

NYS NEVADA TACKLE FOOTBALL

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#3 Seed SV Tritons (5-2) VS #6 Seed Liberty Patriots (2-5) – 7U

Where: Spring Valley High School

When: 11:45 AM

The Spring Valley Tritons and Liberty Patriots square off in a first round playoff matchup that should be full of excitement. The Tritons and Patriots faced each other last weekend of the regular season and draw each other again here in the first round of the playoffs. That matchup was a thriller of a game that saw the Tritons earn the victory by just 1 score as they held off the Patriots for a 6-0 win. One would expect a similarly close matchup this weekend when these two teams meet at Spring Valley High School with a spot in the semifinals going to the victor. The Tritons have been led by Jordan Hayden, Braxton Bauerman, and Marquise Pendergrass all season long as that trio has been tremendous when it comes to pounding the rock. The Tritons will look for that trio to play like the spears they can be and lead them to the Tritons first playoff win in their association's young history. The Liberty Patriots meanwhile aren't your typical 6 seed. Despite a losing record, this team has a positive point differential here heading into the playoffs, showing how tough on opponents they have been, especially on the defensive side of the ball. If they Patriots are going to come out of this playoff game with a victory, they will need the likes of Manaokekai Guerzon and Rodney Celeste-Alconcel to be at their best and lead the way for this young Patriots squad. Expect a low scoring matchup this weekend at Spring Valley High School in what should be a tremendous matchup!

#4 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (4-3) VS #5 Seed Falcons Hit Squad (3-4) – 7U

Where: Western High School

When: 8:15 AM

The Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks and Falcons Hit Squad also faced off in their regular season finales. The Diamondbacks earned a 13-6 victory last weekend and will be looking to keep momentum on their side while the Falcons will be hungry to soar back into the win column. The Diamondbacks had a stellar regular season where they showed how dynamic they can be as a team. Led by Octavius Tillman and Malakai Boykin, this team can certainly rattle off points and victories in bunches. The Falcons meanwhile will be tasked with slowing down the Diamondbacks slither as they try and flip the script in this weekend's matchup. The Falcons also had a tremendous season as they showed how a strong defense can lead a team. On offense the Falcons feature a number of talented runners, but the trio of Elijah Tuilaepa, Cameron Quintana, and Kaleo Inoke really stand out. That trio will need to be at their best if they hope to lead the rest of this Falcons teams to new heights, as well

as a semifinal appearance. A date with the Henderson Cowboys in the semifinals will be awarded to the victor of this exciting quarterfinal showdown.

#1 Seed Henderson Cowboys (7-0) VS #4 Seed Las Vegas Seahawks (4-3) – 8U

Where: Sierra Vista High School

When: 3:15 PM

The Henderson Cowboys and Las Vegas Seahawks face off in a semifinal matchup this Saturday afternoon at Sierra Vista High School. In these two teams matchup during the regular season, the Henderson Cowboys dominated the action to the tune of a 35-0 victory, but it's a whole new season here as we enter the playoffs. The Henderson Cowboys enter this post season as the defending champions here in the 8U Division appear poised to lasso another championship. If they are to do so, they will need their prized studs like Judson Warner and Caleb Ramaila to be at their best as they try and ground the Seahawks attack. The Cowboys were a perfect 7-0 during the regular season, but this team knows that the records go out the window here in the playoffs. The Seahawks meanwhile are a team soaring into the playoffs full of confidence. Winners of 3 straight, this team is looking like they have found their rhythm here in the back half of the regular season. Led by Maleek Nash and Immanuel Mutoya, this Seahawks team is really starting to kick it into gear! They will certainly be tested here as they take on the defending champions in what should be a very exciting semifinal showdown at Sierra Vista High School.

#2 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (6-1) VS #3 Seed Las Vegas Tribe (5-2) – 8U

Where: Ed Fountain Park #6

When: 7:15 PM on 5/6

Monday night under the lights will certainly provide some tremendous atmosphere for what should be an incredible 8U Division matchup between the Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks and Las Vegas Tribe. The Diamondbacks and Tribe faced each other way back on March 30th in a matchup that saw the Diamondbacks earn a 25-7 victory. The Diamondbacks hope that victory will repeat itself this Monday Night while the Tribe will try and flip the script here in the semifinals. Both teams are riding 4 game winning streaks, but only one will turn that 4 into a 5 and keep their season alive. The Diamondbacks hope they can earn a spot in the Nevada State Championship Game and will be turning to Chasen Sarmiento and Isaiah Cooper to power their offensive attack. The Tribe meanwhile will be hungry to do the exact same thing and will turn to Alivn Pollard and Myles Hooks to power their offensive attack. Only one can advance to the Nevada State Championship Game, so expect a premium effort and fantastic showing from this matchup.

#1 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (7-0) VS #4 Seed Henderson Cowboys (4-3) – 9U

Where: Sierra Vista HS

When: 1:30 PM

The Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks and Henderson Cowboys 9U Division teams take center stage at Sierra Vista High School this weekend in what should be a very fun matchup. The Diamondbacks completed a perfect regular season as they are hungry to defend their crown as 9U Weighted Division Champions. This team certainly faced their challenges this season and a vastly improved Henderson Cowboys team will be just that. The Diamondbacks will try and turn to Jerome Sequeira and Christopher Leuma to try and rattle their way to a big playoff victory. The Diamondbacks won their regular season matchup by a score of 35-0 way back on March 25th, but the Henderson Cowboys really started to find their rhythm after that contest. The Cowboys hold the divisions 2nd longest winning streak (3 Games) and will try their hardest to make it 4. While it may have taken until the back half of the

regular season for this Cowboys team to find their stride, it doesn't mean they should be counted out. They will turn to Jacob Fotu and Anthony Edwards to try and lead them past the Diamondbacks and into the Nevada State Championship Game.

#2 Seed Liberty Patriots (6-1) VS #3 Seed BG Jr. Gaels (5-2) – 9U

Where: Spring Valley HS

When: 3:15 PM

The Liberty Patriots and Bishop Gorman Jr. Gaels hook up in what should be a very exciting Saturday afternoon matchup at Spring Valley High School. The Patriots come into the playoffs stinging mad coming off of their regular season finale loss to the Diamondbacks, but that will only add extra fire to this talented group. Led by Elijah Richard and Darian Abella, this team will be looking to march past whoever is in front of them. The Gaels will be just that team as they look to soar into a Nevada State Championship Game with a victory this weekend. The Gaels are hungry to show just who they are as a group after completing a very strong regular season. Led by Rajahn Butler and Emarion Jones, this team has enough talent to take on any foe. They will however need a full team effort to come out on top, so expect this team to come ready to play this weekend as they stare down the Patriots in what should be a stellar contest.

#1 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (7-0) VS #8 Seed Falcons Hit Squad (2-5) – 10U

Where: Western HS

When: 10:00 AM

The Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks travel to Western High School to take on the Falcons in what should be a very exciting first round playoff matchup. The Diamondbacks come into this game red hot having finished off the regular season with a perfect record. The Diamondbacks record rattles for itself as they are a dangerous team in every way possible. They have a strong ground attack but also can be killer through the air with their passing game. Javion Gunter and Trevon Edington are stellar ball carriers while Bishop Allen and his cannon of an arm really know how to pick apart a defense. Tasked with slowing down the division's top scoring offense will be the Falcons Hit Squad. The Falcons enter the playoffs as the #8 seed, but with a scrappy group that will come ready to play this weekend. The Falcons have a talented offense as well as they are led by Eddie Loera and Nathan Fletcher who can certainly have big play ability. However, if they want to pull off the upset, they will need a complete team effort this weekend.

#2 Seed Liberty Patriots (6-1) VS #7 Seed BG Jr. Gaels (3-4) – 10U

Where: Spring Valley HS

When: 5:00 PM

In yet another exciting 10U Division first round playoff matchup, the Liberty Patriots square off with the Bishop Gorman Jr. Gaels this Saturday afternoon at Spring Valley High School. These two teams didn't see each other during the regular season, so expect quite a bit of research to have been done by both coaching staffs. The Patriots come into this game riding a very strong 6 game winning streak. They have really been rolling of late and hope that march continues into the playoffs. The Patriots have a stellar squad highlighted by leaders like Kaden Cadang and Trent Tufele who have shown tremendous ability to pound the rock. They will certainly need to play at their best however if they hope to slow down a suddenly hot Bishop Gorman Jr. Gaels squad. The Gaels come into this matchup playing very well of late as the extra spring break practices really paid off for this group as their victories over the Steelers and Falcons showed. The Gaels will be turning to Dervonne

Sloan and Michael Frye to soar as they try and take down the Patriots in an upset this weekend.

#3 Seed TMT Elite (6-1) VS #6 Seed Henderson Cowboys (4-3) – 10U

Where: Sierra Vista High School

When: 11:45 AM

Its rivalry time here in the first round of the playoffs as TMT Elite face off with the Henderson Cowboys in a classic first round playoff matchup. These two teams should be very familiar with each other as these two programs contain a ton of talent that has been facing each other and at times playing with each other for years. TMT Elite enters this contest as the #3 seed after completing a tremendous regular season where they fell just one time. Amere Swan and Maurice Collins will look to take advantage of the large holes that this big offensively line routinely creates in opposing defenses. The Henderson Cowboys meanwhile have really come together as this season has gone on. While this might not be the most talented Cowboys team ever, this is certainly one of the most disciplined groups highlighted by how they play as one unit. Tyron Tinner and Dominic Fredrickson lead this group on offense and will try and push this group to what they hope is a big quarterfinal victory and into the semifinals next weekend.

#4 Seed BC Firebirds (5-2) VS #5 Seed Las Vegas Sun Devils (4-3) – 10U

Where: Basic High School

When: 10:45 AM

The Bullhead City Firebirds and Las Vegas Sun Devils square off in the always entertaining 4 vs. 5 matchup this Saturday morning at Basic High School. These two teams didn't see each other during the regular season and considering that limited connection, it might take some time for these two teams to figure out the others tactics in this game. The Firebirds however have come in and tried to impose their will on every opponent this season regardless of style. Led by the dynamic Anthony Moses and strong armed Joe Yoney, this team is very dangerous and will look to heat things up on the Sun Devils this weekend. The Sun Devils meanwhile always like to turn the heat up on their opponents and will try and come to Basic High School ready to do so. Led by Antonio Spann and Nylan Howard, this team certainly has the athletes to play with any team in the league. This game however many come down to discipline as the team that can avoid penalties and turnovers will certainly have the advantage in this very even and exciting matchup.

#2 Seed NLV Mustangs (2-4) VS #3 Seed Jr. Raiders (1-4) – 11U

Where: Shadow Ridge HS

When: 10:00 AM

It's finally playoff time here in the 11U Division as the North Las Vegas Mustangs take on the Jr. Raiders in the semifinals. These two teams should be very familiar with each other, and with that, they should be ready to pull out all the stops to come out with a victory. The Mustangs are led by the talented Dale Flores and lightning quick Marcel Matlock who will try and help their squad gallop to a huge victory. The Raiders meanwhile have really started to come together as a team as they have shown dramatic improvement each time they have taken the field. Led by Marc "Deuce" McClain and Chance Avila, the Raiders will be hungry to earn their association their first ever Nevada State Championship Game appearance. Which team will be able to earn their spot in the big dance? Make sure to not miss this must see football.

#1 Seed Silverado Hawks (7-0) VS #8 Seed Henderson Cowboys (3-4) – 12U

Where: Sierra Vista HS
When: 10:00 AM

The Silverado Hawks soared through a perfect regular season and now enter the playoffs as the top seed in what should be a very exciting playoffs here in the 12U Division as the Henderson Cowboys are anything but your typical leagues 8th seed. The Hawks meanwhile certainly had an excellent regular season as they managed to silence each and every foe put in front of them, including this Henderson Cowboys squad early in the season. Both teams however have obviously continued to progress since that point, but the Hawks have certainly maintained that high level of play. The Hawks have been led by the always dangerous duo of Donavyn Pellot and Branko Hansell-Fotu but this team also has quite a few other weapons they use to strike on offense where they always seem to be on point. The Henderson Cowboys defense will certainly have a tough task in front of them this week as they prepare under the guidance of Head Coach Billy Grasser who has put in extra homework this week with his staff to prepare this team. The Cowboys have some offensive firepower of their own and will lean on Mykel Hampton and Tofiga Fiaseau to lead them in what they hope is a stellar playoff upset. Will the Cowboys have length in their lariat to lasso the high flying Hawks or will the Hawks soar past the Cowboys in this exciting first round playoff showdown at Sierra Vista High School.

#2 Seed BC Firebirds (6-1) VS #7 Seed Las Vegas Rams (3-4) – 12U

Where: Basic HS
When: 12:30 PM

Basic High School Saturday afternoon will play host to what should be yet another stellar 12U Division playoff matchup as the Bullhead City Firebirds and Las Vegas Rams face off with a spot in the semifinals on the line. The Firebirds come into this contest certainly playing like a team on fire as they have rallied off 6 straight victories, including a win over these Rams earlier in the year. The Firebirds have come into the league this season and certainly played like a team on a mission, especially as Jonathan Williams and Izaac Robles, and Isac Urias have played like true studs! The Rams meanwhile certainly have the talent to cool off the Firebirds and butt their way into the semifinals. Kaleo Babauta, Christian Thatcher, and Jayden Edwards lead a very talented group of Rams players that are hungry to prove they belong in the conversation of contenders here in the 12U Division.

#3 Falcons Hit Squad (5-2) VS #6 Seed Las Vegas Sun Devils (3-4) – 12U

Where: Western High School
When: 3:15 PM

The Falcons Hit Squad and Las Vegas Sun Devils will collide at Western High School in what should be a thriller of a matchup at Western High School this Saturday afternoon. The Falcons enter this game feeling great about their chances to make a deep playoff run. The Falcons offense is one that can attack you both on the ground and through the air which makes them very difficult to predict. Quarterback Alonzo Balderrama and running backs Trey'Shaun Jackson and Dakari Jackson are dangerous for opposing defenses every time they touch the football. The Sun Devils meanwhile come in as a very exciting 6 seed to watch as they too feature an offense that is able to run and pass equally well. The Sun Devils hope to turn up the heat on the Falcons as they lean on Tysean McCraney and Keyon Young to power their offensive charge! Will they be able to pitch fork a win this weekend over the Falcons?

#4 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (5-2) VS #5 Seed TMT Elite (4-3) – 12U

Where: Sierra Vista High School

When: 8:15 AM

In what appears to be a very even matchup in the 4 vs 5 game in the 12U Division, the Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks matchup with TMT Elite for what should be a thriller of a contest. The Diamondbacks come into this game hungry to start the days action with a victory in their pocket. The Diamondbacks rattled their way through a solid season thanks to the stellar play of leaders like Davion Callahan-Collins and Joaquin Gunter. If that duo is on their game, they can take down any foe. TMT Elite will be the team tasked with slowing down those powerful Diamondbacks runners. It will be up to TMT Elite stars Gavin Day and Keimarion Taylor to step up their games one more level as they try and lead their squad into the semifinals with a victory.

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

Where: Basic High School

When: 2:15 PM

The 13U Weighted Division is set to have a tremendous playoff as this division has incredibly parity. The Wolverines enter this contest limping a little as they have been beset by the injury bug. That doesn't mean this team should be counted out though as they are loaded with talent. Veterans like Kobe Hendricks and Damarr Calhoun will need to step their games up yet another level here in the playoffs as they hope to claw their way to a playoff run. The Rams meanwhile have pushed their way into the playoffs and have shown an ability to stay with any team in the league, despite a losing record. They will need to bring it all in this contest however if they want to take down a very experienced Wolverines team. They will look to Ahmand Hill and Daniel Jackson to lead the way this Saturday as they look to pull off the upset and advance into the semifinals where the Las Vegas Badgers are waiting for the winner.

#4 Seed NLV Mustangs (4-3) VS #5 Seed Liberty Patriots (4-3) – 13U

Where: Spring Valley High School

When: 1:30 PM

The North Las Vegas Mustangs and Liberty Patriots take to the field at Spring Valley High School this Saturday afternoon as a pair of teams that not only think they can win this game, but also thinking they can make a deep run in the playoffs. These two teams boast tremendous talent and deep rosters that are as strong as any in the division. The Mustangs also come in loaded with experience as they are the defending champions at this level. They will try and use that experience to their advantage as they rely on stars like Braydon McPhee and Davison Glenn to muster up all the horse power they can for this matchup. The Patriots meanwhile will be hungry to start a playoff march of their own. Led by Tyrese Smith and Joshua Ashley, this team will be ready for anything when they take the field. This game could turn into a barn burner, so if you like high flying offenses, don't miss this matchup!

#3 AV Jr. Aggies (5-2) VS #6 Seed Jr. Raiders (2-5) – 14U

Where: Shadow Ridge High School

When: 11:45 AM

The Arbor View Jr. Aggies and Jr. Raiders head to Shadow Ridge High School for what should be a great matchup here in the first round of the playoffs. These two teams did just face each other in the regular season finale in a matchup that saw the Aggies dominate, but neither team was really trying to show any new wrinkles to their opponents as they were aware that we would see a repeat here in the first repeat of the playoffs. The Aggies

showed tremendous growth this season as they really came together as a team showing off their championship caliber. Izaiah Vega and Kade Desantis lead a very talented and explosive Aggies team that will look to ground and pound their way past the Raiders. The Raiders meanwhile have also shown fantastic growth throughout the regular season. The Raiders will try and pull off the upset behind the play of Leland mathias and Kayson Lueck who they hope can push this Raiders team to reach their highest potential.

#4 Seed Falcons Hit Squad (4-3) VS #5 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (3-4) – 14U

Where: Western High School

When: 1:30 PM

In yet another tremendous quarterfinal matchup here this weekend, the Falcons and Diamondbacks square off hoping that May the 4th will put The Force squarely on their side. Both teams are loaded with talent and have certainly showed that off at points this season. Defense has been their calling card, so they will look to see if offensively they can find their rhythm. The Falcons will try and soar behind the play of Tipsioni Manu and Alexis Alvarez who have been dynamite all season long. The Diamondbacks meanwhile will look to shake, rattle, and roll behind the play of Jamieon Windham and Jireh Green. Will they have enough to bounce back and take down the Falcons? Make sure to catch this must see matchup Saturday afternoon at Western High School!