

NYS NEVADA TACKLE FOOTBALL

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#1 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (9-0) VS #2 Seed Liberty Patriots (8-1) – 10U *NEVADA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME*

Where: Liberty HS

When: 8:30 AM

The final day of the Spring 2019 Season kicks off with what should be a thriller of a matchup in the 10U Division as two powerhouse teams face off in what beckons to be a tremendous game. These two teams enter this game really rolling along. The Diamondbacks not only completed the regular season with a perfect record but impressively followed that up with a pair of playoff victories over the Falcons Hit Squad and Bullhead City Firebirds these past two weekends. The Patriots are riding an equally impressive run. After losing their season opener, they managed to rally for 6 straight regular season victories. The Patriots then added to their winning streak in the playoffs with impressive victories over the Bishop Gorman Jr. Gaels and TMT Elite to earn this matchup with the Diamondbacks. These two teams didn't see each other during the regular season, but that doesn't mean that the rivalry between these two associations isn't real. The Diamondbacks come into this Nevada State Championship Game boasting the divisions top offensive and defensive units today. The Diamondbacks offense has averaged over 28 points a game to this point while they give up just 4 points a game to their opponents. Those numbers over the Diamondbacks past 9 games are certainly a recipe for success. The Diamondbacks feature several impressive rattlers on both sides of the football including quarterback Bishop Allen, running backs Jose Jaime, Treven Eddington, Javion Gunter, and Yancey Perine. Each of these players has more than 5 scores to their name this season to this point, so that makes for one unpredictable and challenging offense to slow down. The Liberty Patriots will be tasked with slowing down that dynamic Diamondbacks offense. The Patriots are certainly talented enough on the defensive side of the football to halt this Diamondbacks squad as they give up just 6 points a game on average to their opponents. Their offense is certainly a formidable unit as well, averaging over 24 points a contest. This team has a deep and talented roster as well as they certainly shouldn't be taken lightly by the Diamondbacks. The Patriots are led by quarterback Kaden Cadang, top receiver Marley Ganiron, and running backs Trent Tufele, Treyton Savea, and Ezra Sanelvi. As a unit, they certainly have a knack for marching into the end zone and hope that they can do just that early and often in this showdown with the Diamondbacks. This should be a fantastic way to kick off one more day of Nevada State Championship Football at Liberty High School!

#1 Seed Silverado Hawks (9-0) VS #3 Seed Falcons Hit Squad (7-2) – 12U *NEVADA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME*

Where: Liberty HS

When: 10:45 AM

Our final day of football here in the Spring 2019 Season continues with action in the 12U Division as the Silverado Hawks look for face off with the Falcons Hit Squad in what should be an epic midair battle between these two avian foes. It's been quite the ride to this point for both talented teams. The Silverado Hawks managed to soar through their regular season without any blemishes on their record including a big 40-6 victory over this Falcons team. They then followed that up with impressive victories over the Henderson Cowboys and TMT Elite here in the playoffs. The Falcons meanwhile had a bit of a rough go in the middle of their regular season as they suffered back to back losses to the Firebirds and Hawks at the midway point. They did however manage to bounce back nicely as they recovered with a pair of victories to close out the regular season and two more even more impressive playoff victories to earn this chance in the Nevada State Championship. The Falcons fought through tough matchups with the Sun Devils and the Firebirds showing off how dangerous this team can be when firing on all cylinders. The Hawks and Falcons certainly present an interesting and intriguing matchup come Saturday as they do have some very similar tendencies. Both teams feature stellar passing games. Hawks quarterback Branko Hansell-Fotu and Falcons quarterback Alonzo Balderrama each certainly have the talent to pick apart opposing defenses. Hansell-Fotu certainly has an array of stellar backs and receivers to utilize including perennial MVP candidate Donavyn Pellot, Torrell Thomas, and Marcus Council Jr. The Falcons Balderrama certainly has his share of talented skill players at his disposal including MVP Finalist Trey'Shaun Jackson, Kelson Wong, Dawson Levine, and Dakari Jackson. Let's take the similarities between these two teams one step further! They are easily the two teams with the best kicking games. Adrian Carnero and Jeau Vinatieri are difference makers with their legs and the outcome of their 2-point kick attempts and any field goals will probably decide this very even matchup. When looking at the numbers and averages for these two teams this season, the Silverado Hawks stats really show why they are undefeated to this point. The Hawks average a divisional best over 30 points per game on offense while they give up fewer than 4 points a contest. The Falcons stats meanwhile are certainly impressive as well. The Falcons have averaged 25 points a game to this point but have shown a bit of vulnerability on the defensive end as they give up nearly 12 points a game to their opponents. Well, all the stats, previous matchups, streaks, and histories can all be thrown out here however as things will all play out Saturday morning in this thrilling matchup with the big Nevada State Championship Trophy going to the team puts together the most complete football game.

#1 Seed Henderson Cowboys (8-0) VS #2 Seed TMT Elite (7-1) – 7U
NEVADA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Where: Liberty HS

When: 1:00 PM

Well, here we go again. Yet another EPIC showdown between the Henderson Cowboys and TMT Elite here in the 7U Division. For the past year these two teams have been going back and forth with every matchup coming down to the wire. The Cowboys have managed to lasso the upper hand in this rivalry, but they have only done so by the skin of their teeth. Their Fall 2018 Nevada State Championship victory came by a score of just 6-0 in a game that could have gone either way. When these two teams hooked up here in an early Monday night matchup, the Cowboys won a game with a rare 2-0 score thanks to a safety as neither offense was able to manage to find the endzone. All that history leads us to think that not only will this weekends Nevada State Championship Game come down to the wire, but it will be a low scoring game. Through 8 games each this season, both the Cowboys and TMT Elite allowed just 1 touchdown to their opponents! That shows just how stellar these two teams are on the defensive side of the football. Each of these two championship caliber teams are talented on the offensive side of the football too though and will try and

find the endzone as much as possible. The Cowboys average a divisional best 25 points a contest. TMT Elite isn't far behind as they average over 21 points a game. Whatever precious points these offenses can muster will certainly factor big time for the team that comes out victorious. When we look at these two teams' stars, the lists are very long! The Cowboys ride into this matchup with several sheriffs on their roster. Players like Jashawn Crayton, Caden Cadaval, Ayden Lujan, and Elijah Kalahiki Talilli are the names of just a few of the young men that will factor into the results of this contest. On the other side of the football, TMT Elite will be looking to rely on studs like Semaj'j Gray, Legend Mitchell, TJ Collins, and Lazerius Winbush. In the end however, every inch will matter in this matchup, so expect a full effort from both squads in what should be a very even and excellent Nevada State Championship showdown at Liberty High School.

**#1 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (8-0) VS #3 Seed Las Vegas Wolverines (7-2) – 13U
*NEVADA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME***

Where: Liberty HS

When: 3:15 PM

Game 4 of the day will feature what should be yet another stellar Nevada State Championship Game this Saturday afternoon at Liberty High School. The Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks enter this matchup with the Las Vegas Wolverines as the top seed and an undefeated top seed at that. The Diamondbacks rattled their way through a perfect regular season including an 18-7 win over these Las Vegas Wolverines back on April 6th thanks to a talent laden roster. The Diamondbacks were certainly tested this past Monday night in the semifinals as the North Las Vegas Mustangs nearly managed an epic comeback. In the end however, the Diamondbacks were able to hold onto the semifinal victory and earn their spot in this Nevada State Championship Game. This Diamondbacks team has a ton of leaders, but quarterback Jamieon Windham and running backs Fazion Love, Rocco Drougas-Gallings, and Jeremiah Adams make for one very tough team to face. As a team, the Diamondbacks average over 29 points a game on offense while their defense gives up just 4 points a game, so the Wolverines certainly have a very tough matchup ahead of them as they try and claw their way to a Nevada State Championship. The Wolverines entered the playoffs as the #3 seed and have two victories here in the playoffs under their belt. They managed to take down the Rams in the quarterfinals and doubled down on that by declawing the Badgers in a tremendous semifinal game last weekend. This Wolverines team is a very talented bunch, as proof in some of their statistics this season. They have averaged over 23 points a game to this point while their defense has held strong in allowing just fewer than 7 points a game to their opponents. While the Wolverines have a very talented roster, they will look to rely on experience as they have a roster filled with NYS veterans that they will lean on including quarterback Kobe Hendricks and backs Damarr Calhoun, Jaeshawn West, and Joseph Garza. The most impressive part of this squad making it to this point is who they are playing without. Perennial MVP Candidate Joshua Steffen Jr. is out for the season with an injury, forcing some new players to step up to even higher levels. That is exactly what happened for the Wolverines as they look to challenge the Diamondbacks in what should be a stellar regular season finale with the winner taking home the big trophy!

**#1 Seed TMT Elite (8-0) VS #3 Seed Arbor View Jr. Aggies (7-2) – 13U
*NEVADA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME***

Where: Liberty HS

When: 5:30 PM

The final contest of the Spring 2019 season will of course feature our 14U Division as the Arbor View Jr. Aggies look to challenge TMT Elite in what should be a fantastic matchup. Both teams are LOADED with NYS veteran talent as many of these kids have been here for

years flashing their talent and growing as players. For most of these kids, this will be their final youth football game before they head off to the next level of High School Football. While we wish them luck at that next level, we are excited to get to watch these kids one final time on our field here at Liberty High School with the Nevada State Championship going to the victor. The top seeded TMT Elite enter this contest red hot. This team completed a perfect regular season, but was certainly a tested group. They had multiple close games, including a close 26-12 victory over these Aggies during the regular season under their belt. Undoubtedly the biggest victory of the season for TMT Elite came last weekend in the semifinals where they held off tremendous Falcons Hit Squad team in a 14-12 edge of your seats victory. That experience of playing close games will certainly benefit TMT Elite here this weekend this already veteran roster will be even more prepared for an excellent Aggies team. The Aggies meanwhile have had quite the year as well. This team showed dramatic improvement in this season highlighted by this season's late playoff run. The Aggies quarterfinal dominance of the Raiders was impressively followed up with a victory over the higher seeded and very talented Las Vegas Seahawks who they managed to ground in a close matchup. Each of these teams semifinal victories really sum up both squads filled with veteran leadership. TMT Elite will see studs Avante Clark, Fili Bernard, Mohammed Maali, and Jaidyn Yarber take the field one final time in the hopes of claiming the crown of best team in Nevada. The Arbor View Jr. Aggies meanwhile will rely on the veteran leadership of stars like Kade Desantis, Izaiah Vega, Marcus Young, and Troy Tedesco to help them claim the Nevada State Championship crown. When you dive into the numbers, you see how solid these two teams really are. TMT Elite's offense was very good, averaging 25 points a contest, but their true calling card was on the defensive side of the football. This team has given up just 4 points a game thus far to their opponents, so look for points to come at a premium for the Aggies. The Aggies offense however was the top unit in the division this season, averaging nearly 27 points a game. The Aggies defense was solid this year as well, yielding just 11 points per contest to their opponents. In the end, we expect this to be a stellar matchup this Saturday evening at Liberty High School in what should be a great game and even better sendoff to so many league veterans! Don't miss this game or any action this Saturday as we honor these 5 teams playing in Nevada State Championship Games, but also all 8 Divisions All NYS Award Winners, MVP Finalists, and Coach of Year Finalists!