

SHS 1961 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM



The Fall 1961 Sisters High School Football Team went undefeated, winning nine games on its way to the 8-Man State Championship. “Determination and Dominance” is how the team was described. Led by Coach Gene McDonald, the Outlaws averaged 55 points per game and allowed only 6.3 points per game, as the Outlaws outscored their opponents by an astounding 495 – 57. The team began the season by overwhelming Prospect 49 – 0, then continued to roll over teams throughout the season, including wins over Cascade Locks (77 – 0), Culver (80 – 25), and Dufur (66-0). Sisters beat Eddyville in the semi-finals 27 – 7, then completed its undefeated season with a 19 – 0 win over the defending state champions, Lone, in the “snow bowl” at Sisters. Members of the team included Bob Hewitt, Joel Aylor, Dennis Barclay, Blaine Erickson, Rick Tewalt, Pat Hammack, Jim Myers, Ken Morton, Joe Abbott, Steve Shehan, Tom Smith, Bud Brockett, Ron Langeliers, Dean Phillips, A.J. Demaris, Ralph Shaw, and Gerry Tewalt. Both A.J. Demaris and Gary Tewalt scored over 100 points, and Demaris was named team MVP. By capturing the 1961 Oregon 8-Man Crown, Sisters High School won its third state title in six years, following in the footsteps of the 1957 and 1959 state champions.



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