

NYS NEVADA TACKLE FOOTBALL

SPRING 2018 WEEK 9 PREVIEWS – SEMIFINALS – MAY 12TH, 2018

***Editors Note:** Remember our Reviews & Previews are just for fun. If we misspell a player's name or get a fact wrong... no need to fire off an angry email or Facebook post. We will try our best to get the facts right. Remember that due to the size of the league, we may not review/preview every game, every week. We will make sure we get to every team throughout the season. In the meantime, enjoy the season.

#1 Seed Henderson Cowboys (8-0) VS #4 Seed Sin City Spartans (6-2) – 7U Division

Where: Rancho High School
When: 1:30 PM

The Henderson Cowboys and Sin City Spartans face off in a semifinal showdown that should be extremely exciting semifinal matchup. These two teams both earned impressive quarterfinal victories last weekend and will look to take the momentum earned into this matchup as they both have their eyes on the prize of a Nevada State Championship appearance. These two teams played back in weekend #4 of the regular season in a matchup that the Henderson Cowboys won by a score of 33-12. Since that matchup both teams have really shown improvement, so expect another high scoring thriller in this matchup. The Sin City Spartans have been led by Shamarion Scott, Keith Simons, and Camren Minton, but this a team loaded with talent. The Spartans have averaged over 26 points a contest to this point, so expect them to come ready to play as they take the field this weekend at Rancho High School. That Spartans offense really shined last weekend in their victory over the Las Vegas Sun Devils. The Henderson Cowboys meanwhile ride into this matchup not only undefeated, but also as the defending champions. The Henderson Cowboys have been stellar on both sides of the football this season, averaging over 30 points a game on offense while giving up just 3 points a contest on defense. Both of those averages are good enough for tops in the division. Led by Calab Ramaila, Malakai Boykin, and Judson Warner, this team is loaded with sheriffs. The Cowboys rode hard and fast in their defeat of the Las Vegas Badgers last weekend and will look to lasso the Spartans this weekend.

#2 Seed Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks (7-1) VS #3 Seed Las Vegas Union (7-1) – 7U Division

Where: Del Sol High School
When: 11:45 AM

The Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks and Las Vegas Union present an incredible matchup in the semifinals as these two one loss teams square off with a spot in the Nevada State Championship Game going to the victor. The Las Vegas Union managed to steal the 702 49ers gold last weekend in a first round playoff victory that took some tough sledding by their stars. The Union have flashed a tremendous offense that averaged over 27 points a contest thus far this season. Led by Kranston Wong, Aisek Brown, and Eli Teo, this Union squad should be ready to flash the "U" sign all game long. The Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks meanwhile are riding an impressive 7 game winning streak, highlighted last weekend by their first-round victory over the Las Vegas Wolverines last weekend. Led by Tano Mendiola, Isaiah Cooper, and Chasen

Sarmiento, the Diamondbacks will look to snake bite the Union in this matchup. The Diamondbacks defense was stellar this season, giving up just 7 points a game to their opponents. Will they be able to slow down the stellar Union offense this weekend? Time will tell as a spot in the Nevada State Championship Game goes to the victor.

#1 Seed Las Vegas Union Thunderbirds Union (8-0) VS #4 Seed Las Vegas Badgers (6-2) – 8U Division

Where: Western High School

When: 1:30 PM

The Las Vegas Union Thunderbirds have had a bit of a layoff since their last contest thanks to the Arbor View Jr. Aggies ending their season early, but that doesn't mean lightning isn't ready to strike this Saturday at Western High School as this team is ready to explode onto the field. It will be the Las Vegas Badgers that will hope to take advantage of a bit of that potential rust here in this semifinal showdown at Western High School. Earlier in the season the Thunderbirds Union blanked the Badgers in a 35-0 victory. The playoffs are a whole different animal and this matchup should be very exciting as both teams eye a spot in the Nevada State Championship Game. The Thunderbirds Union are led by MVP Finalist Eric McFarland, Jerome Sequeira, and Cameron Turner. That trio are as impressive of a core as any in NYS at any age group. They will look to lead the Thunderbirds squad out on the field at Western High School this Saturday as they aim to keep their hopes of repeating as Nevada State Champions alive. The Las Vegas Badgers meanwhile clawed their way past the BG Gators last weekend in an impressive 35-0 victory. While their opponent is certainly even tougher this weekend, the Badgers hope they are up to the challenge. MVP Finalist Isaiah Romero leads a talented group including Kash Brackett and Aaden Muassau onto the field in what they hope will be an upset minded performance.

#2 Seed Las Vegas Sun Devils (6-2) VS #3 Seed Henderson Cowboys (6-2) – 8U Division

Where: Rancho High School

When: 3:15 PM

The Las Vegas Sun Devils look to heat things up on the Henderson Cowboys this weekend in what appears to be a very even matchup. These teams played earlier in the season in a matchup that saw the Sun Devils survive and take down the Henderson Cowboys by a score of just 6-2. If this next semifinal matchup is anything like the regular season showdown, expect this matchup at Rancho to come down to the wire. These two teams are incredibly similar. The Las Vegas Sun Devils earned a big victory last weekend over the Henderson Raiders and hope that is just the beginning of a Nevada State Championship run. The Sun Devils have been led by MVP Finalist Antonio Spann, Jordan Thompson, and Aaron Hickman this season, and will look for that trio to put a pitch fork into the Henderson Cowboys plans this weekend. The Henderson Cowboys meanwhile will be looking to ride into the sunset of the season as they try and get into the Nevada State Championship game with a victory this weekend. To come out with the victory, the Cowboys will need to rely on Jacob Fotu, Alexander Olivas, and Andrew Rodriguez to lasso the Sun Devils. The Cowboys earned an impressive victory over the Southern Highlands Jr. Rebels last weekend, but the Sun Devils are a tougher test, so expect both teams to come ready to play this time around!

#1 Seed Las Vegas Badgers (7-0) VS #4 Seed 702 49ers (3-5) – 9U Division

Where: Del Sol High School

When: 10:00 AM

The 702 49ers earned a huge first round victory last weekend as they survived the Southern Highlands Jr. Rebels by the skin of their teeth, or about 6 inches to be exact, as they held on a late 2-point conversion attempt to preserve the lead and victory. For their troubles the 702 49ers earned a semifinal playoff date with the undefeated Las Vegas Badgers. The Badgers and 49ers faced off twice this season in matchup that both went the Badgers way in shutouts. The 49ers defense held strong in both occasions as they managed to hold the Badgers to just 3 scores in each contest. If the 49ers are going to flip the script on the Badgers in this third contest, they are going to need a huge showing from stars like Justin Romero and Tristan Savea. The Badgers meanwhile earned a bye last weekend thanks to a perfect regular season. They will look to steal the 49ers gold for the third straight time this weekend behind the stellar play of Jai'shon Bradford, Kenneth Hill, and Tristan Fletcher. It's always a challenge to beat a team three times in a season, but with both teams having their eye on the prize of a Nevada State Championship, this should be a close battle.

#2 Seed Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks (5-2) VS #3 Seed Las Vegas Aces (6-2) – 9U Division

Where: Del Sol High School

When: 1:30 PM

The Desert Oasis Jr. Diamondbacks will take on the Las Vegas Aces in what should be a very exciting semifinal showdown this Saturday afternoon at Del Sol Sol High School. The Las Vegas Aces advanced into this semifinal showdown by taking down the Las Vegas Wolverines in a low scoring thriller. The Aces defense really shined in that matchup as they managed to pitch a shutout. If they hope to take down the Diamondbacks this weekend, they will need an even better performance from stars like Emari Richard and Cory Hood. The Diamondbacks meanwhile earned a first round playoff bye despite finishing with the same record as the Aces. That bye was earned because the Diamondbacks won the regular season matchup between these two teams back in week #3 by a score of 21-6. If the Diamondbacks hope to repeat that result, they will need Bishop Allen and Treven Eddington to step up and have their normal big games to lead this squad. Expect a thriller of a game this weekend in what should be an exciting semifinal showdown at Del Sol High School.

#1 Seed Las Vegas Union (8-0) VS #5 Seed Las Vegas Sun Devils (6-2) – 10U Division

Where: Western High School

When: 10:00 AM

The Las Vegas Union and Las Vegas Sun Devils square off in a semifinal showdown this Saturday at Western High School in what should be a stellar showdown. These two teams faced off way back on the 2nd weekend of the season in a matchup that the Union won. Since that time however, both teams have really found their stride. The Las Vegas Union earned an impressive first round playoff win last weekend as they took down the Henderson Cowboys in impressive fashion. This Union team has been stellar all season long thanks to the play of MVP Finalist Trey'Shaun Jackson, Massiah Mingo, and Dominik Dadkhah. The Union offense has really been on point as they average over 32 points a game as a team. The Sun Devils meanwhile have their own MVP Candidate in Tysean McCraney who helped lead them past the BG Gators in the first round of the playoffs. McCraney is flanked by talented stars like Savion Stokes and Tyrell Craven who will look to help heat things up on the Union in this matchup. The Sun Devils have a potent offense as well as they average over 24 points a game, but they will really need to be on point if they hope to break up the undefeated Las Vegas Union

#2 Seed 702 49ers (7-1) VS #3 Seed Las Vegas Elite (6-2) – 10U Division

Where: Del Sol High School
When: 8:15 AM

Both semifinal teams had exciting quarterfinal matchups they had to get through and will now be tested even more in this semifinal showdown at Del Sol High School. The 702 49ers survived a thriller of a game last weekend with the Del Sol Wolverines. Del Sol went punch for punch with the 49ers until the very end of the game when the 49ers dug deep and found gold to earn the victory. Led by Toby Sayphone, Treyton Savea, and Derek Hurley, this team is now even more battle tested. The 49ers offense was strong this season, averaging 25 points a contest, but will really need to come ready to grind in this matchup with a very strong Las Vegas Elite squad. The 702 49ers only lost one time during the regular season and that was to this very Las Vegas Elite squad. Led by Jacob Maiava, Vaimaona Manutai, and Vincent Leoni, this Elite squad really is elite. The Elite earned a hard-fought victory over the Las Vegas Aces last weekend in was a heated game. The Elite will look to re-focus this weekend and prepare especially on the defensive side of the football. Thus far the Elite defense has given up just under 6 points a contest to their opponents.

#1 Seed Las Vegas Union (6-0) VS #2 Seed Las Vegas Wolverines (4-2) – 11U Division

Where: Western High School
When: 3:15 PM

The Las Vegas Union take on the Las Vegas Wolverines this weekend in the 11U Weighted Division Championship Game. These two teams have battled it out all season long and now face off with the big trophy on the line. The Union are a perfect 6-0 thanks to a stellar team play from top to bottom. Led by Alonzo Balderrama, Jaden Williams, and Dakari Jackson, this team is loaded with talent. The Wolverines meanwhile will attempt to claw their way past the Union as they aim for an upset win. Led by Isiah Shropshire, Coin Figley, and Joseph Garza, they will look to shock the world and earn their first Nevada State Championship.

#1 Seed Las Vegas Union (8-0) VS #4 Seed Silverado Hawks (7-1) – 12U Division

Where: Western High School
When: 8:15 AM

The Las Vegas Union and Silverado Hawks may have faced off in the final game of their regular season a few weeks ago, but with a spot in the Nevada State Championship Game going to the victor, you can expect a whole new focus and level of play from both teams. The Union won that game convincingly as they managed to take advantage of every Hawks turnover as they earned the top seed in the division with that victory. Led by Nehemiah Brooks, Makhai Donaldson, and Ternilla Thomas, this Union team has looked unbreakable as they haven't lost a game yet this season. The Union earned an impressive team effort win last weekend in the first round of the playoffs over the Arbor View Jr. Aggies but will look to their stellar offense that has averaged over 32 points a contest to lead them into the Nevada State Championship Game. The Silverado Hawks meanwhile soared to a first round playoff win over the Las Vegas Elite last weekend and hope that victory is the start of a deep playoff run. The Hawks offense has also been stellar this season, averaging 30 points a game to this point. Led by MVP Finalist Donavyn Pellot, Chris Federico, and Brandon Tunnell, this team will look to ground the Union this Saturday morning in what should be an exciting matchup.

#2 Seed BG Gators (7-1) VS #3 Seed Henderson Cowboys (7-1) – 12U Division

Where: Rancho High School

When: 10:00 AM

The BG Gators and Henderson Cowboys face off in a classic semifinal rivalry matchup as these two organizations have been battling for Nevada State Championships for YEARS. This showdown comes with a ticket to that championship game going to the winner, so you know both teams will come ready to play. These two teams didn't face each other during the regular season but that doesn't mean these two coaching staffs won't have done their homework on each other. The Gators chomped their way to the #2 seed thanks in large part to superstars like MVP Finalist Jeremiah Hughes, Elija Lofton, and Drais Bellamy. The Gators offense has put up more points than any other team in the 12U Division, averaging over 32 points a contest. The Gators hope that offense will be enough to lasso the Cowboys this weekend at Rancho High School. The Henderson Cowboys meanwhile also rode their way to a stellar season. Their first-round victory over a very strong Las Vegas Wolverines squad was showed just how strong this team is as the Wolverines were a very tough opponent. Led by Kayl Maack, Colin Gregorio, and Champion Edwards, this is a very talented group of Cowboys they will be looking to tame the Gators in this exciting semifinal showdown at Rancho High School.

#1 Seed Las Vegas Union (8-0) VS #4 Seed Las Vegas Seahawks (5-3) – 14U Division

Where: Western High School

When: 11:45 AM

The Las Vegas Union and Las Vegas Seahawks have both had stellar seasons to this point but more than that, both teams aspire to become Nevada State Champions. These two teams faced off back in week #2 of the regular season in a matchup that the Union won by a score of 20-0. As both teams have really continued to improve, we can expect a stellar semifinal showdown this weekend at Western High School. The Union managed to finish the regular season with a perfect record and are now just 1 victory away from a spot in the Nevada State Championship Game. Led by D'Andre Washington, Ferrari Busby, and Kyle Holmes, this team is a force to be reckoned with. The Union offense has averaged an impressive 32 points a contest to this point but it's the defense that really stands out. The Union have given up just one touchdown to their opponents all season long. The Seahawks meanwhile will be looking to soar past the defense and hang enough points on the scoreboard to earn the win. The Seahawks will turn to Kenneth Jacobs, Anthony Jones, and Chaniel Pruit to lead them in their attempt to break up the Union this weekend.

#2 Seed BG Gators (7-1) VS #3 Seed Arbor View Jr. Aggies (6-2) – 14U Division

Where: Rancho High School

When: 11:45 AM

The BG Gators and Arbor View Jr. Aggies head to Rancho High School in the hopes of punching their ticket to the Nevada State Championship Game with another victory. The Gators and Aggies played way back on opening day in a matchup that the Gators won by a score of 20-8 at Rancho High School. The Gators look to return to Rancho in the hopes of repeating that result this weekend. Led by Germie Bernard, Makavellii Novera, and Kodi DeCambra, the Gators hope to chomp their way past the Aggies. The Gators offense has been stellar this season averaging over 21 points a game. The Aggies meanwhile hope to flip the script here on the Gators and come out with a victory of their own. The Aggies earned a big semifinal victory over the Henderson Raiders last weekend and hope to keep momentum on their side. Led by Pierce Dawson, Bryce Ericson, and Giovanni Tiscareno, this Aggies squad will come ready to play this weekend.