archbishop Bergan 26, Malcolm 0 Aquinas Catholic 45, Gibbon 12 Hastings St. Cecilia 42, Southern 7 Freeman 26, Stanton 21 Hartington Cedar Catholic 27, Sutton 14 Oakland-Craig 47, Fillmore Central 19 North Platte St. Patrick's 30, Southern Valley 12

Ouarterfinals

Battle Creek 37, Archbishop Bergan 0 Aquinas Catholic 21, Hastings St. Cecilia 10 Hartington Cedar Catholic 41, Freeman 7 Oakland-Craig 41, North Platte St. Patrick's 21

Semifinals

Aquinas Catholic 31, Battle Creek 20 Hartington Cedar Catholic 19, Oakland-Craig 0

Championship Final

Aquinas Catholic 40, Hartington Cedar Catholic 6 *Championship Coach: Ron Mimick*

CLASS D1

First Round

Creighton 56, Twin Loup 7

Neligh-Oakdale 46, Elgin Public/Pope John 22

Elm Creek 67, Arapahoe 22

Burwell 52, Perkins County 20

Hemingford 71, Shelton 14

Blue Hill 55, North Central 29

Amherst 50, Ansley-Litchfield 22

Fullerton 72, Sutherland 30

Friend 62, Cross County 8

Diller-Odell 67, High Plains Community 30

Guardian Angels Central Catholic 64, Pawnee City 2

Howells-Dodge 60, Cedar Bluffs 14

Heartland 74, Lourdes Central Catholic 6

Clarkson/Leigh 34, Hartington-Newcastle 26

Bloomfield 66, Scribner-Snyder 56

BDS 50, Omaha Christian Academy 0

Second Round

Creighton 50, Neligh-Oakdale 35

Elm Creek 33, Burwell 20

Hemingford 12, Blue Hill 6

Fullerton 40, Amherst 30

Friend 60, Diller-Odell 19

Guardian Angels Central Catholic 26, Howells-

Dodge 14

Heartland 74, Clarkson/Leigh 30

BDS 60, Bloomfield 20

Ouarterfinals

Elm Creek 30, Creighton 8

Hemingford 56, Fullerton 6

Guardian Angels Central Catholic 46, Friend 26

BDS 24, Heartland 20

Semifinals

Hemingford 26, Elm Creek 15

BDS 44, Guardian Angels Central Catholic 40

Championship Final

Hemingford 52, BDS 8

Championship Coach: Jordan Haas

CLASS D2

First Round

Exeter-Milligan 56, Red Cloud 6

CWC 49, Wynot 26

Giltner 74, Lawrence-Nelson 36

Humphrey St. Francis 70, St. Mary's 14

Kenesaw 54, Meridian 26

Randolph 54, Bancroft-Rosalie 14

Falls City Sacred Heart 52, Emerson-Hubbard 13

Stuart 48, Osceola 0

Anselmo-Merna 76, Southwest 20

Paxton 52, Potter-Dix 40

Elwood 56, Loomis 0

Sandhills/Thedford 49, Hitchcock County 0

Maxwell 62, Medicine Valley 42

Bertrand 48, Hay Springs 20

Brady 48, Overton 36

Garden County 28, Mullen 20

Second Round

Exeter-Milligan 58, CWC 18

Humphrey St. Francis 38, Giltner 6

Kenesaw 53, Randolph 40

Falls City Sacred Heart 44, Stuart 20

Anselmo-Merna 74, Paxton 13

Sandhills/Thedford 55, Elwood 22

Maxwell 72, Bertrand 32

Garden County 44, Brady 40

Ouarterfinals

Exeter-Milligan 28, Humphrey St. Francis 26

Falls City Sacred Heart 62, Kenesaw 46

Anselmo-Merna 44, Sandhills/Thedford 8

Maxwell 32, Garden County 28

Semifinals

Exeter-Milligan 28, Falls City Sacred Heart 22 Anselmo-Merna 56, Maxwell 36

Championship Final

Exeter-Milligan 40, Anselmo-Merna 26

Championship Coach: Dean Filipi