

NYS NEVADA TACKLE FOOTBALL

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#1 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (8-0) VS #2 Seed Liberty Patriots (7-1) – 9U *NEVADA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME*

Where: Liberty HS

When: 10:15 AM

The first of three Nevada State Championship Games this Saturday should be a thriller as these two teams seem to always play games that come down to the wire. The Diamondbacks have seemed to slither their way through many of these matchups but expect both two teams to come fully prepared to paly this weekend. In the regular season finale, these two teams faced off in one of those epic matchups that saw the Diamondbacks eek out a one score victory late. The Diamondbacks will look to repeat that performance here this weekend as they look to complete a perfect 9-0 season with what they hope is yet another Nevada State Championship victory. The Diamondbacks offense has been a very talented unit led by the passing of Jerome Sequiera and rushing of Christopher Leuma. That duo will look to electrify the Diamondbacks faithful in this weekend's matchup. The Diamondbacks offense was dominant in their semifinal playoff victory over the Henderson Cowboys last weekend and will look to build on their divisions top offense which averages over 31 points a game. The Diamondbacks defense however has really been their calling card as they gave up just 1 touchdown all season long! That's a very impressive thing to do at any age group. The Liberty Patriots boast a pretty impressive defense too. The Patriots gave up just 2 touchdowns all season long. The Patriots also feature an offense that can't be slept on as they average over 28 points a game. The Patriots fought their way through a tough semifinal matchup with the Bishop Gorman Jr. Gaels. Led by Elijah Richard and Darian Abella, this Patriots group is loaded with talent too. They will look to slow down the Diamondbacks run and emerge with the victory. Expect a lot of emotion and points to be at a premium in this weekend stellar 9U Division Nevada State Championship!

#1 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (5-0) VS #3 Seed Jr. Raiders (2-4) – 11U *NEVADA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME*

Where: Liberty HS

When: 12:15 PM

The Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks and Jr. Raiders will square off in what should be a stellar 11U Division Nevada State Championship Game. The Diamondbacks enter this contest with a perfect record and have dominated their opponents each time they have taken the field. Led by the powerhouse backfield combination of Theodore Edquilang and Bishop Allen, this team really can dominate any foe. They will however certainly need to be at their best if they hope to take down the suddenly hot Jr. Raiders. The Diamondbacks took down the Raiders in their earlier matchups this season, but that doesn't guarantee a

victory here in the Nevada State Championship Game. The Jr. Raiders meanwhile may have taken a little bit of time to get rolling here, but they certainly have found their rhythm here in the past few weekends. The Raiders showcased that improvement last weekend when they took down the Mustangs in a bigtime semifinal matchup last weekend. Led by Marc McClain and Chance Avila, this Raiders team can step up and earn a Nevada State Championship. This matchup has all the makings of a bigtime matchup, so expect this game to be very even and well played!

**#1 Seed Henderson Cowboys (8-0) VS #2 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (7-1) – 8U
*NEVADA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME***

Where: Liberty HS

When: 2:00 PM

In the third and final Nevada State Championship matchup of the day, the Henderson Cowboys take on the Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks in what should be yet another exciting matchup. The Henderson Cowboys enter this contest not only as the defending champions, but also as a team holding a perfect record here this season. Part of that perfect regular season for the Cowboys include a 32-6 victory early in the year over this very Diamondbacks team. This Cowboys team led by Judson Warner and Caleb Ramaila will look to repeat that performance on Saturday and keep the big trophy in the Cowboys impressive trophy case. The Cowboys offense has been nothing but stellar all season long as they average a crazy 33.5 points per contest while their defense has gives up fewer than 3 points a game to their opponents. Those stats lead to a lot of big wins for this team. The Cowboys showed off just how talented they are last weekend in the semifinals as they grounded down the Seahawks in impressive fashion. The Cowboys will however certainly have to maintain their focus as they can't overlook a very talented Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks team this weekend. The Diamondbacks earned their spot in this bigtime matchup last week as they took out a very talented Tribe squad in their semifinal matchup. Led by Chasen Sarmiento and Isaiah Cooper this Diamondbacks team can put up points in a hurry. The Diamondbacks have averaged over 28 points a contest this season to this point while they have given up just 7 points a game to their opponents. If the Diamondbacks want to rattle out a big victory, they will need to shut down a strong Cowboys offense, but this group is certainly talented enough to do so. Expect nothing less than a thriller in this game as we expect this game to come down to the wire Saturday afternoon at Liberty High School!

#2 Seed TMT Elite (6-1) VS #3 Seed SV Tritons (6-2) – 7U

Where: Sierra Vista HS

When: 11:45 AM

Sierra Vista High School will be the site of what should be a tremendous 7U Division semifinal as the Spring Valley Tritons take on TMT Elite with a spot in the Nevada State Championship Game going to the victor. These two teams are both playing spectacular football and appear hungry to earn their spot in the Nevada State Championship Game next weekend. TMT Elite enters this contest as the #2 seed and coming off of a hard earned bye thanks to a 6 win regular season. Led by stars like Legend Mitchell and Semaj'j Gray, this team really knows how to run the football. On the season TMT Elite averaged over 22 points a game on offense, but defense has been their calling card. TMT Elite gave up just 8 total points all season long to their opponents proving just how much pressure they put on their opponents. The Spring Valley Tritons will have the tough task of putting up points on the TMT Elite defense. The Tritons earned a nail biter of a first round playoff victory last weekend when they took down the Liberty Patriots with just a safety to their name. That was enough to earn the win however, thanks to their tremendous defense! While the

Tritons average a very respectable 12 points a game on offense, they too rely on their defense. The Tritons give up just 7 points a game to their opponents. If the Tritons are going to pull off the upset, they will need Jordan Hayden and Marquise Pendergrass to step their games up to an even higher level in this weekend's semifinal.

#1 Seed Henderson Cowboys (7-0) VS #4 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (5-3) – 7U

Where: Liberty HS

When: 8:15 AM

The Henderson Cowboys and Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks square off in the 7U Divisions other semifinal and should matchup in what should be an excellent contest. The Henderson Cowboys were the 7U Divisions only undefeated team this Spring 2019 season and have certainly looked the part of a multi time defending champion. Head Coach Jeremy Fredrickson and his group of young sheriffs have had a stranglehold on the 7U Division Nevada State Championship and will be hungry to keep the trophy in their corner. During the regular season, the Cowboys featured the division's top scoring offense and defense. Their offense averaged over 29 points a game while their defense gave up just 1 touchdown all season long. Caden Cadaval and Jayshawn Crayton are the two horses the Cowboys ride most and will lean on in this matchup if they hope to take down the upstart Diamondbacks. The Diamondbacks meanwhile have rattled their way into this spot in the semifinals thanks to a strong regular season and an even stronger showing in the first round of the playoffs. The Diamondbacks earned a very impressive shutout victory over the Falcons Hit Squad last weekend showing how dangerous this group really can be. Led by Octavius Tillman and Malakai Boykin, this group has the offensive firepower to put up points in a hurry. Thus far this offense has averaged nearly 15 points a game while the defense has given up just fewer than 9 points a contest to their opponents. Those numbers are certainly a recipe for success. Will they be able to play at their best and take down the Cowboys?

#2 Seed Liberty Patriots (7-1) VS #3 Seed TMT Elite (7-1) – 10U

Where: Sierra Vista HS

When: 3:15 PM

In what should be a desperately even matchup, the Liberty Patriots and TMT Elite face off in an epic semifinal at Sierra Vista High School this Saturday afternoon. These two teams didn't see each other during the regular season so that will only add to the anticipation leading up to this matchup. Even more than that, this season's statistics make these two teams look even more similar. Thus far these two teams have each averaged 25 points a contest while giving up just 6. Looking at the Patriots first, we see a team that had a tough first round challenge presented to them in the Bishop Gorman Jr. Gaels, but they were able to push through to a victory and advance to this semifinal opportunity. If they are going to keep that march of theirs going, they will need the likes of Kaden Cadang and Treyton Savea to have their best games. TMT Elite meanwhile managed to take care of the Henderson Cowboys in a close low scoring matchup thanks to a stellar defensive showing. TMT Elite will look to lean on Amere Swan and Maurice Collins this weekend as they hope that duo can help show how ELITE this team really can be.

#1 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (8-0) VS #4 Seed BC Firebirds (6-2) – 10U

Where: Liberty HS

When: 4:00 PM

The Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks and Bullhead City Firebirds faced off in a close matchup in the regular season finale for each team and will get to do it again here in the semifinals. This matchup will have far more on the table going to the winner, so expect both teams to

come ready to play. In that matchup to end the season, the Diamondbacks held on for a one score victory that gave them a perfect regular season. The Diamondbacks then followed that win up with a first round playoff victory over the Falcons Hit Squad in impressive fashion. The Diamondbacks will look to keep rattling out victories behind the play of Bishop Allen, Jose Jaime, and the rest of a very talented and balanced team. The Diamondbacks offense was nothing but stellar this season, scoring over 29 points a contest while holding their opponents to just 3 points a game. The Firebirds were one of just a few teams this season to even score on this Diamondbacks team and were certainly the team that held them to their lowest offensive points total on the season. The Firebirds will look to stay hot here in the playoffs after they earned a thriller of a victory last weekend over the Sun Devils in a game that came down to the wire. The Firebirds hope that experience along with the rest of the regular season's competition leads them to pull off this upset win. If the Firebirds are going to pull that off, they will need stars like Anthony Moses and Joe Yoney to lead them this weekend. The Firebirds offense certainly shouldn't be overlooked as they have averaged 25 points a game to this point while their defense has given up just fewer than 9 points a game. They will hope that this is their best game of the year however as the winner earns a spot in the Nevada State Championship Game!

#2 Seed Bullhead City Firebirds (7-1) VS #3 Seed Falcons Hit Squad (6-2) – 12U

Where: Sierra Vista HS

When: 10:00 AM

The Bullhead City Firebirds and Falcons Hit Squad faced each other earlier in the year in what was undoubtedly one of the most exciting football games of the season. Well, these two will look to do it all over again as these two teams' matchup in the semifinals. In that early season matchup, the Firebirds soared to a 30-28 victory. The Firebirds will be looking to repeat that performance and keep their 7-game winning streak alive here this Saturday morning as they try and soar into the Nevada State Championship Game. Led by Jonathan Williams and Isac Urias, this team is electric on offense. The Firebirds have averaged 28 points a contest to this point while they allow their opponents just 8 points a game. They will try and keep those numbers on their side one more time this weekend in this huge matchup with the Falcons. The Falcons meanwhile have certainly looked equally stellar thus far this season and seem to be a team on a mission to earn a spot in the Nevada State Championship Game. The Falcons were certainly challenged in the first round of the playoffs by the Las Vegas Sun Devils as they managed to cool off the Sun Devils and advance. They will certainly try and rely on their defense yet again as they try and cool off the Firebirds this time around. The Falcons have averaged over 24 points a game on offense this season while they give up just 10.5 points to their opponents. You can throw the numbers aside however as it will all come down to the play on the field. The Falcons will be turning to Trey'Shaun Jackson and Alonzo Balderrama to lead this high-flying offense in what will assuredly be an edge of your seat semifinal showdown.

#1 Seed Silverado Hawks (8-0) VS #5 Seed TMT Elite (5-3) – 12U

Where: Sierra Vista HS

When: 8:15 AM

Sometimes rivalries find a way to seek each other out in the playoffs and that is exactly what happened here in the 12U Division as the Silverado Hawks and TMT Elite square off one more time here with a spot in the Nevada State Championship Game going to the winner. The Silverado Hawks had the upper hand here early in the season as they defeated TMT Elite way back on March 23rd, but both teams have really progressed since that point. The Silverado Hawks soared to a perfect regular season that they topped off with a first-round victory over the Henderson Cowboys last weekend. The Hawks offense has been nearly unstoppable to this point, averaging over 31 points a game. The defense has been

stellar too, giving up just 4 points a game to their opponents. Donavyn Pellot and Branko Hansell Fotu are just two of this teams' big names that have shown just how dominant this team can be. They will certainly be challenged in this matchup however as TMT Elite was the team that held the Hawks to their lowest offensive output of the entire season. TMT Elite's defense will be looking to repeat that showing on Saturday and get just a little more their offense which has been led by Keimarion Taylor and Gavin Day. TMT Elite certainly has the potential to put up big numbers as shown by their 23 points per game average on offense which they combine nicely with a strong defense that gives up just under 9 points a game to their opponents. TMT Elite really came together as team last weekend and played their best in their first-round win over the Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks. The Silverado Hawks present a whole different level of opponents, but you know this coaching staff will have this group prepared and ready to go this Saturday morning in what should be an excellent matchup!

#2 Seed Las Vegas Badgers (5-2) VS #3 Seed Las Vegas Wolverines (6-2) – 13U

Where: Shadow Ridge HS

When: 2:15 PM

The Las Vegas Badgers and Las Vegas Wolverines square off in an old school Big 10 battle that should be a very even matchup. The Badgers earned the higher seed in this matchup thanks to their victory over the Wolverines in the final weekend of the regular season. The Badgers have a very talented team that can strike both through the air and on the ground. Led by Coen Coloma and Tala Howard, this team is loaded with talent and will come out ready to claw their way into the Nevada State Championship Game with a victory. The key for the Badgers to earn their chance here in the semifinals has been a 2nd half run that has seen this group rally off 4 straight victories. The offense has really picked things up of late as they bring an offense that averages over 27 points a game into this contest. Their defense however will really be key as this unit gives up just 9 points a game to their opponents. The Wolverines meanwhile might have suffered some tough injuries this season, including the loss of MVP Finalist Joshua Steffen to a season ending injury, but they have fought off adversity to get to this point in impressive fashion. Damarr Calhoun and Kobe Hendricks have picked up even more slack here of late and have this team poised to earn their spot in the Nevada State Championship Game. The Wolverines looked stellar in their first-round playoff off victory over the Rams and will try and push to keep momentum on their side in this matchup. The Wolverines offense has been very good this season, averaging over 24 points a contest to this point. The Wolverines defense meanwhile really has become a unit to watch as they allow just 6 points a game to their opponents. Will they be able to slow down the Badgers or will the Badgers be able to grind out a victory?

#1 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (7-0) VS #4 Seed NLV Mustangs (5-3) – 13U

Where: Ed Fountain Park

When: 7:00 PM on Monday, May 13th

The Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks and North Las Vegas Mustangs will hook up yet again in a bigtime matchup here in the 13U Division. These two teams have a history of close and exciting matchups. In the Fall 2018 season, the Mustangs galloped to their first ever Nevada State Championship as they earned a squeaker of a victory. The Diamondbacks were able to exact a little revenge way back on March 16th as they shutout the Mustangs in that one. That victory for the Diamondbacks was the start of what was a tremendous regular season as this team managed to put together an undefeated regular season. That earned them a bye last weekend as well so this team should come into this Monday Night matchup very well rested! The Diamondbacks offense had quite a few standouts this season, but stars like Jamieon Windham and Theodore Drougas-Gallings really drive the

bus. This team offensively was a juggernaut all season long, averaging almost 30 points a game. The Mustangs defense will certainly be challenged in this contest, but this team is always well prepared for gamedays. The Mustangs were impressive in moving forward this season as they progressed dramatically as the season went on, highlighted by their current 4 game winning streak. The Mustangs biggest of those wins came last weekend as they halted the march of a very good Patriots team in the quarterfinals. This Mustangs team is very talented but will lean on the likes of Davison Glenn and Braydon McPhee whose skill and experience will certainly come into play this Monday night. The Mustangs offense has averaged just 17 points a game to this point, but that group has really gelled here of late. In the end, this game like all games will come down to execution.

#2 Seed Las Vegas Seahawks (6-1) VS #3 Seed Arbor View Jr. Aggies (6-2) – 14U

Where: Shadow Ridge HS

When: 12:30 PM

The Las Vegas Seahawks and Arbor View Jr. Aggies hook up in what should be a very exciting semifinal showdown at Shadow Ridge High School. These two teams faced off mid-season in what was a stellar matchup that saw the Seahawks earn a two-touchdown victory. Both teams however had stellar seasons this year and both think they have what it takes this Saturday to come out with a victory and earn their spot in the Nevada State Championship Game. The Seahawks earned a bye here in the first round of the playoffs after they earned the #2 seed in the division. During the regular season, this team relied on a powerhouse combination of Maxwell Reese and Malik Jones to lead them on the field. That duo will look to do so yet again here in this bigtime playoff matchup. While the Seahawks offense was more than impressive this season averaging over 26 points a game, it was their defense that was their calling card. The Seahawks gave up just over 4 points a game to their opponents this season as they suffocated opposing offenses week in and week out. The Arbor View Jr. Aggies offense will be tasked at cracking the tough nut that is the Las Vegas Seahawks offense and certainly has the offensive talent to do so. The Aggies offense was especially potent this year as they averaged 28 points a contest which was good enough for tops in the division. Led by Kade Desantis and Izaiah Vega, this team knows how to find the endzone. That was especially evident in their first-round playoff victory over the Raiders last weekend. The level of opponent steps up however here in the semifinals, so expect this group to bring their A-Game Saturday!

#1 Seed TMT Elite (7-0) VS #4 Seed Falcons Hit Squad (5-3) – 14U

Where: Sierra Vista HS

When: 1:30 PM

TMT Elite and the Falcons Hit Squad face off Saturday afternoon in what should be yet another tremendous semifinal showdown this weekend. These two teams should be very familiar with each other as not only do both rosters both veteran coaching staffs, but incredibly experienced rosters! TMT Elite comes in as the top seed thanks to a tremendous regular season that saw them go a perfect 7-0. This season wasn't all roses however as they had several close calls, including a week 1 come from behind 12-8 victory over this Falcons team. Winning close games however seems to be this TMT Elite teams calling card as their regular season finale win over the previously unbeaten Seahawks came in similar fashion as Jaidyn Yarber put up the game sonly touchdown. TMT Elite will look to lean on a stellar defense that gave up just 3 points a game to opponents all year long. Offensively however they will look to step things up a level behind the play of Avante Clark and Fili Bernard. The Falcons Hit Squad meanwhile will be hoping to soar to new heights here in the playoffs. This team has shown dramatic improvement here of late as highlighted by their first-round playoff victory over the Diamondbacks last time out. The Falcons offense

has been very good this season, as they average nearly 25 points a game. They will need their stars like Tipisone Manu and Jacob Boice to step up and play at even higher levels however if they hope to take down the top seeded TMT Elite this weekend. Expect a tremendous matchup between two very well coached teams.