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## FALL 2017 WEEK TEN PREVIEWS

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### **#5 Seed Las Vegas Elite Wildcats (5-3) VS #1 Seed Henderson Cowboys (8-0) – 7U Weighted Division**

Where: Las Vegas High School

When: 1:30 PM

It's semifinal time for the 7U Weighed Division as the Las Vegas Elite Wildcats take on the Henderson Cowboys this weekend at Las Vegas High School. The Wildcats have had an incredibly exciting season to this point, including a victory over the Western Ducks in the first round of the playoffs. The Wildcats defense shone bright in that contest, as they have been all season long. The Wildcats have given up just fewer than 9 points to their opponents thus far this season, and will be looking to put the clamps on an electric Henderson Cowboys offense. The Wildcats offense will certainly need to be on point this weekend, and will go on the hunt for touchdowns behind the pack leadership of Troy McKnight and King David who will look to light up the scoreboard in this matchup. The top seeded Henderson Cowboys however have been nothing short of stellar this season. The Cowboys have scored the most points and given up the fewest points thus far this season. Their offense averages a crazy 33 points a game while the defense gave up just 1 score all season long. That leads to a mighty impressive top seed. The Cowboys did take on these Wildcats earlier in the year in a matchup they won by a score of 35-0. They will look to repeat that this weekend behind the play of Caleb Ramalia and Judson Warner who have had huge seasons thus far this season!

### **#6 Seed Sin City Spartans (5-3) VS #2 Seed Bishop Gorman Gators (8-0) – 7U Weighted Division**

Where: Ed Fountain Park #6

When: 7:15 PM

Our second semifinal takes place Friday night in an under the lights matchup that should be spectacular to watch. While these two teams didn't see each other during the regular season, there has been plenty of hype around both teams, leading to what should be a very exciting showdown. The Sin City Spartans may have entered the playoffs as an underdog squad, being the 6 seed, but they didn't play like your average 6 seed in their quarterfinal victory over the Las Vegas Sun Devils. The Spartans edged out the Sun Devils by a score of 7-6 in what was a thriller of epic proportions this past weekend. The Spartans will look to stay on the war path as they try and take down the undefeated Gators this week. The Spartans are led by Shamarion Scott and Keith Simmons who will look to be on point in this matchup. The Spartans offense was more than solid this season averaging almost 22 points a contest, but will certainly need to be ready for a tough Gators defense. Speaking of the

Gators defense, that unit has given up just under 3 points a game to this point. The Gators offense has been equally potent to this point, averaging over 28 points a game. The Gators will also be looking to remain perfect this season and will be turning to Gourney Childs and Ujani Ross to power them into the Nevada State Championship Game with a victory.

### **#2 Seed Las Vegas Badgers (7-1) VS #1 Seed Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks (7-0) – 9U Weighted Division**

Where: Liberty High School

When: 9:00 AM

It's Nevada State Championship Game time for our 9U Weighted Division, and the first ever state champ will be crowned this Saturday morning at Liberty High School. These two teams come from across Las Vegas and will be hungry to claim the crown in this one. The Badgers and Diamondbacks faced off once earlier in the season, accounting for the only loss on the Badgers ledger to this point. The Badgers however have responded very nicely since that loss, winning 4 straight, including a semifinal win last weekend over the Pahrump Trojans. The Badgers offense has been very strong this season, led by MVP finalist Jai'shon Bradford and Kenneth Hill. This team will look to keep those two active often as they have all season where they put over 26 points a contest. The Desert Oasis Diamondbacks meanwhile have been nothing but stellar to this point of the season. The Diamondbacks not only finished off a perfect regular season, but looked dominant yet again last weekend in the semifinals where they eliminated the Southern Highlands Jr. Rebels. The Diamondbacks offense has been striking at opponent's week in and week out to a tune of almost 34 points an outing. Combine that with a defense that has only given up 1 score, and that is how you get to be undefeated. Led by Evan McMihelk and Treven Edington, this team has been nothing but stellar all-season long. Both teams however come into this contest expecting to walk out the champions, so expect nothing less than a supreme Nevada State Championship Game to kick off the day at Liberty High School.

### **#3 Seed Las Vegas Gladiators (6-3) VS #1 Seed Western Ducks (7-1) – 10U D1 Division**

Where: Liberty High School

When: 3:00 PM

The Las Vegas Gladiators look to challenge the Western Ducks this weekend in what should be a very exciting 10U D1 Nevada State Championship Game. The Gladiators advanced to this spot thanks to a pair of impressive playoff victories, including a first-round win over the Gators and a second-round win over the 702 49ers. In both matchups, the Gladiators showed tremendous grit and grind pushing through some very tough opponents. Led by Myles Baker and Derrick Page, this team looks ready to take on all opponents here, especially of late. The Gladiators offense averaged 18 points a game this season, and will certainly need to be on point if they hope to clip the Ducks wings this weekend in this Championship showdown. The Gladiators did fall to the Ducks earlier in the season by a score of 25-6, but that was way back on September 30<sup>th</sup> and both teams have really improved and started rolling since that matchup. The Ducks meanwhile will look to keep the wind at their backs this weekend as they hope to claim a Nevada State Championship victory. The Ducks earned a huge playoff victory of their own last weekend in the semifinals where they defeated the Henderson Cowboys with a huge team effort. Led by X-Zavier Christopher and Massiah Mingo, this team has really looked stellar in every matchup. The Ducks offense was certainly impressive this season, averaging over 26 points a contest, best in the division. The Ducks defense was also best in the division, as they have given up just 3 scores. We've got a Nevada State Championship game this weekend being played by

two red hot teams! Expect a tremendous matchup this weekend at Liberty High School where the 10U D1 Champion will be crowned.

**#4 Seed Green Valley Knights (6-2) VS #1 Seed Las Vegas Ravens (8-0) – 10U D2 Division**

Where: Del Sol High School

When: 11:45 AM

The Green Valley Knights and Las Vegas Ravens square off at Del Sol High School in what should be a tremendous semifinal showdown. The Green Valley Knights earned an impressive first round victory over the Spring Valley Jr. Grizzlies in a very well-played matchup that saw both defenses play very well. The Knights will be looking to stay in their saddles as they try and lance the Ravens in this matchup. If they are to accomplish that feat, the Knights will need Kaden Cadang and Kiechi Watanabe to step up and lead the way to victory. The Knights defense has been very good this season, giving up just 8 points a game in D2 play. That's an impressive unit that the Ravens offense will have to face this weekend. The Ravens offense however certainly was no slouch, averaging over 30 points a contest. That average includes the Ravens very impressive first round playoff victory over the Arbor View Jr. Aggies last weekend. The Ravens will look to keep all that momentum gained from a perfect regular season at their backs for this semifinal matchup. They will turn to Isaiah Thomas and Donovan Smith to be their leaders on the field this weekend as they hope to earn a spot in the championship game.

**#3 Seed Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks (6-2) VS #2 Seed Las Vegas Sun Devils (8-1) – 10U D2 Division**

Where: Desert Oasis High School

When: 3:15 PM

The Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks and Las Vegas Sun Devils will battle it out in a semifinal showdown at Desert Oasis High School this weekend. The Diamondbacks enter this matchup as the 3-seed having already earned a playoff victory over the Las Vegas Wildcats last weekend. They will look to continue their playoff run this weekend behind the play of Grady Kelly and Evan McMihelk, who will hope they can coil together for a semifinal win. During the regular season and first round of the playoffs the Diamondbacks averaged almost 25 points a game while giving up just over 5 points a game. That's a pretty tough team that the 2<sup>nd</sup> seeded Las Vegas Sun Devils will be facing this weekend. The Sun Devils however are quite the team as well, earning the #2 seed in the playoffs and following that up with a dominating first round victory over the Green Machine. The Sun Devils offense has certainly been stellar this season, averaging over 33 points a contest this season. That is good enough for best in the 10U D2 Division. The Sun Devils offense has been led by TD machine Tysean McCraney and Vashon Thomas who will look to team up and lead their team into the Nevada State Championship Game.

**#2 Seed Las Vegas Wolverines (7-1) VS #1 Seed Western Ducks (8-0) – 11U Weighted Division**

Where: Liberty High School

When: 11:00pm

The 2<sup>nd</sup> game of the day at Liberty High School will be the 11U Weighted Division Nevada State Championship Game! This matchup features the top two regular season teams in the division, as neither lost a game to anyone but the other. That one loss came way back in the first week of the season when the Ducks defeated the Wolverines by a score of 16-8. Since that opening day matchup, neither team has lost. The Wolverines come in clawing

their way past opponents, including a huge semifinal victory over the Pahrump Trojans last weekend. The Wolverines have been led by Michael Ferguson and Aavyn Kitchen this season, and hope that duo can keep the Ducks in check. The Wolverines offense was the best in the league this season, averaging over 30 points a contest and will look to be ready to roll this weekend at Liberty High School. The Ducks meanwhile soared not only through the regular season without a loss, but also through their semifinal shutout win over the TMT Red Lions last weekend. The Ducks feature a defense that is nothing short of stellar, giving up just 1 TD all season long to their opponents, and none since opening day. Interestingly, this Ducks offense has been stopped for a pair of safeties for the only points this team has allowed since that opening weekend. The Ducks offense Jaden Williams and Dawson Levine

### **#3 Seed Henderson Bearcats (7-2) VS #1 Seed Bishop Gorman Gators (7-1) – 12U D1 Division**

Where: Liberty High School

When: 5:00 PM

The Henderson Bearcats and Bishop Gorman Gators square off in what looks to be a classic Nevada State Championship Game here in the 12U Division. These two teams from across Clark County have played for other titles before, but this is another huge matchup with AYP Regionals looming for the winner the following weekend. The Bearcats have had yet another impressive season, clawing their way here to the Nevada State Championship Game thanks to playoff wins over the Las Vegas Bengals and Las Vegas Gladiators. The Bearcats also hold a regular season win over the Gators this season, the only loss the Gators suffered all season long! The Gators will turn to their brotherly connection of Bryson and Brandon Tunnell to lead them to yet another Nevada State Championship victory this Saturday afternoon. The Bearcats offense was their calling card this season, as they averaged over 25 points a contest including the playoffs, but the Gators defense was by far the best in the 12U D1 Division this season, so expect two top units to be ready to play. The Gators defense gave up just fewer than 8 points a game to opponents this season, really making their opponents uncomfortable at every turn. The Gators will be turning to Elija Lofton and Jeremiah Hughes to keep them chomping their way to wins. The Gators earned a semifinal victory over the Western Ducks last weekend, and are as hungry as ever to claim the championship trophy this weekend. Expect a thriller between these two very evenly matched teams.

### **#4 Seed Toros Football (7-1) VS #1 Seed Las Vegas Sun Devils (8-0) – 12U D2 Division**

Where: Desert Oasis High School

When: 10:00 AM

The Toros and Sun Devils face off in a semifinal showdown at Desert Oasis High School this week in what should be a very exciting matchup. These two teams faced off in the regular season finale, a matchup the Sun Devils won by a score of 20-0, so both teams should be quite familiar with each other. The Toros have certainly had a great first season here in NYS, rolling through the regular season with just 1 loss and following it up with an impressive first round playoff victory over the Moapa Valley Pirates last weekend. The Toros were led by Andre Cade and Gunnar Myro during the regular season, and will certainly look for a bullish performance from the entire roster in this semifinal matchup. The Toros were especially good on defense this season, giving up just 8 points a contest to their opponents. Looking to score on that tough defense of the Toros will be the divisions 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked offense of the Sun Devils. The Sun Devils offense averaged 32 points a contest, which is certainly an impressive total. The Sun Devils defense wasn't anything to sneeze at either, as they gave up the fewest points of any team in the 12U D2 Division this season. The Sun Devils will be turning to Quinten Larry and Branko Hansell to

try and head things up on the Toros this weekend as they look for a birth in the championship game with one more victory.

**#3 Seed Las Vegas Wolverines (7-1) VS #2 Seed Green Valley Knights (8-0) – 12U D2 Division**

Where: Del Sol High School

When: 3:15 PM

The Las Vegas Wolverines and Green Valley Knights face off in the 12U D2 Divisions second semifinal of the weekend. The Wolverines and Knights faced off way back in week 1 of the season at Green Valley High School in a matchup that the Knights won by a score of 31-25. Just like that neck and neck matchup, these two teams have stayed close in the standings all season long. Neither team has lost a contest since that point, so you know these two teams are certainly playing good football. The Wolverines earned a first-round playoff victory last weekend over the Las Vegas Wildcats. The Wolverines will look to their high-flying offense to keep them in this contest. The Wolverines averaged over 29 points a contest this season on offense, thanks to the stellar leadership of Joshua Steffen and Emarion Jones who each had stellar seasons. The Green Valley Knights will be tasked at slowing down the Wolverines offense yet again this weekend. The Knights followed up a perfect regular season with a first-round playoff victory over the Arbor View Aggies last weekend. The Knights have lanced the competition week in and week largely thanks to their offense that was tops in the division. The Knights offense averaged an impressive 34 points a game this season, really putting pressure on defenses thanks to a strong passing and running game. The Knights will be turning to Quamir Cardona and Jack Stevens to lead them to another big victory this weekend at Del Sol High School that will propel the winner into the Nevada State Championship Game.

**#3 Seed Faith Lutheran Crusaders (7-2) VS #1 Seed Bishop Gorman Gators (8-0) – 13U Weighted Division**

Where: Liberty High School

When: 1:00 PM

The Faith Lutheran Crusaders and Bishop Gorman Gators will be duking it out for the first ever Nevada State Championship Game win in the 13U Weighted Division, that also gives the winner a spot in AYF Regionals next weekend. Both teams will certainly be hungry to keep their seasons alive, so expect an all-out effort in this matchup. The Faith Lutheran Crusaders have certainly been impressive in their first season in NYS. This 13U Weighted team just earned a big semifinal victory over the Pahrump Warriors last weekend, and will be hungry to follow that up with one more victory this Saturday at Liberty. To earn that win, the Crusaders will be turning to Nicholas Crowell and Ryder Sudbry to lead the way. The Crusaders offense was nothing short of stellar this season, averaging 26 points a contest. Will that be enough to slow down the Gators? The Gators defense was beyond impressive, but really everything was for this undefeated and top seeded team. The Gators averaged 34 points a game on offense while they gave up just 1 touchdown all season long. That formula quite obviously leads to a lot of wins. If the Gators are going to win this matchup however, they will need Kyri Shoels and Silas Shannon to have a big game as both teams will certainly be ready to play and hungry this weekend.

**#2 Seed Bishop Gorman Gators (7-1) VS #1 Seed Las Vegas Bengals (8-0) – 14U D1 Division**

Where: Liberty High School

When: 7:00 PM

The Bishop Gorman Gators and Las Vegas Bengals will square off in the final game of the evening in what should be one of the most highly anticipated 14U Nevada State Championship showdowns in quite some time. These are the two best teams in the state without a doubt, as they have certainly proved themselves to the rest of their foes and admirers. These two teams faced off in one of the best games of the year earlier this year in a matchup that the Bengals won, but that is the past. In fact, that loss for the Gators was the only loss either of these teams would suffer all season long. The Gators earned a very hard fought semifinal victory last weekend over the Fast Twitch Warriors. The Gators offense has been stellar all season long, averaging over 29 points a contest. Led by Germi Bernard and Cam'Ron Barfield, this Gators team will be more than hungry to claim a Nevada State Championship victory this weekend. The Bengals meanwhile have certainly earned their stripes this season, racing through a perfect regular season that they managed to follow up with a semifinal win over the 702 49ers last weekend in impressive fashion. The Bengals offense has averaged an impressive 33 points a contest to this point, and will be ready to pounce on the Gators in this matchup. If they are going to come out with the win, they will certainly need big games out of their stars like Ferrari Busby and D'Andre Washington. The winner of this game will get a direct shot to AYF Nationals in Orlando, so expect a tremendous game and full effort in this Saturday night thriller under the lights at Liberty High School.

#### **#5 Seed Faith Lutheran Crusaders (5-3) VS #1 Seed Las Vegas Aces (6-2) – 14U D2 Division**

Where: Del Sol High School

When: 8:15 AM

The Faith Lutheran Crusaders and Las Vegas Aces face off in what should be a very evenly matched and exciting semifinal matchup this weekend to start the day at Del Sol High School. The Crusaders enter this matchup riding high after their first-round victory over the Seahawks last weekend. The Crusaders will try and turn to Carson Hersh and Kodi Decambra to lead them to another big win, this time in the semifinals. The Crusaders offense averaged an impressive 25 points a contest, and will certainly need all that offense on hand if they hope to fold the Aces. The Aces meanwhile will be looking to build on their first-round playoff victory over the Toros last weekend. The Aces had a tremendous season led by Edward Rhambo and Jeramiah Nichols who were leaders both on and off the field for this team. The Aces offense was certainly stellar, averaging almost 25 points a game this season, and while they didn't see the Crusaders during the regular season, they should be well prepared for this semifinal showdown.

#### **#6 Seed Green Valley Knights (4-4) VS #2 Seed Las Vegas Wolverines (6-2) – 14U D2 Division**

Where: Del Sol High School

When: 1:30 PM

The Green Valley Knights and Las Vegas Wolverines will face off in the 2<sup>nd</sup> of two 14U D2 Semifinal matchups at Del Sol High School this weekend. The Green Valley Knights earned their spot in the semifinals thanks to a big quarterfinal victory over the 3<sup>rd</sup> seeded Moapa Valley Pirates last weekend. That game was phenomenal, and the Knights hope they can keep the momentum gained from that win on their side in this one. The Knights were led by Mark Rerecich and Michael Towle this season, and will look for that duo to have another big game and lead the way on Saturday. The Knights offense was very good this season, averaging 22 points a contest, but the Wolverines defense was very good as well, giving up just under 11 points a game to their opponents. That being said, the Knights offense was able to get to the Wolverines back in the first weekend of the regular season where the

Knights won by a score of 32-6. The Wolverines however have really gotten it together since then, including earning a nice playoff win last weekend over the Henderson Falcons in a great matchup by a score of 18-12. The Wolverines will be turning to Marcos Kemp and Logann Britt this weekend as they hope to stay red hot and claw their way into the Nevada State Championship game with a victory.