

Cozad remains undefeated to advance

By Russ Pankonin

The Imperial Republican

North Platte St. Pat's, Wallace, Medicine Valley and Gothenburg all dropped out of the football playoffs in the semi-finals of the western brackets in their respective classes.

In C2 action, St. Pat's fell to #1 seed Doniphan-Trumbull 42-20.

Wallace got beat on a pass in the last minute of the game by Amherst, 50-44, in their D2 western bracket semi-final.

In the same bracket, Medicine Valley's season came to an end after falling to Stuart 44-20.

Hemingford represents the last western Nebraska team in the playoffs, beating Elm Creek 20-7 Tuesday in the D1 playoffs.

In a C1 match-up featuring two of the teams in Imperial's district, Cozad kept their record perfect at 11-0 by defeating Gothenburg 34-9.

Cozad will play Boone Central/Newman Grove next Tuesday for a berth in the state finals.

BC/NG defeated Norfolk Catholic Tuesday 34-16 in a rematch of last year's C1 finals won by Norfolk Catholic.

Last year, the Longhorns fell to BC/NG in the second round of the playoffs.

The only other area team remaining in the playoffs is Class B McCook.

They avenged their only regular season loss last week, defeating Aurora 24-15.

They will travel to Omaha Skutt Friday with the winner securing a berth in the Class B finals.

The state finals are slated for Monday, Nov. 25 and Tuesday, Nov. 26 at Lincoln's Memorial Stadium.