

# NYS NEVADA TACKLE FOOTBALL

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## SPRING 2020 WEEK 1 PREVIEWS

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### **Liberty Patriots (0-0) VS Henderson Cowboys (0-0) – 7U**

Where: Del Sol High School

When: 8:15 AM

Week 1 is here, and I certainly didn't wait to pit two rivals against each other! While this 7U Division is certainly set up to be a competitive one from top to bottom, these two squads look like early contenders for the Nevada State Championship. The Henderson Cowboys enter this matchup as the defending champions. The Cowboys rode to their title out of the #4 seed in the Fall 2019 season and will be looking to double down on that title. Ralph Ortiz & Dylan Fredrickson lead this strong and experienced roster into action this Saturday as they take on their rivals in the Liberty Patriots. These two teams not only share a practice facility, but most certainly fight a recruiting battle for kids in their area! The Patriots come into this matchup very confident and ready for revenge. The Patriots finished the Fall 2019 regular season as the top team but fell to these Cowboys in the semifinals. Since that contest, this team has had one goal and one mantra. Take down those Henderson Cowboys. Well, they don't have to wait as they get to take their shot right away here this weekend at Del Sol High School. The Liberty Patriots feature a few stars of their own, namely Logan Guerzon & Cruz Coronado who hope to open their season with a big win and a statement to boot.

### **Jr. Raiders (0-0) VS Jr. Diamondbacks (0-0) – 7U**

Where: Basic High School

When: 10:00 AM

The Jr. Raiders & Jr. Diamondbacks matchup for what should be an excellent opening day series of games between two large and powerful football franchises here in the Las Vegas Valley. The Jr. Raiders 7U team comes into opening day looking to step their game up yet another level. This Raiders squad was a very young group during the Fall 2019 season, but one that probably showed as much or more growth than any group in the league. Led by Chace Glover and William Sayles, this Raiders team will look to defend their home field this weekend and earn a big early season victory over a very good Diamondbacks squad. The Diamondbacks meanwhile enter this Spring 2020 Season looking to prove that their rattle is loud, but their bite speaks for itself. Led by reigning MVP Bryson Murphy and Giovanni Jaime, the Diamondbacks will hope to start their season off with a big win over an upstart Raiders squad here this Saturday morning.

### **Henderson Cowboys (0-0) VS Bullhead City Firebirds (0-0) – 8U**

Where: Spring Valley High School

When: 1:30 PM

The Henderson Cowboys welcome the Bullhead City Firebirds to the 8U Division for what should be an exciting opening day matchup. The Henderson Cowboys enter this season looking to bounce back a little after a rough end to their playoffs. The Cowboys fell in the semifinals abruptly as they were upset in the semifinals despite being the higher seed. The Cowboys will try and bounce back in a big way as they look to re start a championship run here behind the strong play of Caden Cadaval & Jayshawn Crayton who lead this talented squad. The Bullhead City Firebirds are new to the 8U Division here this season but will look to soar in and make a statement with an early season victory. If nothing else, the Firebirds have consistently proven to be a well-coached group, season after season. If they hope to come out with a win here in week 1 however, they will need to get some strong play from the likes of Damari Dawkins and Donovan Tucker who might just be stars if our reports from training camp are correct! Expect a strong effort here on both sides, so don't miss this afternoon affair at Spring Valley High School this Saturday.

### **Liberty Patriots (0-0) VS Jr. Diamondbacks (0-0) – 8U**

Where: McCarran Marketplace #2

When: 5:30 PM on Monday, March 9th

The Liberty Patriots and Jr. Diamondbacks square off under the lights in what should be a fun Monday night lights showdown at McCarran Marketplace this week. The Patriots come into this season looking to really continue to climb the rankings. This group was very young last season, but some stellar coaching has really brought this group along quickly. Led by Chazan Kapanui and Tayven Savea, this Patriots team will look to march to a big win over a rival of theirs in the Jr. Diamondbacks. The Diamondbacks meanwhile have re tooled a bunch here in the 8U Division and have really worked hard to get this group going in the right direction. Some hard work put in by this coaching staff has really started to show during their practices. Led by Octavius Tillman and Dallas Anguay, this squad should come ready to play as they hope to start their season with a big victory.

### **Jr. Raiders (0-0) VS Jr. Diamondbacks (0-0) – 9U**

Where: Basic High School

When: 1:30 PM

The defending champion Jr. Diamondbacks travel to Basic High School this weekend to challenge the Jr. Raiders in what should be a fun and exciting opening day matchup. The Jr. Raiders come into this weekend looking to defend their home field. This Jr. Raiders squad has been practicing hard here this Spring and the last few practices have seen this team really grow in leaps and bounds raising expectations for this proud franchise. The Jr. Raiders will try and lead on the leadership of Noah Malenderes and Jacob Munoz to lead them to victory. The Jr. Diamondbacks meanwhile enter this contest ready to rock and roll as they try and defend their Nevada State Championship. Led by the electric Tycen Jordan-Zemmitt and Jacob Dennis, this Diamondbacks team should come to Basic High School coiled and ready to strike for a win.

### **Las Vegas Badgers (0-0) VS Las Vegas Nomads (0-0) – 9U**

Where: Spring Valley High School

When: 8:15 AM

The Las Vegas Badgers & Las Vegas Nomads head to Spring Valley High School each in search of a big opening day victory. The Badgers enter this contest hungry to claw their way to a big opening day win. The Badgers started practice early this season to get a kick

start on this season and feel more finely tuned heading into opening day. It all comes together this weekend for this group as they try and take down the Nomads at Spring Valley High School. The Badgers will lean Cade Leiber & Malakai Jones to lead them this weekend. The Las Vegas Nomads meanwhile are a new franchise looking to make a quick mark here on the league. This group does feature several experienced NYS Coaches & players who will try and lead this team to a hot start victory. The Nomads will look to lean on the play of veteran leaders like Lyric Kama and Elijah Tuilaepa to earn them their first big win as a franchise.

### **Henderson Crush (0-0) VS Henderson Cowboys (0-0) – 9U**

Where: McCarran Marketplace #1

When: 5:30 PM on Monday, March 9th

The Henderson Crush and Henderson Cowboys take to the field at McCarran Marketplace on Monday night looking to kick off their season with a quick strike victory. The Henderson Crush have, and their coaching staff have put in endless hours this offseason to try and build this young program from the ground up. All that work will finally come to bear hear in their first game of the season this Monday. The Crush will try and crush the Cowboys this weekend behind the stellar play of Ronnie Casaus and Tryistan Bucuo to help them get that big first victory of the year. The Henderson Cowboys meanwhile will try and mount their saddle this week and kick their season off with a big win to get started. Led by the stellar Judson Warner and Caleb Ramaila, this team can put up points in a hurry. Will they able to do that against a stout Crush defense this weekend? Time will tell, so don't miss this Monday night matchup!

### **Jr. Raiders (0-0) VS Jr. Diamondbacks (0-0) – 10U**

Where: Basic High School

When: 8:15 AM

The Jr. Raiders and Jr. Diamondbacks square off in the first game of the morning in what should be a stellar 10U Division matchup to kick things off. The Raiders enter this game looking to kick their season off with a bang and what they hope is a big win. The Raiders have a very talented and diverse roster and will turn to Fabian Galindo and Kaleb Ross to lead them to what they hope is a big win. The Jr. Diamondbacks meanwhile will be looking to counter and come up with a big opening day victory of their own. The Diamondbacks have a talented team that made a deep playoff run last season. This time, they will try and go a step or two further behind the play of Christopher Leuma and Dennis Tufo. The question is, will this Diamondbacks team be ready for how improved and ready this Jr. Raiders team will be?

### **Liberty Patriots (0-0) VS Henderson Cowboys (0-0) – 10U**

Where: Del Sol High School

When: 10:00 AM

The Liberty Patriots and Henderson Cowboys hook up for what should be an exciting 10U Division matchup between Henderson area rivals. The Patriots enter this matchup after a bit of roster turnover between seasons, but still boasting a very talented roster. This team has been practicing extra hard of late in preparation for this opener. Led by Preston Helsham & Zacharae Maea, this Patriots team will be well prepared and excited to play this weekend. They will try and match past the Cowboys this weekend in what should be an impressive contest. The Cowboys meanwhile will look to lasso a big win here to start the season as they try and halt the Patriots at Del Sol High School. This team has come

together very nicely over the past few weeks heading into this opener. Led by Jacob Fotu and Selby Griego, this team is chomping at the bit to hit the field this Saturday.

### **Las Vegas Badgers (0-0) VS Bullhead City Firebirds (0-0) – 11U**

Where: Spring Valley High School

When: 10:00 AM

The Las Vegas Badgers and Bullhead City Firebirds will each be looking to make a statement here on opening day as they kick off their seasons with what should be an exciting matchup at Spring Valley High School. The Badgers & Head Coach Matt Fletcher have put in as much work as any team we have seen in the past few months, practicing hard and well with a good group of young players. Led by Seth Thayer and Kaeson Pressley, this Badgers squad will be hungry to claw down the Firebirds this weekend. The Firebirds meanwhile will soar into town and look to start their season off with a red-hot victory. This Firebirds team has worked hard to come together this offseason. Led by the always dangerous Anthony Moses and talented Tallan Alexis, this Firebirds team is ready to take off this season in search of a Championship. Will they have enough to get the win or will they fall short in this matchup with the Las Vegas Badgers?

### **Henderson Cowboys (0-0) VS Jr. Diamondbacks (0-0) – 11U**

Where: McCarran Marketplace #2

When: 7:15 PM on Monday, March 9th

In yet another amazing Monday night matchup, the Henderson Cowboys take on the Jr. Diamondbacks in a repeat of the Fall 2019 Nevada State Championship Game. In that contest back in November, the Diamondbacks had their way in route to a big win. That game is in the past, however. We are in a brand-new year and a brand-new season. The Henderson Cowboys have lassoed themselves an even more impressive roster this Spring season and look poised to take on all comers this season. If they are to take down the Diamondbacks, they will need big games from the likes of Nathan Esquivel and Maurice Collins to lead them on the ground and in the air this weekend. The Jr. Diamondbacks meanwhile certainly know how to play football with that defending champion target on their backs. They will look to prove that they are the dominant team in the 11U Division this weekend as they try and lean on the experience of Treven Eddington and Bishop Allen to lead them to what they hope is a statement Monday night victory.

### **Jr. Raiders (0-0) VS Jr. Diamondbacks (0-0) – 12U**

Where: Basic High School

When: 11:45 AM

In yet another matchup between these two stellar franchises, the Jr. Raiders and Jr. Diamondbacks face off at Basic High School. The Jr. Raiders come in looking like one of the most improved groups from top to bottom in league history. This group has worked very hard over the offseason, brought in a new fresh face, but most importantly, grown as a group. Led by the powerhouse backfield mates of Chance Avila & Kayden Case, this team is certainly one to watch all season long. The Jr. Diamondbacks meanwhile will be looking to make a statement here and earn an opening day victory of their own. This is a talented team too, led by the likes of Xavier Iolcolano & Reed Lindsey. Will they have enough in the tank this Saturday afternoon to rattle off a victory over the Raiders?

### **Las Vegas Nomads (0-0) VS Bullhead City Firebirds (0-0) – 12U**

Where: Spring Valley High School

When: 11:45 AM

The Las Vegas Nomads hook up for a bigtime matchup with the Bullhead City Firebirds this weekend in what should be a major table setter game for both teams. For the Nomads, it's a discovery type game. This is a new group coming together, but certainly one filled with some very talented football players. Players like Nathan Fletcher & Jai'shon Bradford have starred for other teams in the league, so if this group can come together here under the Nomads flag, they might just have something special. The Firebirds meanwhile are stepping things up this season with this age group. Most of their players are experienced, but the bulk of that experience came with in the 11U Division this past fall. That doesn't mean this group isn't talented enough to earn a championship of their own. Led by Joseph Yoney and Deacon Maish, the Firebirds should be ready to play this weekend as they hope to soar past the Nomads to a victory.

### **Liberty Patriots (0-0) VS Shadow Ridge Mustangs Blue (0-0) – 13U**

Where: Del Sol High School

When: 11:45 AM

When putting the Spring 2020 schedule together, there were certain matchups that I waited to see until later in the season while other matchups got pushed up to the start or even week 1. This matchup is certainly the later as we kickoff the season in the 13U Weighted Division with what is probably the MOST must see matchup of the weekend that I just couldn't wait any longer to see. The Patriots and Mustangs Blue put on quite the show in the Fall 2019 Nevada State Championship Game and I for one was ready for round two. Well, here we go folks, lets kick off the year with a bang! The Mustangs won that Fall 2019 Nevada State Championship Game and bring back almost that exact same team here this Spring. The Mustangs will look to gallop to another big win here on opening day behind the play of Coen Coloma and James Hadley who play football at a very high level. The Patriots meanwhile have been aching to get back on the field and avenge that loss. Well, they get their shot here this week at Del Sol High School. The Patriots will look to march to victory behind the play of La'Anui Mulivai and Christopher Dalina who can certainly light up a scoreboard in a hurry! This game is certainly must-see football. I know where I'll be Saturday afternoon. Will you be there?

### **Cadence Cougars (0-0) VS North Las Vegas Mustangs White (0-0) – 13U**

Where: Del Sol High School

When: 1:30 PM

The Cadence Cougars will look to pounce on the North Las Vegas Mustangs White in what should be a fantastic matchup this Saturday at Del Sol High School. The Cougars come into this matchup looking to earn a big win to start the year. If the Cougars are going to get that win, they will need a big game from stars like Michael Alvarado and Landyn Carr. The North Las Vegas Mustangs White hope to gallop their way to a win here this weekend as they try and start a big season off with a big win. This very well coached team will be looking to the leadership and experience of Marcel Matlock and Teodoro Duran to power them to a hot start.

### **Henderson Crush (0-0) VS Jr. Diamondbacks (0-0) – 13U**

Where: McCarran Marketplace #1

When: 7:15 PM

The Henderson Crush matchup with the Jr. Diamondbacks in this opener of a game on Monday night under the lights in what should be a very telling matchup for both squads. The Henderson Crush and their leadership put in a ton of time and effort this offseason and have built an impressive roster. The Crush will hope that all that work and practice pays off

on the game field Monday night. If the Crush are going to come up with a big win, they will need big names like Ean Cantos and Joshua Madrid to step up and lead the way. The Jr. Diamondbacks meanwhile enter this season looking like a team on a mission. This team felt like they finished last season with some unfinished business and will try and lean on stars like Theodore Edquilang and Evan Corpus to get them to the next level.

**Jr. Raiders (0-0) VS Jr. Diamondbacks (0-0) – 14U**

Where: Basic High School

When: 3:15 PM

The Jr. Raiders and Jr. Diamondbacks finish off a full set of matchups with the oldest group as these 14U teams take the field at Basic High School. The Raiders have built themselves quite the 14U Team heading into this opening day. Led by Branden Konetzki and Robert Wren, the Jr. Raiders will try and get their season started with a big win over a very talented Diamondbacks squad. The Diamondbacks meanwhile will be ready for an opening day matchup as they have been rattling away waiting to get onto the game field. Led by Brandon Hicks and Jamieon Wyndham, the Diamondbacks will look to put up some big numbers on the scoreboard.

**Liberty Patriots (0-0) VS Bullhead City Firebirds (0-0) – 14U**

Where: Spring Valley High School

When: 3:15 PM

The Liberty Patriots and Bullhead City Firebirds square off in what is most certainly a highlighted matchup here in the 14U Division and the 14U Division Game of the Day. The Patriots are a team on the march as they have carefully built what looks like a very talented squad. Led by Tyrese Smith & Champ Kapanui, this team will look to get their season started with a statement victory over the defending champions. The Firebirds meanwhile are just that, the defending champions. This is a stellar team that is very well coached and seasoned. Led by Jonathon Williams and Adrian Ocegüera, the Firebirds will hope to start their title defense off on the right foot with a victory over a talented Patriots squad. Expect nothing but the best from these two teams Saturday afternoon at Spring Valley High School.