

# NYS NEVADA TACKLE FOOTBALL

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## FALL 2019 November 2<sup>nd</sup> PREVIEWS – SEMIFINALS & CHAMPIONSHIPS

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### **#1 Seed Liberty Patriots (7-1) VS #4 Seed Henderson Cowboys (6-2) – 7U Weighted**

Where: Liberty High School  
When: 8:15 AM

Just 4 teams remain here in the 7U Division here this weekend and both matchups look to be stellar. The semifinal at Liberty High School between the Patriots and Cowboys looks to have the makings of a legendary showdown. These two teams faced off way back on opening day in a matchup that the Cowboys won by a score of 13-0. Since that point, both teams have had stellar successes leading them to this tremendous point and opportunity. The Patriots come into this game having won 7 straight games since that opening night loss. The most recent of those Patriots wins came last weekend in the quarterfinals as they took down the Sun Devils in a hard-fought battle. If the Patriots are going to keep their winning streak alive, they will try and keep marching behind the play of Cruz Coronado and Logan Guerzon who have been nothing short of the dynamic duo all season long. The Cowboys meanwhile certainly found their footing last weekend in their quarterfinal victory over the Las Vegas Ducks. The Cowboys are looking to get back into the Nevada State Championships and avenge last season's loss in that game. There is no teams name as prevalent in Nevada State Championship History in this 7U Division than the Henderson Cowboys, so you know they will come ready to play on Saturday in what should be a thrilling showdown with the Patriots.

### **#2 Seed TMT Football (7-1) VS #3 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (7-1) – 7U Weighted**

Where: Spring Valley High School  
When: 8:15 AM

Across town our other semifinal showdown will take place as TMT will take on the Diamondbacks in what looks to be a very even matchup. While these two teams didn't see each other during the regular season, their seasons were quite similar. Not only did they finish with identical records, but both teams only losses came at the hands of the top seeded Liberty Patriots. These two squads should put on quite a show Saturday morning with each team's star power coming to center stage. TMT comes into this game riding high off their shutout victory over the Firebirds in the first round of the playoffs this past weekend. Led by Wesley Tyler and Aiden Smith, TMT has the skill players and offensive line to power their way past any opponent. Defense is really this teams calling card however as they have given up the fewest points of any team in the division to this point. Looking to race past TMT's stellar defense is the division's top offense, as the Diamondbacks slither in for what they hope is a big victory. Led by the amazing Bryson Murphy and Giovanni Jaime,

this Diamondbacks team seems to find the endzone at will. Which top unit will come out victorious this weekend and earn a spot in the Nevada State Championship Game?

**#1 Seed Henderson Cowboys (6-1) VS #4 Seed TMT Football (6-2) – 8U**

Where: Liberty High School

When: 11:45 AM

The Henderson Cowboys and TMT Football hook up at Liberty High School for what should be a stellar semifinal showdown. In the final weekend of the regular season, these two teams just so happened to meet in what was a stellar matchup between these two teams. In that contest, TMT hung the only loss of the season on the Cowboys by a score of 6-0 in a defensive thriller. This matchup just a few short weeks later should be just as close and exciting for all those in attendance. The Cowboys managed to maintain the top seed in the 8U Division despite that loss and with that, they earned a first-round playoff bye. Will that time off for the Cowboys help them or hurt them? The Cowboys hope the extra rest, practice, and video work will pay off here in the semifinals as they look to earn their spot in the Nevada State Championship Game next weekend. If the Cowboys are going to earn that spot, they will need lead sheriffs like Jashawn Crayton and Caden Cadaval to step up and lead the way to the winner's circle. TMT meanwhile will try and repeat that winning performance of just a few short weeks ago and push their squad into the big game. TMT was stellar last weekend as they shut down the Las Vegas Ducks and earned this semifinal opportunity. Led by Sherrod Leslie and Legend Mitchell, this squad is loaded on both sides of the football. They will try and show everyone how money they are this weekend as they push to the limits in pursuit of the big Nevada State Championship trophy.

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

Where: Spring Valley High School

When: 11:45 AM

Look out folks, we have yet another unbelievable semifinal matchup here in the 8U Division as, yet another pair of very evenly matched squads square off in what should be a thriller of a game at Spring Valley High School. The Union rolled through the regular season in imposing fashion as they not only lead the division in points scored, but also are tops when it comes to points allowed. They also hold a regular season victory over these Diamondbacks to their name as they earned a big win under the lights ago just a few weeks back. The Union have a deep and talented team, but if they are going to earn another victory over the Diamondbacks, they need studs like Aisek Brown and Terrell Collins to lead the attack. The Diamondbacks meanwhile certainly didn't have a season to look down upon, finishing with an impressive 5-2 regular season record. They earned yet another victory last weekend in the quarterfinals as they took down the Las Vegas 49ers last weekend. The Diamondbacks will try and rattle out a victory behind the leadership of Keenan Thomas and Malakai Boykin who they hope can bring their game to the next level and lead them into the Nevada State Championship Game one week down the road.

**#1 Seed Las Vegas 49ers (8-0) VS #4 Seed TMT Football (5-3) – 10U**

Where: Spring Valley High School

When: 10:00 AM

The Las Vegas 49ers and TMT Football square off in what should be yet another amazing semifinal showdown this weekend at Spring Valley High School. The 49ers come into this contest looking golden. Not only did they complete the regular season with a perfect record, but they followed that up last weekend with an impressive first round playoff victory as they shut down the Arbor View Jr. Aggies to advance here. This 49ers team has been

unbelievable on both sides of the football, but their defense has been good enough to the divisions best to this point. Led by the unbelievable Myles Baker and the lightning fast Dante Jasames, this team has looked like a team on a mission, but they can't overlook a very strong TMT opponent this weekend. TMT had a very strong regular season and earned this spot in the semifinals with an impressive quarterfinal victory over the Liberty Patriots last weekend. While TMT fell to these 49ers during the regular season, that doesn't mean they didn't learn a ton about their opponent that will help them in this matchup. TMT will try and lean on Corey Hinton and Mekhi Carter in this weekend's showdown as they hope to pull off the big upset here at Spring Valley HS this weekend.

### **#2 Seed Las Vegas Union (6-1) VS #3 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (7-1) – 10U**

Where: McCarran Marketplace #1

When: 7:00 PM on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

The Las Vegas Union and Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks kick off this week's final semifinal showdown under the lights on Monday night at McCarran Marketplace. In what looks to be one of the most highly anticipated games of the 10U Division season, the Las Vegas Union and Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks face off with a spot in the Nevada State Championship Game going to the victor. The Union and Diamondbacks didn't see each other during the regular season, but fate stepped in and we get this must-see matchup here in the semifinals with even more on the line. The Union enter this contest boasting the division's top defense, having allowed the fewest points to this point. That defense shined last weekend as they took down a very strong Sun Devils squad by a score of 32-6. Led by the electric Eric McFarland and Isaiah Romero, this Union team will come ready to play this weekend. The Diamondbacks meanwhile will come into this matchup hungry to rattle out a big win and secure yet another teams spot in the Nevada State Championship Games. The Diamondbacks were certainly challenged in their first-round matchup with the Henderson Cowboys, but the defense stood strong all game long and gave their offense enough time to find it's footing in their 12-0 victory. If the Diamondbacks are going to earn yet another victory, they will need to lead on the strong arm of Jerome Sequeira and powerful moves of Gabriel Jaime to guide them into the big game.

### **#1 Seed Las Vegas Union (7-0) VS #4 Seed Liberty Patriots (6-2) – 12U**

Where: Spring Valley High School

When: 5:00 PM

When the 12U Division semifinals kickoff Saturday afternoon, it'll be time for big hits and big plays as the Las Vegas Union put their undefeated record on the line in a semifinal matchup with the Liberty Patriots. While these two teams didn't face each other during the regular season, these are certainly two of the best facing off this weekend in what should be a thriller. The Union comes into this contest looking like quite the team to beat. Not only do they have a perfect record on the season, but they have done so allowing just 1 touchdown to their opponents all season long! That's an incredible season out of any defense, but especially one at this high a level with great competition week in and week out. Led by Trey/Shawn Jackson and Austin Moreveille, this team is lethal on both sides of the football. The Liberty Patriots meanwhile have had an impressive march to this point as well, highlighted by their playoff victory over the Diamondbacks last weekend at Coronado High School. The Patriots shouldn't be overlooked by any opponent, especially when stars like Jett Washington and Kaden Cadang come to play like they certainly are capable of. Will the Patriots have enough in the tank to earn a Nevada State Championship bid, or will the Union halt their march and advance themselves.

### **#2 Seed Las Vegas Elite (8-0) VS #3 Seed Las Vegas 49ers (7-1) – 12U**

Where: Spring Valley High School  
When: 3:15 PM

In what should be one of if not the most anticipated semifinal game in NYS Nevada history, the Las Vegas Elite and Las Vegas 49ers will square off at Spring Valley High School for what everyone thinks will be a barn burner. These two teams didn't see each other during the regular season, but that doesn't mean these two squads won't be perfectly prepared. During the regular season and again last weekend in the quarterfinals, these two offenses showed just how potent they are by putting up big number's week after week. The Las Vegas Elite enter this game with a perfect record and will certainly be looking to keep that record intact. Led by the impressive offensive combination of Eddie Loera and Massiah Mingo, the Elite ground game can churn out yards and scores seemingly at will. The Las Vegas 49ers come into this contest boasting a powerful offensive attack of their own. Led by quarterback Dino Roberts and power back Joshua Durggan, they know how to find that golden end zone too. This game may come down to the smallest of details. Who has the ball last and who converts on extra points will most likely come out with the big win here and earn a spot in the Nevada State Championship Game.

**#1 Seed NLV Mustangs Blue (7-0) VS #4 Seed NLV Mustangs White (5-3) – 13U Weighted**

Where: Shadow Ridge High School  
When: 10:00 AM

In what should be a very fun and entertaining matchup at Shadow Ridge High School the North Las Vegas Mustangs Blue and White squads square off with a spot in the Nevada State Championship Game going to the victor. The North Las Vegas Mustangs Blue enter this contest chomping at the bit after a first-round playoff bye this past weekend. The Mustangs Blue had a stellar regular season which included a big win over the Mustangs White squad in impressive fashion. The Mustangs Blue will lean on the powerful leadership and play of Coen Coloma and James Hadley as they try and keep on running their way toward their goals. The Mustangs White meanwhile will be looking to flip the script on their Mustangs Blue counterparts after what was a tough regular season loss. This team did bounce back nicely however in their first-round playoff game as they took down the Jr. Raiders and galloped their way into this opportunity. If they are going to earn a big win this weekend, they will need big performances from their leaders like Marcel Matlock and Tanner McDonald. Expect a very clean and well played game this weekend at Shadow Ridge High School with a big Nevada State Championship opportunity on the line.

**#2 Seed Liberty Patriots (7-0) VS #3 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (6-2) – 13U Weighted**

Where: Liberty High School  
When: 10:00 AM

Across town at Liberty High School, the other semifinal will be taking place as the Patriots and Diamondbacks face each other. These two teams played way back on September 16<sup>th</sup> in a game that saw the Patriots earn a 12-7 Monday night victory. If that game taught us anything, its to expect this game to be just as close. The Patriots come into this matchup a perfect 7-0 and coming off a first-round playoff bye. During the regular season, the Patriots offense was certainly stellar, as they averaged 32 points a contest. Led by Christopher Dalina and La'Anui Mulivai, the Patriots will come to play tomorrow. The Diamondbacks meanwhile will try and rattle out a big playoff win of their own this weekend as they have had their offense come to life here late in the season. A big win over the North Las Vegas Mustangs White in the regular season finale which was followed up with a high-powered

playoff victory over the Crusaders last weekend showed just how strong this team can be when they start clicking. If the Diamondbacks are going to earn a 2<sup>nd</sup> straight playoff victory, they will need a big game from their studs like Evan Corpus and Exequiel Sady Kennedy.

### **#1 Seed Las Vegas Elite (8-0) VS #4 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (7-1) – 14U**

Where: McCarran Marketplace #2

When: 6:30 PM on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

The Las Vegas Elite and Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks get a Monday night matchup this week in what should be a stellar semifinal matchup at McCarran Marketplace. While these two teams didn't face each other during the regular season for us to look at and help predict the future from, we do have quite a bit of knowledge about these two semifinalists. The Las Vegas Elite enter this matchup with a perfect record to their name. Not only that, they did so in impressive form by averaging over 32 points a game, good enough for tops in the 14U Division. Led by the strong arm of Tyrese Smith and powerhouse running of Razzaq Thomas-McDade, this Elite offense is just that, elite. The Diamondbacks meanwhile rattle their way into this semifinal matchup coming off a huge first round playoff victory over the Henderson Cowboys last weekend. Led by Andre Cade and Jamieon Windom, this Diamondbacks squad is venomous on both sides of the football. They have a daunting task however of slowing down the Elite offense, so if they are going to do so, they need their entire squad to show this Monday night.

### **#2 Seed Bullhead City Firebirds (7-1) VS #3 Seed Las Vegas Union (7-1) – 14U**

Where: Spring Valley High School

When: 1:30 PM

In a slate of stellar semifinal matchups, this matchup stands out by just a hair to qualify as the Semifinal Game of the Week here this weekend. These two teams enter with identical 7-1 records with both teams having their losses come at the hands of the Las Vegas Elite. Not only that, both teams have put up exactly 249 points through 8 games this season. We can go through a ton more stats to show you just how even and impressive these two teams are, but their defensive stats really shine to us. The Firebirds have allowed their opponents to score just 2.25 points per game on them while the Union have given up just under 5 points a game to their opponents. With defenses that strong, you would expect a grind it out game with every possession and yard being important. The Firebirds soar into this matchup hungry to earn that Nevada State Championship appearance. Led by the powerful Jonathon Williams and strong armed Izaac Robles, this Firebirds team will be looking to prove just how on fire they are. The Union meanwhile had to fight their way past the Red Eagles in a tough matchup last weekend and will look to ground another bird this weekend as they march towards what they hope is a Nevada State Championship appearance of their own. The Union will try and lean on the experience of stars like Kobe Hendricks and Austin Boice to lead them this weekend in what they hope is another big playoff win.

### **#1 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (8-0) VS #2 Seed Henderson Cowboys (6-2) – 11U Weighted Division Nevada State Championship Game**

Where: Liberty High School

When: 3:00 PM

Late afternoon brings the first of our Nevada State Championship Games to Liberty High School this weekend as the 11U Weighted Division takes the field. In that matchup, the top 2 seeds during the regular season face off in a matchup between the Desert Oasis Jr.

Diamondbacks and the Henderson Cowboys. The Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks raced through the regular season with a perfect record as they came on strong in their attempt to repeat as Nevada State Champions. In the first round of the playoffs, the Diamondbacks managed to rattle off an impressive playoff victory as they shutout the Trojans last weekend to earn their shot at another title. The Diamondbacks offense is certainly a dynamic one that is effective in both the passing and running games. Through the air, the strong arm of Bishop Allen leads the way. He's got plenty of weapons to utilize as Tyron Tinner, Jose Jaime, Kory Villareal, and Treven Eddington all represent tons of talent and touchdown potential. All that offensive skill will certainly challenge the Henderson Cowboys defense in this matchup. The Cowboys meanwhile recovered from their regular season finale loss to the Liberty Patriots by turning around and coming out and taking them down in impressive fashion this past weekend in the semifinals. Not only were the Cowboys strong in that matchup, but they also had a stellar regular season. The only other blemish on the Cowboys regular season was a loss to these Diamondbacks. They will be hungry to get revenge yet again here in the Nevada State Championship Game. Maurice Collins and Kieran Daniel as a duo managed to dominate the ground game as both surpasses 676 yards on the regular season. They get plenty of help from other stars like Gianni Guerrero, Anthony Donato, and Andrew Rodriguez who will all need to step up their games to an even higher level if they are going to earn those rings this weekend.

### **#2 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (7-1) VS #4 Seed TMT Football (5-3) – 9U Weighted Division Nevada State Championship Game**

Where: Liberty High School

When: 5:00 PM

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Nevada State Championship Game of the day should be yet another thrilling matchup as the Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks take on TMT at Liberty High School. The Diamondbacks come into this touting an impressive squad. The Diamondbacks come into this game on fire as they are riding an impressive 5 game winning streak. Their most recent victory in the semifinals came over a hard charging Rams team in very impressive fashion. The Diamondbacks have boasted the divisions best defense all season long, as they have been a tough nut to crack and put up points on. Led by quarterback Tycen Jordan-Zemmitt and key skill players Isaiah Cooper, Jordan Joseph, & Ty McMihelk, this Diamondbacks squad has quite the ability to rattle out wins. Not only that, they hold a win over TMT which they earned by a score of 19-0 back on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Will they be able to replicate that result this weekend? TMT will try and have something to say about that here as they look to ride this playoff run to a Nevada State Championship of their own. TMT earned a huge upset win last weekend over the previous unbeaten Henderson Cowboys in a thriller of a game. They will look to double down on that win this weekend as they try and take down another higher seed in the Diamondbacks. TMT has been led by the stellar play of stars like Oliver Meeks, Semaj James, and Alvin Pollard all season long. That really showed here late in the season thanks to some real hard work put in by the entire roster as they earned this HUGE opportunity here on Saturday with the title on the line!

### **#1 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (5-0-1) VS #2 Seed Bullhead City Firebirds (5-1) – 11U Division Nevada State Championship Game**

Where: Liberty High School

When: 7:00 PM

The nightcap and final Nevada State Championship Game of the weekend certainly should be an exciting matchup as the Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks and the Bullhead City Firebirds take to the field with the rings and big trophy on the line. These two teams played just one time during the regular season, and in that matchup, the Diamondbacks earned a

big win. Both teams come into this matchup ready to soar to what each hope is the championship. The Diamondbacks enter this game chomping at the bit to get back on the field. The Diamondbacks are loaded with talent on both sides of the football. It's easy to rattle off key contributors for this team as Bishop Allen, Tyron Tinner, Kory Villareal, Kkay Lomiga, and more all wear Diamondback colors. Will they all be able to mesh and lead this team to the win? The Bullhead City Firebirds meanwhile soar into Las Vegas with a clear mission of earning that Nevada State Championship crown. They come in having demolished the Las Vegas Elite last weekend and look hungry to light a fire under their players and fans yet again this weekend with everything on the line. Led by Anthony Moses, Joseph Yoney, Adrian Almanza, and Jordan Underwood, this team is as talented as they come. The question we have in this matchup, is which team will stay most composed, as composure and patience will probably be the keys to victory in this final game of the night.