

# NYS NEVADA TACKLE FOOTBALL

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## SPRING 2018 WEEK 1 PREVIEWS

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### **Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks (0-0) VS Henderson Cowboys (0-0) – 7U Weighted Division**

Where: Basic High School  
When: 8:15 AM

The Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks open the season with a tough task as they take on the defending champion Henderson Cowboys here to kick off what should be an exciting 7U Weighted Division season. The Diamondbacks enter their first season with a team in this division, but the Diamondbacks are known for entering new divisions by making a statement. This past fall the Diamondbacks organization earned a Nevada State Championship in their inaugural 9U Weighted Division season and will try to match that here with their first 7U team. They do however draw a very tough opponent in the Henderson Cowboys. The Henderson Cowboys return Judson Warner, Caleb Ramalia, and several other stars to this team hungry to start their ride back to the championship game. Will the Cowboys have enough to stop the bite of the Diamondbacks here on opening day?

### **Las Vegas Aces (0-0) VS Sin City Spartans (0-0) – 7U Weighted Division**

Where: Ed Fountain Park #8  
When: 9:00 AM

The Las Vegas Aces and Sin City Spartans will look for a fresh hand to start this Spring 2018 season off with a bang when they face off this Saturday morning at Ed Fountain Park. The Las Vegas Aces had a bit of an up and down season this past time around as they missed the playoffs but will be ready for this new hand that is the Spring season. Will the Aces find enough offense this weekend or will they have to fold to the Spartans in this week 1 matchup? The Sin City Spartans meanwhile got a huge season last season from Shamarion Scott. Will Scott be able to have yet another huge season to lead his Spartans back to the playoffs? The run starts in week 1, so both these teams will be looking to start the season off with a victory.

### **702 49ers (0-0) VS Las Vegas Badgers (0-0) – 7U Weighted Division**

Where: Del Sol High School  
When: 10:00 AM

The 702 49ers and Las Vegas Badgers square off in a week 1 showdown at Del Sol High School to kick off the regular season. The 702 49ers found a bit of gold last season running two 7U Weighted Division. With the talent coming together to form one team, they will see if they can find gold in their opener. The 702 49ers have been a tremendous franchise and

will look to this group to help stock their future teams for years to come. The Las Vegas Badgers meanwhile will try and make a push for the playoffs early this season. Head Coach Matt Fletcher has pushed this young team hard this offseason and will look to help this team a win here in week 1.

### **Las Vegas Thunderbirds Union (0-0) VS BG Gators (0-0) – 8U Division**

Where: Rancho High School

When: 2:15 PM

In a highly anticipated 8U season opener, the defending champion Las Vegas Thunderbirds Union will take on the BG Gators. The Thunderbirds stuck light lightning this past fall season against just about every opponent they faced, looking like one of the best teams in the country in the 8U Division. Will they be able to repeat that performance here this season? The Thunderbirds have not only added the Union to their name, but also return their fall 2017 MVP in Eric McFarland. McFarland will get plenty of help from top flight team mates, including Jerome Sequiera, as they take on what should be a very tough Gators squad this Saturday at Rancho High School. The Gators meanwhile didn't have a team in the 8U Division this past season, but are a camp known for top level talent and great coaching. That's a recipe for success, as this team has been successful season after season here in their history. The Gators will look to new faces to emerge as leaders on this squad as they open the season with a big test in their showdown with the Thunderbirds Union.

### **Henderson Raiders (0-0) VS Southern Highlands Jr. Rebels (0-0) – 8U Division**

Where: Sierra Vista High School

When: 2:15 PM

The Southern Highlands Jr. Rebels take on the Henderson Raiders in what should be an exciting 8U Division matchup to kick off the season. These two teams appear to be quite even on paper here entering the season. Both teams are quite young, yet full of promising talent. The Rebels camp has continued to do great things in the Southern Highlands community but are looking to take all that team building out onto the football field here on opening day in this matchup with the Raiders. The Raiders meanwhile return to action here ready to take on the world. The Raiders played up into the 9U Weighted Division this past fall but coming back to the 8U Division that is more age appropriate for these kids should be a huge boost.

### **Southern Highlands Jr. Rebels (0-0) VS Las Vegas Aces (0-0) – 9U Weighted Division**

Where: Ed Fountain Park #6

When: 8:15 AM

Occasionally football breeds fierce rivalries that take the game to a whole new level. However, sometimes the game creates friendly competition that puts the game and sportsmanship above all else. That will be the case here when two close franchises face off at Ed Fountain Park to kick off their regular season. While in some ways that close bond between these two teams, highlighted by their general managers DC Stratton and Jason Stemme will make this game one with plenty of love, it will also be hard fought game with a ton of lessons learned. Don't be surprised if names like Eric Johnson and James Matthew Springfield become household names here soon! Look for both teams to turn to unexpected new stars to shine and score in this must-see matchup!

### **Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks (0-0) VS Las Vegas Wolverines (0-0) – 9U Weighted Division**

Where: Basic High School  
When: 3:15 PM

The Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks are the defending champions in the 9U Division and will look to prove they are still at the top of the mountain here as they kick off their season this weekend with a matchup against the Las Vegas Wolverines. The Diamondbacks were nothing short of dominant this past fall season, snake biting all foes that tried to challenge them. This season however they have lost a few players but will turn to the leadership of strong armed quarterback Bishop Allen to lead the way this time around. The Las Vegas Wolverines meanwhile step into this 9U Weighted Division for the first time and will be hungry to claw their way to an early victory as they try and make a statement here early on. It's a bit of an unknown here heading into week 1, but we as a league are excited to see who steps up to lead this Wolverines squad this weekend at Basic High School in what should be a thriller to finish out a great opening days action.

### **Arbor View Jr. Aggies (0-0) VS BG Gators (0-0) – 10U Division**

Where: Rancho High School  
When: 9:00 AM

The Arbor View Jr. Aggies and BG Gators have been rivals for some time as they tend to face off in playoffs matchups at multiple levels. Lately, the Gators have gotten the better of many of these matchups, but the Aggies are looking to bounce back big time this season as they kick off their season at Rancho High School. Last season the Aggies 10U squad was led by Deacon Pickett and Gregory Chadwick, but they have added a HUGE name recently, in 10U D2 reigning MVP Tysean McCraney who is a game changer every time he suits up. Will he make the difference and help push this Aggies squad into Nevada State Championship contention this season? The Gators would like to think that their name is on that list of championship squads here this Spring 2018 season and will be turning to players like Bryant Johnson and Damaurian Figures to replace their leading rusher from last year who won't be back this season. Will that duo and the rest of the Gators be able to chomp their way past the Aggies this Saturday? This is an exciting battle between a pair of contenders, so don't miss this stellar matchup!

### **Inspirada Bandits (0-0) VS Las Vegas Green Machine (0-0) – 10U Division**

Where: Ed Fountain Park #8  
When: 10:45 AM

This matchup between the Bandits and Green Machine will certainly be one of curiosity for many around the league. It's a matchup between a brand-new franchise coming out of the Las Vegas Valley's fastest growing new community taking on one of if not the longest standing youth football franchise in the entire valley! Yet in spite of those differences, both teams have similar question marks here heading into opening dya. The Inspirada Bandits will be playing their first ever game as an NYS Team. While they have some familiar faces here laying, including Exequiel Sady-Kennedy and Gino Scarfone, this will be a whole new adventure as this group branches out on their own for the first time. The Las Vegas Green Machine meanwhile will look to rev up their engines one more time. The Green Machine are going to turn to their superstar speeders "Fast" Dennis Felton to carry the load as a runner this season as they try and power their way to victory here in the opener over the Bandits. Head Coach Bryan Adams as worked hard this off season to keep this team fully fueled so look for some big-time growth out of this squad.

### **Henderson Raiders (0-0) VS Las Vegas Elite (0-0) – 10U Division**

Where: Sierra Vista High School

When: 10:45 AM

The Henderson Raiders travel to Sierra Vista High School to take on the Las Vegas Elite in what should be a stellar opener for these two squads. The Henderson Raiders return to action as their own franchise again this season and will be looking to make a statement here with an early season victory. The Raiders will hope for some leadership and strong play from Kayden Case and Donovan Glover here this weekend as they look to prove that Las Vegas is a Raiders town. The Las Vegas Elite meanwhile have found themselves a home field as they become the official feeder team of Sierra Vista High School. While this is a new division for the Elite, many of the players came from familiar teams last season to form what looks like a very strong 10U Division squad. The Elite will be turning to Gavid Day and Ding Andrew Johnson to power them to that first victory of the season here in front of their home faithful.

### **702 49ers (0-0) VS Del Sol Wolverines (0-0) – 10U Division**

Where: Del Sol High School

When: 11:45 AM

The 702 49ers and Del Sol Wolverines face off in what should be an exciting Henderson area rivalry matchup as they kick off their Spring 2018 campaigns at Del Sol High School. The 702 49ers had a very strong squad this past season as they come up just short in the Division 1 semifinals. Head Coach Brandon Cross has worked hard with this squad to bring them back here this season stronger than ever before. Led by Treyton Savea and Austin Moreville, this team brings back all its stars as they look to find gold with a win here over the Wolverines. The Del Sol Wolverines meanwhile are hoping they can defend their home field with pride here as they open in front of their fan base with this big showdown. Head Coach Will Ishman returns for yet another season as a volunteer Head Coach, working hard to help the youth of America develop as young football players. Coach Ishman will look to lean on the experience he has from players like Theodore John Edquilang and Gavin Winterrowd as they look to strike into the 49ers mother lode and come out with a win of their own.

### **Las Vegas Wolverines (0-0) VS Las Vegas Union (0-0) – 11U Weighted Division**

Where: Western High School

When: 10:00 AM

The Las Vegas Union may be a new team name, but here in the 11U Weighted Division, they are still essentially the defending champions, as the Western Ducks soared to a Nevada State Championship and AYF Regional Championship this past fall season. This season they are back as the "U" and face a familiar foe here in their opening matchup. This matchup between the Union and the Wolverines is Nevada State Championship rematch in a game that was nothing short of EPIC this past fall. The Union will be looking for another MVP type performance out of Jayden Williams and other stars like Dawson Levine and Fox Hogan as they look to keep their crown as Nevada State Champs. The Las Vegas Wolverines meanwhile are out for revenge. They have been so close a few times here to claiming the crown as Nevada State Champs and worked harder than ever this offseason to get even better. They will turn to Joseph Garza and Gage Council to lead this team back into championship form. Will they have enough here opening day to unseat the Union?

### **Toros Football (0-0) VS Las Vegas Elite (0-0) – 12U Division**

Where: Sierra Vista High School

When: 9:00 AM

The Toros and Las Vegas Elite hook up here opening day to kick off what should be an exciting season for both squads. While both had strong fall 2017 seasons, they are each

looking for even more come this spring 2018 season. The Toros showed quite a bit of promise making a nice playoff run in their first season as a team but will be turning to the strong arm of quarterback Gunnar Myro to lead them to victory here in the opener. The Elite meanwhile will be pushing hard to improve on their team's rookie season as well. They will look to new comer Tavita Seloti to power the Elite to victory.

### **Southern Highlands Jr. Rebels (0-0) VS Las Vegas Aces (0-0) – 12U Division**

Where: Ed Fountain Park #6

When: 10:00 AM

The Southern Highlands Jr. Rebels and Las Vegas Aces square off in a 12U Division showdown at Ed Fountain Park in what should be yet another exciting matchup. The Rebels come into this matchup looking to fold the Aces in this showdown behind the play of Jaxon Maxey and Zion Gonzalvez. The Aces meanwhile will be looking to start a winning streak off quickly here behind the play of Kaleo Babauta and Jeremiah Ioane. Whoever comes out ahead in this one will tell us quite a bit about how these two teams will perform all season long.

### **Desert Oasis Bengals (0-0) VS Henderson Cowboys (0-0) – 12U Division**

Where: Basic High School

When: 11:45 AM

The Desert Oasis Bengals and Henderson Cowboys hook up in what should be a very interesting 12U Division matchup at Basic High School this Saturday afternoon between two strong and growing groups. The Desert Oasis Bengals are an interesting merger between the Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondback and Las Vegas Bengals who are coming together here in the spring to see if they can take on the rest of the division. The Bengals will look to lean on Nick Martakis and Alamiang Rasiang to lead this new group to a big opening weekend win. The Henderson Cowboys meanwhile have themselves a new/old home field as they return to their old stomping grounds of Basic High School. The Henderson Cowboys will look to lean on the stellar play of Kayl Maack and Champion Edwards as they look to get back to their HC ways here behind what they hope is a 1-0 start.

### **Las Vegas Wolverines (0-0) VS Las Vegas Union (0-0) – 12U Division**

Where: Western High School

When: 11:45 AM

The Las Vegas Wolverines and Las Vegas Union each think they have a team that will contend for the 12U Division crown, but only one of them can start 1-0 with a victory this weekend! The Las Vegas Wolverines enter the season with a very strong squad. This group is not only closely knit, having played together for quite a few seasons, but also very talented. Led by Emarion Jones and Kobe Hendricks, this team will look to get on track early as they look to claw their way through the Union this Saturday. The Las Vegas Union meanwhile are just what their name suggests, the coming together of two major NYS Franchises. Bringing together top flight talent from the Gladiators in players like Nehemiah Brooks and the Ducks like player Jacob Boice, you have the makings of a tremendous team. Will all that talent mesh into a cohesive unit? That is the real question here heading into this huge matchup Saturday afternoon at Western High School.

### **Arbor View Jr. Aggies (0-0) VS BG Gators (0-0) – 14U Division**

Where: Rancho High School

When: 12:30 PM

14U Division games in the spring season are always extra exciting as most of these athletes are just months away from high school, which means they are experienced and well coached. The Aggies come into this season very well equipped to count themselves as contenders here. They have a full roster of kids not only ready to play for Arbor View High School soon, but to excel here starting with a big matchup here in week #1. The Aggies are led by Giovanni Tiscareno and Bryce Ericson who they will lead on to power the Aggies offensive engine all season long. The Gators meanwhile have quite the track record in the 14U Division, and currently hold the title of defending champions. That makes them the target for all comers, but that doesn't mean the Gators won't be ready to chomp back, in spite of a few personnel losses to players preparing for High School. The Gators return quite a bit of talented leaders including Germie Bernard and Makavelli Novera who will try and keep the Gators championship streak alive this season. It all starts for both these teams in week #1, so expect these teams to be hungry for a win to get it all started.

### **Shadow Ridge Mustangs (0-0) VS Las Vegas Aces (0-0) – 14U Division**

Where: Ed Fountain Park #6

When: 1:30 PM

The Shadow Ridge Mustangs will be looking to play with new life this season as they take on the Las Vegas Aces this weekend at Ed Fountain Park. The Mustangs have used the momentum earned last season to build on their roster here in the spring. The Mustangs are very excited about their prospects this season, especially with the likes of Jaqueze Holland and Isaiah Esters leading the way. They have a big task however in week 1 as they challenge the defending 14U Division 2 champion Las Vegas Aces. The Aces are missing a few pieces from that championship run, but will be hoping that some other people can step up and take their place. Will Khalil Scott and Carter Hogue be able to fill those big shoes? Only time will tell, so head out to see this game and see what direction these two teams might be heading in this spring season.

### **702 49ers (0-0) VS Del Sol Wolverines (0-0) – 14U Division**

Where: Del Sol High School

When: 3:15 PM

The 702 49ers and Del Sol Wolverines finish out an exciting afternoon of matchups at Del Sol High School in what should be a very close matchup. The 702 49ers are looking to bounce back from what for them was a slightly down season last fall. While they finished with a decent record, they couldn't quite crack the championship game. They will be turning to Lonzo Ausage and Silas Sagote to try and help them find a golden victory here over the Wolverines. The Wolverines meanwhile have come together a little late, but they have certainly been charging hard here at practice to get ready for the season. Led by Chase Ciska and Zach Rayburn, this team will be hungry to start their season off with a big victory over a Henderson foe in the 702 49ers.