

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FAST FACTS – Going into 2008

Play-off Timeline: 1972 – (4 classes: 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A); 4 qualifiers per class
1975 - 8 qualifiers per class
1981 – A fifth class is added -- Class A
1984 - 8 qualifiers in Class 4-A; 16 in Classes 3-A, 2-A, 1-A, and A;
1986 – Class 4-A moves to 16 qualifiers
2000 – 8-Player is added to the playoffs
2000 – First - 8-player Championships – 4 qualifiers
2002 – 8-player qualifiers to 8; championship game in UNI-Dome
2006 – 8-player qualifiers to 16; semifinals in UNI-Dome
2008 – A "substate" round is added - 32 teams in each class for post-season play

Participation Trophy for First Round Play-off Losing Team: 1981

District Football: 1992

Play-off Finals in the UNI-Dome: 1976

Play-off Semifinals in the UNI-Dome: 1998

Play-off Semifinals in UNI-Dome (all classes including 8-player): 2006

13-Point Tie Breaker: 1996

Eight-Player Football Revived: 1998

OTHER FAST FACTS ABOUT IOWA PREP FOOTBALL

Overtime Procedures: 1972 (formally adopted by NFHS in 1975)

50-Point Rule: 1992-2003

Continuous Clock after 35-point Differential in Second Half: 2004 (replaced 50-point Rule)

Sportsmanship Ratings: 1993

Player Hall of Fame Selections: 1980 (through 2006 there have been 119 individuals honored)

High School Ratings: Associated Press, 1946

All-State Selections: Des Moines Register – since 1914; IDPA/INA – since 1933

First Radio Broadcast of a Game: KFJB, Marshalltown; Sept. 23, 1922: Marshalltown vs. Belle Plaine and Marshalltown vs. Toledo. This was the first in Iowa and in the nation.

Head Coaches: Going into the 2008 season there have been 625 head coaches who have had at least one team in the State Play-offs. 116 coaches and 102 schools have won at least one State Title.

Titles & Undefeated Champions: There have been 179 State Championships decided. 109 of the 179 championship teams have finished the season unbeaten. By class the numbers are: 4-A – 22; 3-A – 16; 2-A – 22; 1-A – 27; A – 16; 8-Player – 6. Classes 1-A thru 4-A have crowned champions since 1972 with the Class A since 1981; and 8-Player since 2000.

Qualifiers: 378 schools have qualified for the play-offs at least once.

Play-off Games & OTs: 2,148 games have been played in the play-offs. 79 of those games have been decided in overtime; Harlan has been involved in the most (9), winning 8. The most overtimes in a play-off game is 4 and there have been 3 (1985 – Class A Championship: Paton-Churdan over Sanborn, 20-14, 1985; Class 3A -Semifinals: Spencer over Glenwood, 17-14, 1994; Class 3-A – Semifinals: Harlan over Grinnell, 56-55, 2000) 7 Championship Games, 5 in Class A and one each in 4-A and 3-A, have been decided in overtime.

Officials: In the past 36 years of play-offs (prior to 2007), 1,133 officials have received at least one post season assignment. Of those 285 (25.2%) have officiated at least one championship game.

Next Level: No fewer than seven coaches who have won Iowa prep championships have gone on to successful collegiate programs. Included in that list are: **Barry Alvarez**, Mason City (head coach at Wisconsin after stops at Iowa and Notre Dame); **Don Knock**, Grundy Center (assistant positions at Iowa State University, University of Nebraska-Omaha); **Reese Morgan** (assistant coach University of Iowa); **Jerry Southmayd**, Wapsie Valley (assistant at Central College); **Steve Staker**, Fredericksburg (head coach at Coe College); **Mel Tjeerdsma**, Sioux Center (head coach at Northwest Missouri State University); and **Duane Twait**, Emmetsburg (assistant coach at Iowa Central Community College).

Most Points Scored by Winning Team in a Play-off Game

Class 4A – 64 by Dowling Catholic, WDM vs. Southeast Polk (14) 1st round, 1973

Class 3A – 69 by Central Clinton, De Witt vs. Fairfield (41), 1st round, 2007

Class 2A – 59 by Clarinda vs. Eddyville-Blakesburg (7), Quarterfinals, 2003

Class 1A – 61 by Bedford vs. Underwood (6), 1st round, 1998

Class A – 68 by Wellsburg-Steamboat Rock vs. Northeast Hamilton (32), 1st round, 1990

8-Player – 80 by Adair-Casey vs. Stanton (26), semifinals, 2003

Most Points Scored by Winning Team in a Championship Game

Class 4A – 45 by Iowa City, City vs. Ames (22), 1996

Class 3A – 49 by Harlan vs. Grinnell (7), 1998

Class 2A – 44 by West Lyon, Inwood vs. Starmont (7), 1999

Class 1A – 55 by Pekin vs. Bedford (14), 1998

Class A – 52 by Manning vs. Fredericksburg (0), 2002

8-Player – 56 by St. Mary's, Remsen vs. Adair-Casey (8), 2004

Total Points Scored by both Teams in Championship Game

Class 4A – 69 by Davenport Central 37, Dowling Catholic, WDM 32 (1973)

Class 3A – 73 by Harlan 38, Mount Vernon 35 (2003)

Class 2A – 81 by West Lyon 41, Dike-New Hartford (1999)

Class 1A – 69 by Pekin, Packwood 55, Bedford 14 (1998)

Class A – 77 by Laurens-Marathon 41, North Mahaska, New Sharon 36 (1989)

8-Player – 84 by Adair-Casey 54, Aurelia 30, (2001)

Most Total Points Scored in Play-off Games, Season

Class 4A – 158 by Iowa City, City, 1996 champion

Class 3A – 198 by Harlan Community, 2003 champion

Class 2A – 163 by Williamsburg, 2002 runner-up

Class 1A – 203 by Pekin, Packwood, 1998 champion

Class A – 167 by North Mahaska, New Sharon, 2005 champion

8-Player – 198 by Stanton, 2007 champion

Updated: September 25, 2008