

1975 vs. Cedar Rapids Washington: Lost 21-28 (4 OT)

The very first overtime game in school history took place against Cedar Rapids Washington during Week 3 of the 1975 season that ended with the Bulldogs losing, 28-21, in a four-Overtime thriller at home. After a hardfought game that ended tied in regulation, 7-7, Bettendorf had the ball first in the opening overtime and took four plays to score a touchdown and extra point. However, their score was soon matched by Washington to tie the game, 14-14. In the second period, the visitors then scored a touchdown which was equaled by the Bulldogs to even the score, 21-21. In the third overtime period, Bettendorf failed to score and the Warriors' 32-yard field goal attempt was long enough but wide to the left. Washington then had first possession for the fourth overtime and scored an aerial touchdown that decided the game after the Bulldogs failed to convert.

<u>1980 vs. Dubuque Hempstead: Won 20-14 (OT)</u>

The first playoff overtime game took place against Dubuque Hempstead in the 1st Round of the 1980 Class 4A playoffs—which, incidentally, was the first season that the Bulldogs qualified for the playoffs—and ended in favor of Bettendorf when Wayne Perkins blocked a Mustang field goal attempt; the Bulldogs then scored a touchdown to win, 20-14. At the time, this overtime game was only the sixth (6) one to occur in Iowa since the inception of the rule.

1981 vs. Madison West: Won 14-7 (OT)

To date, the 1981 season currently is the only one in which the Bulldogs have had two (2) overtime games. To open up the season, the Bulldogs played Madison West (WI) and the game ended in regulation with a score of 7-7 which resulted in just the third Overtime game in school history. Bettendorf had possession first and took a 14-7 lead; Madison then took over and after throwing four straight incomplete passes, the Bulldogs prevailed.

<u>1981 vs. Davenport Assumption: Lost 3-10 (OT)</u> Four games later during Week #5, the Bulldogs Bettendorf's fourth-ever Overtime game took place and resulted in a 3-10 loss to Davenport Assumption after Bettendorf failed to score after first getting the ball; as the story goes according to longtime assistant coach John Lavelle, an official signaled an Assumption touchdown when in fact the ball carrier was short of the goal line.

1994 vs. Davenport Assumption: Won 24-24 (OT)

Any information about this game would be much appreciated but the important thing is the Bulldogs won.

2007 vs. Iowa City High: Won 6-3 (OT)

In 2007, the fifth Overtime game in school history didn't occur until the Semifinals versus the Little Hawks of Iowa City when regulation ended in a deadlocked score of 3-3. After the Bulldogs defense stuffed Cedar Falls on three consecutive plays, junior Kyle Lichtenberg then blocked a Tigers' field goal. Bettendorf then wasted no time winning the game as on 1st down a successful field goal was converted to win, 6-3.

2009 vs. Davenport Assumption: Won 25-19 (2 OT)

In Week #9 of the 2009 season, a typical knockdown, drag-out Bettendorf-Assumption game tool place and ended in regulation with a score of 12-12. Bettendorf opened a 19-12 lead in the first extra session, but the Knights forced the second overtime withs a 10-yard run on the first play from scrimmage. Assumption then retained possession to open the second Overtime, but an interception by Matt Bettenhausen put the ball back in Bettendorf's hands and Bulldog running back Joey Trizzino then scored the deciding points on a 3rd-and-goal play from the 2-yard line to win 25-19 in two overtimes.

2013 vs. Iowa City West: Won 27-24 (OT)

In 2013, the Bulldogs when Bettendorf played the Iowa City West Trojans in which the game ended tied 21-21 in regulation. The Trojans received the ball first and after being stuffed by the Bulldog defense, took a 24-21 lead. Bettendorf then netted 1 yard on two plays before quarterback Cyle Cox threw a 9 yard strike to receiver Tyler Scheib for a 27-24 bulldog win.

2014 vs. Iowa City West: Won 28-27 (OT)

Barely one year later in 2014, the Bulldogs again played Iowa City West in their ninth Overtime game of school history. The Bulldogs blew a comfortable 20-3 lead in the middle of the 4th quarter and the game ended 20-20 in regulation after the Trojans hit a 25 yard field goal with one second left on the clock. Retaining possession first, the Trojans scored on 3rd down to take a 27-20 lead; however, the Bulldogs didn't flinch and scored three players later when back-up running back Xavier LaDouceur scored from three yards out to close the gap, 27-26. However, rather than kick the extra point and force another period, Bettendorf head coach Aaron Wiley decided to go for the win and quarterback Cyle Cox bullied his way into the endzone for a 28-27 Bulldog victory. After the game, Cox explained the team's mindset: "We go for the win; it's as plain and simple as that. We believe we're tougher. We work harder and we all believe in each other."

2016 vs. Cedar Rapids Washington: Lost 21-28 (OT)

In 2016, the Bulldogs played in the school's tenth overtime game when it faced off against Cedar Rapids Washington in the third week of the regular season. Tied 21-21 at the end of the game, Washington scored first to take a 28-21 advantage. However, Bulldog running back Keegan Glaus then answered the score with a 1-yard plunge; Bettendorf immediately made the decision to go for two and while Glaus was lined up to take the snap and run it in, a botched snap squelched the opportunity as Bettendorf lost only its third overtime game in (at that time) ten tries. Bettendorf coach Aaron Wiley defended the decision, stating that the Bulldogs had worn down Washington's defense and felt confident they could score. However, the miscue on the snap cost them the game.

2018 vs. West Des Moines Dowling: Lost 34-41 (4 OT)

In a thrilling Iowa Class 4A semifinal at the UNI-Dome, Bettendorf fell to West Des Moines Dowling in a historic four-overtime battle, 41-34. Bettendorf quarterback Carter Bell believed he crossed the goal line on a crucial fourth-down play in the fourth overtime, but the officials spotted the ball short, ending the Bulldogs' hopes. Bettendorf had led by 17 points at halftime and largely outplayed Dowling, limiting star tailback Jayson Murray. However, critical moments, including a missed call on a fumble recovery and two missed field goals, allowed Dowling to rally and stay in the game. Both teams traded scores in the overtimes, with Dowling finally sealing the victory with a touchdown and a goal-line stand. Bettendorf, despite the heartbreaking loss, showcased its ability to compete with the top programs in the state.

2024 vs. Pleasant Valley: Won 25-24 (OT)

Bettendorf pulled off a dramatic 25-24 overtime victory over Pleasant Valley in the season opener, thanks to big plays from quarterback Jackson Laver and receiver Hayden Morrison. The duo connected for two key touchdowns late in the game, including a 98-yard pass that tied the game at 17 with just over four minutes left in regulation. In overtime, after Pleasant Valley scored and led 24-17, Laver found Morrison again for a 10-yard touchdown. Instead of playing for another overtime, Bettendorf coach Aaron Wiley opted to go for the win, and senior running back Jacob Whipple sealed it with a two-point conversion run up the middle.

2024 vs. Cedar Rapids Prairie: Won 48-47 (OT)

In Week #7 at home, Bettendorf pulled off a thrilling 48-47 overtime victory over Cedar Rapids Prairie, showcasing resilience and strategic play. Quarterback Jackson Laver threw for two touchdowns and ran for another, while senior Connor Mack made a pivotal impact with a pick-6 that ignited a comeback. In overtime, Bettendorf took the lead with an 11-yard touchdown run from Jacob Whipple. Prairie responded with a quick score but opted to go for the win instead of tying it. The Bulldogs' defense stepped up, halting the attempt and preserving the dramatic victory, which kept Bettendorf as the only undefeated Class 5A team in the state and improved their record to 7-0 for the first time since 2015.