

# NYS NEVADA TACKLE FOOTBALL

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## FALL 2018 WEEK 10 PREVIEWS – WEIGHTED DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS & UNWEIGHTED DIVISION SEMIFINALS

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### **#1 Seed Henderson Cowboys (9-0) VS #2 Seed TMT Elite (8-1) – 7U**

Where: Liberty High School

When: 2:15 PM

The Henderson Cowboys and TMT Elite square off this weekend in what should be a stellar Nevada State Championship matchup. These two teams are certainly rolling here and deserve to be playing for the big trophy. To say that both teams are hot would be the understatement of the century. The Henderson Cowboys are clearly on a roll. They not only put together a perfect regular season, but they followed that up with a pair of playoff wins over the Green Valley Knights and Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks in impressive fashion. TMT Elite meanwhile faltered in their first matchup of the season to these Henderson Cowboys, but since that point has looked near untouchable. After playoff victories the past two weekends over the Falcons Hit Squad and Las Vegas Union, TMT Elite now has their win streak up to 8. The top seeded Cowboys come in with a very talented roster, but this team's leader is most definitely MVP finalist Jashawn Crayton. Crayton might be the sheriff of this team, but he certainly has a few deputies that are impact players that need to play at their best if they hope to take down TMT Elite. Caden Cadaval, Ayden Luhan, and Jack Griffin are just a few of those key pieces for the Henderson Cowboys in this matchup. TMT Elite meanwhile has some serious star power on their sideline as well. Lazerius Winbush is a prime-time player who puts his own personal stamp on every single play. If TMT Elite is to come out with a victory, Winbush will need his wingmen to step up and play at their very best. Aiden Smith, Legend Mitchell, and Wesley Tyler will all need to play at an ELITE level if they hope to dethrone the Cowboys from their perch of being the defending State Champs. This should be an excellent matchup, so expect a thriller here in the 7U Weighed Division Nevada State Championship Game.

### **#1 Seed Liberty Patriots (8-0) VS #3 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (7-2) – 9U**

Where: Liberty High School

When: 8:00 AM

The 9U Weighted Nevada State Championship matchup should be a classic battle between a pair of teams looking to prove that not only are they the best team in this division in the state of Nevada, but also that they are ready to compete on the national level as the winner gets a direct bid to compete in AYF Nationals in Orlando come December. Since the start of the season, both teams have had their eye on the prize, so this last obstacle of a game is all that stands in the way of each team achieving their dream. These two teams played way back on September 8<sup>th</sup> in a matchup that the Patriots won by a score of 13-7 in a thriller.

That win helped catapult the Patriots through a perfect regular season that helped them earn the top seed in the 9U Weighed Division. Led by Demier Zamora, Darian Abella, Jemari Arnold, and Colin Canha, this team really plays like a cohesive unit. Their semifinal victory over the Las Vegas Rams last weekend showed how this teams work ethic has really paid off because the Rams played a tremendous game. The Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks meanwhile have been working extremely hard to snake their way back into the Nevada State Championship Game. Last season they came up just short in their title defense and have looked extra hungry to stick their fangs on getting back to this moment. Their victory last weekend over the defending champion Las Vegas Badgers showed just how much this team wanted to come out with a victory. Led by Jerome Sequiera, Christopher Leuma, Selby Greigo, and Branston Anguay, this Diamondbacks squad has more than enough talent to go all the way. Make sure to wake up early for this Saturday morning matchup that we expect to be a thriller this weekend at Liberty High School with the winner taking home the big hardware and getting set for Florida!

**#1 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (8-0) VS #2 Seed Falcons Hit Squad (8-1) – 11U**

Where: Liberty High School

When: 10:00 AM

The Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks and Falcons Hit Squad already faced off in one of the best games of the season in any division this year. In that matchup the Diamondbacks outlasted the Falcons and escaped with a 12-6 overtime courtesy of a Bishop Allen quarterback sneak. The rematch of that epic contest has been a game that everyone has been looking forward to, especially because the stakes are even higher. Add on a Nevada State Championship, a direct bid to Orlando for AYF Nationals, and tickets to the Las Vegas Bowl, this game is HUGE! The Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks enter this game as the undefeated top seed having not lost a contest all season long. The Diamondbacks have really gotten going here in the post season with back to back victories over the Mustangs and TMT Elite the past two weekends. Nigel Edwards, Theodore Edquilang, and Bishop Allen are just a few of this teams' stars that will need to step up and have big games if they hope to bring home the title. The Falcons Hit Squad meanwhile has certainly been a team to watch this season as well. The Falcons offense has really soared all season long, as they have averaged almost 30 points a contest to this point. Led by MVP finalists X-Zavier Christopher and Joshua Durrigan, this team has a dynamic duo that can seemingly score at will. The question of this game is will they be able to slow down the Diamondbacks wicked offense that has averaged over 31 points a game. When two high powered offenses battle each other in a matchup of these implications, it's the little plays that will come and become the difference makers. Expect the team that can avoid penalties and turnovers to be the one that escapes with a victory this Saturday morning in what should be an epic Nevada State Championship showdown.

**#1 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (8-0) VS #2 Seed North Las Vegas Mustangs (7-2) – 13U**

Where: Liberty High School

When: 12:00 PM

The Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks and North Las Vegas Mustangs settle in for a matchup at Liberty High School at High Noon in what should be yet another epic showdown. The Diamondbacks and Mustangs battled it out earlier in the year in a Monday night matchup for the ages. That showdown saw these two teams battle back and forth down to the very wire in a matchup that the Diamondbacks would win by a score of 27-26. That game left everyone wanting a rematch, and thanks to a tremendous playoff run by both teams, we have gotten that matchup here this weekend. The Diamondbacks ran through the regular

season a perfect 7-0, but certainly had to fight their way through some stiff competition. After earning a first round playoff bye, the Diamondbacks snaked their way past the Coronado Jr. Cougars for an exciting victory. The competition takes yet another step up this weekend as the Mustangs come galloping towards this showdown with a Nevada State Championship and a spot in AYP Nationals going to the victors. The Diamondbacks hope to keep that perfect record alive behind the stellar play of their MVP Finalist, Davion Callahan-Collins. Davion's play has been nothing short of stellar this season, leading the way for this team proving to be a touchdown machine. Flanked by stellar players like Daquontay Cage and Fazion Love, this team is an offensive powerhouse. The Mustangs meanwhile will be looking to their own MVP Finalist to lead their squad to victory this weekend. Jaquieze Holland was the only 1000-yard rusher in the league this season and his dominance on the ground really paved the way for this Mustangs squad to reach these new heights. This squad however will need to give Holland plenty of help and studs like Davison Glenn and Tanner McDonald will need to be on their game as well! The Mustangs playoff run has been highlighted by victories over the Liberty Patriots and Pahrump Valley Warriors the past two weekends. That Warriors win was especially impressive, but this Diamondbacks matchup is a whole new ball game. Expect a thriller here in what should be nothing short of a spectacular matchup.

### **#1 Seed Las Vegas Union (7-1) VS #4 Seed Henderson Cowboys (6-2) – 8U**

Where: Bonanza High School

When: 10:00 AM

The Las Vegas Union and Henderson Cowboys have both had tremendous seasons to this point, but only one team can make it to the Nevada State Championship Game here in the 8U Division. The Union and Cowboys faced each other in the last game of the regular season in a matchup that saw the Henderson Cowboys turn their season around and hand the Union their first loss of the season. That game saw the Cowboys pull away late and steal the Union's perfect regular season from their grasps. Both teams don't hang their hats on regular season victories as these teams were playing for more! The Union did manage to hold onto the top seed and rebounded nicely with a quarterfinal victory over the Elite Las Vegas Wildcats. Led by Jordan Joseph and Shamarion Scott, this team will be ready to exact some revenge and as they try and take down the Cowboys this weekend. The Cowboys meanwhile will be looking to remain in control and lasso the Union yet again this weekend. The Cowboys rode hard and fast last time out to defeat TMT Elite to earn this semifinal showdown. If the Cowboys are going to keep this late season streak alive, they will need Caleb Ramaila and Judson Warner to step up and have big games this weekend!

### **#2 Seed Falcons Hit Squad (7-1) VS #3 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (6-2) – 8U**

Where: Bonanza High School

When: 3:15 PM

The Falcons and Diamondbacks head to Bonanza High School for what should be a stellar afternoon matchup this weekend with a spot in the Nevada State Championship Game going to the winner. The Falcons soared past Vegas Strong in the first round of the playoffs managing to pitch a shutout on the strength of this team's stellar defense. If they want to keep their ride going, they will need get big games from stars like Nasir Smith and Damian Rojas. The Diamondbacks meanwhile managed to snake their way past the Tribe in their quarterfinal victory thanks to a tremendous team showing. They will need more of that this weekend as they will turn to Tycen Jordan and Isaiah Cooper to lead the way. These two teams didn't see each other during the regular season, so expect a bit of a feeling out period in this game with the team to get aggressive early having the advantage.

**South #1 Seed TMT Elite (7-1) VS North #2 Seed Vegas Strong (7-1) – 10U**

Where: Del Sol High School

When: 8:15 AM

TMT Elite and Vegas Strong will head to Del Sol High School for 3 exciting matchups with Nevada State Championship Game slots going to the victors as these two franchises will be going at each other all day long. This matchup should be nothing short of spectacular as these two teams come into this game with just 1 loss each thus far this season. The only loss for TMT Elite came courtesy of this very same Vegas Strong squad that saw them pitch a shutout earlier in the season. TMT Elite however has rebounded nicely since that loss and did very well to shut down a strong Las Vegas Sun Devils team in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the playoffs. Led by Amere Swan and Corey Hinton, this team will be hungry to keep their crown as defending champions and avenge their early season loss. Vegas Strong however is also a team on a roll. They earned an impressive quarterfinal playoff victory of their own over the Elite Las Vegas Wildcats. Vegas Strong will try and turn to Vaimaona Manutai and Treyton Savea to lead them into battle yet again this weekend in this matchup at Del Sol High School.

**North #1 Seed Las Vegas Union Thunderbirds (8-0) VS South #2 Seed DO Jr. Diamondbacks (6-2) – 10U**

Where: Bonanza High School

When: 1:30 PM

The Las Vegas Union Thunderbirds rolled through the regular season in impressive fashion and continued that run with their first-round playoff victory over the Liberty Patriots last time out. The Diamondbacks meanwhile managed to fight their way into the #2 seed in the South Division with some big late season wins and an equally impressive quarterfinal win over the Las Vegas Tribe to get to this point. Both teams have high expectations for this contest, so expect a stellar matchup. The Union Thunderbirds are led by MVP Finalist Trey'Shaun Jackson and Eric McFarland who can both change a game on any single play! The Diamondbacks meanwhile are led by Evan McMiheik and Treven Eddington who are also big-time game changers in their own right! Whichever team can break off the big plays and limit the other team will be the one that comes out ahead in this one!

**South #1 Seed TMT Elite (8-0) VS North #2 Seed Vegas Strong Black (6-2) – 12U**

Where: Del Sol High School

When: 10:00 AM

TMT Elite and Vegas Strong Black played in one of the best 12U games of the regular season earlier when TMT Elite came storming back to get the game winner on the final play of the game. That game was huge for TMT Elite as it kept their perfect season alive and helped them seal the top seed in the South Division. Both teams however have been on a roll here of late and the first round of the playoffs showed just that! TMT Elite looked very strong in their win over the Las Vegas Tribe while Vegas Strong looked impressive as they flexed their muscles in their win over the Elite Las Vegas Wildcats. TMT Elite will be turning to Keimarion Taylor and Gavin Day to lead this team into a Nevada State Championship Game matchup next weekend. Vegas Strong Black meanwhile will be turning to Maddox Valoaga and Ronnie Silva to power their offensive charge this weekend. Expect this game to go down to the wire, so make sure to see this contest!

**North #1 Seed Las Vegas Union (8-0) VS North #2 Seed Silverado Hawks (7-1) – 12U**

Where: Bonanza High School

When: 11:45 AM

The Las Vegas Union and Silverado Hawks square off in what should be an epic crosstown matchup between two teams dead set on making it to the Nevada State Championship Game next weekend. Both teams had stellar regular seasons. The Union completed a perfect regular season and looked equally dominant in their quarterfinal victory over the Las Vegas Red Eagles showing a truly balanced attack. The Hawks meanwhile managed to outfly the Falcons Hit Squad in their quarterfinal matchup as they come into this game on quite the run as well. The Union and Hawks didn't see each other during the regular season so this will be quite the intriguing matchup. The Union will try and lean on the leadership of Alonzo Balderrama and Julian Medina to try and lead the way in this matchup. The Hawks meanwhile will lean on their MVP Finalist in Donavyn Pelot and quarterback Branko Hansell Fotu to try and use their thunder and lightening attack and ground the Union.

**South #1 Seed Green Valley Knights (7-1) VS South #3 Seed Henderson Cowboys (6-2) – 14U**

Where: Del Sol High School

When: 1:30 PM

Whenever the Green Valley Knights and Henderson Cowboys matchup it is certainly a classic Henderson NYS rivalry game. These two franchises have been facing off for years here and this matchup certainly looks like it will live up to the expectations of all those previous matchups. These two teams battled it out during the regular season in that determined quite a bit of this games seeding as the Knights managed to survive a shootout in that battle. Both teams however have started to really roll of late here and their first-round playoff wins showed just that. The Knights were really tested in their matchup with Vegas Strong Black and needed everyone on their roster to play at their best as they came back in that game to earn the win. The Cowboys meanwhile utilized their powerhouse passing attack to take down the Falcons for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time this season in impressive fashion. The Knights will try and turn to a hopefully healthy Anton Mazzullo and Jack Thow to lead them into the Nevada State Championship Game. The Cowboys meanwhile will be trying to lasso a win of their own behind the play of Champion Edwards and Gunnar Myro who they hope can connect often and steal the Knights lance. Expect a great matchup this weekend at Del Sol, so make sure to stay tuned to results here!

**North #1 Seed Vegas Strong Blue (8-0) VS South #2 TMT Elite (6-2) – 14U**

Where: Del Sol High School

When: 11:45 AM

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final matchup between the Vegas Strong and TMT Elite franchises will be for the oldest group as these two teams hook up for a 14U showdown at Del Sol High School. Vegas Strong Blue dominated an injury plagued TMT Elite team earlier in the season, but as these teams get healthy for a run at a Nevada State Championship, it's a whole new matchup this time around. Vegas Strong Blue has looked nothing but stellar all season long. This team didn't give up a point to their opponents through a perfect regular season and first round playoff victory over the Las Vegas Wolverines. TMT Elite meanwhile had a big in their first-round playoff matchup with the Las Vegas Tribe as they squeaked through in one of the most exciting games of the season. Vegas Strong Blue has an exceptionally balanced squad this season, but they will turn to the always impressive Jeremiah Hughes and Richard Washington to lead this to and get them closer to their goal of a Nevada State Championship. TMT Elite meanwhile will be trying to flip the script on Vegas Strong and will turn to Tavita Seloti and Colten Unitas to power their squad into the Nevada State Championships.

