

# NYS NEVADA TACKLE FOOTBALL

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## FALL 2018 WEEK 3 PREVIEWS

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### **Desert Oasis Diamondbacks (2-0) VS Las Vegas Union (2-0) – 7U**

Where: Desert Oasis High School

When: 9:00AM

It's been the Keenan Thomas Show so far in the 7U Division. Thomas has 7 TD's in the first 2 Games to lead the Desert Oasis Diamondbacks to a fast 2-0 start. Desert Oasis has combined for over 500 yards of offense while only allowing 47 total combined yards and zero points in the first 2 weeks. The Union comes into Desert Oasis with a perfect 2-0 record themselves. They've spread the ball around a bit more amongst their 4 main players in Kareem Knox, Frank Starks, Terrell Collins, and Aisek Brown. Will the Union's Quartet of Talent be holding up the U at the end or will the venom of Keenan Thomas and the DBacks be too much to overcome?

### **Henderson LV Raiders (0-1) VS Henderson Cowboys (2-0) – 7U**

Where: Chaparral High School

When: 10:45AM

The Undefeated Henderson Cowboys (2-0) enter Week 3 boasting the division's top offense and defense (tied with the Union). They've outscored their opponents 65-0. The Cowboys ground attack is dangerous. They've racked up 516 yards of rushing thanks to Caden Cadaval, JaShawn Crayton, and Ayden Lujan pushing their opponents around. Opponents have been able to move the ball against them a bit but nobody has been able to break through their shut down defense and cross the goal line. The Henderson Raiders enter the game only having played 1 game. They're an inexperienced, but extremely talented group. Look for the Raiders to try to effectively move the ball on the ground and control the clock in an effort to limit HC's opportunities.

### **Desert Oasis Diamondbacks (2-0) VS Las Vegas Union (2-0) – 8U**

Where: Desert Oasis High School

When: 10:45AM

Desert Oasis Diamondbacks are the last remaining team in the 8U Division to have not been scored on. They've served up 2 straight donuts while also outscoring their opponents a whopping 62-0. They have accumulated 521 yards rushing with power backs Isaiah Cooper & Chasen Sarmiento leaving teams coughing on their dust. The Union are battle tested though. They've been through 2 great games, taken all the smoke that the Falcons Hit Squad & Tribe wanted to give them and came out on top. If there's one team that isn't afraid of anyone it's this Union team.

### **Henderson Cowboys (2-0) VS Elite Las Vegas Wildcats (2-0) – 8U**

Where: Green Valley High School

When: 1:30PM

The Elite Las Vegas Wildcats have been an unstoppable force this Fall. They're off to a great 2-0 start. The Wildcats are truly doing it with a complete team effort. It seems like there is always a different kid making big plays. King David, Deontray Miller, Steven Bulloch, and Troy McKnight have all really played. This team is no longer under the radar. The word is out... the Wildcats are for real. The Henderson Cowboys have a very similar approach. They don't depend on just player to lead them. They get production from a lot of different players such as Judson Warner, Caleb Ramaila, Kel-el Bibera, Noah Cole, Trevin Pixley, Coen Lozano, and Rayshawn Brown. Let's not forget the phenomenal play by their offensive line. This game along with the DBacks-Union game will really determine the landscape of the 8U Division.

### **Las Vegas Rams (1-1) VS Pahrump Trojans (0-2) – 9U**

Where: Coronado High School

When: 10:45AM

The Rams rebounded from a tough first week by unleashing Elijah Richards. Richards scored 3 TD's on 111 yards of rushing. Defensively, the Rams held the Raiders to just 5 total yards of offense. Pahrump has played a tough schedule early on but hope to turn things around this weekend. The young Trojans keep improving and look to find their way into the win column this weekend by shutting down the rushing attack of the Rams.

### **Las Vegas Badgers (2-0) VS Liberty Patriots (2-0) – 9U**

Where: Shadow Ridge High School

When: 1:30PM

Isaiah Romero might be the best athlete in NYS Football. Romero has 8 Rushing TD's – that's not a typo – we said 8 TD's in 2 games. He also has a passing TD. He's gonna keep the Patriots defense busy. However, the Patriots have a stud of their own in Demier Zamora. Zamora has reached the promise land 4 times on the ground and thrown for 2 more. It could be a battle of attrition. We'll see who wants it more on Saturday. One of these talented teams will move to 3-0 on the Fall Season.

### **Vegas Strong (2-0) VS Arbor View Jr. Aggies (1-1) – 10U**

Where: Rancho High School

When: 10:00AM

Vegas Strong can move the rock. They have almost 500 yards of rushing in just 2 games. Vaimaona Manutai (4 TD's) and Treyton Savea (3 TD's) each have been able to perfect their end-zone celebrations. It starts behind fantastic play by their offensive line. With a great push at the line of scrimmage they're outscoring opponents 68-12. Don't let the Jr. Aggies 1-1 record fool you, they could very easily be 2-0. Arbor View has found themselves in 2 extremely close games so far. If you're looking for a team with some dog in them ready to fight, it's the Arbor View Jr. Aggies. They're ready for whatever Vegas Strong puts in front of them. The Aggies will turn to Micah Monroe, Landon Woods, and Nathan Fletcher to establish the running game. They may mix in a little Brock Bonkavich as well. Aggies don't mind being the underdog, they will be coming to Rancho with an upset on their mind.

### **Desert Oasis Diamondbacks (2-0) VS Las Vegas Union Thunderbirds (2-0) – 10U**

Where: Desert Oasis High School

When: 12:30PM

Best game on the NYS Schedule in Week 3. This is a Heavyweight Title Fight custom built for Vegas. 2 teams that each won championships last Fall. While the rest of the day at Desert Oasis is going to feature a lot of great games in the undercard, this Main Event matchup is legit. Desert Oasis has QB Bishop Allen who has precision awareness and the ability to tuck and run at any point. He also crushes teams with his ability to score on special teams. They also have stud RB Evan McMihelk who already has 6 TD's this Fall. The Diamondbacks are outscoring opponents 76-6 in 2 games. The Union Thunderbirds are insanely good. Coach Hall has them playing at a peak level. Trey'Shaun Jackson has 5 TD's for the T-Birds so far on over 200 yards of rushing. QB Aiden Crawford can pass the ball as well. He can really open things up with his arm. If you can only see 1 game on Saturday, make this the one. 2 extremely talented teams with veteran coaches who know how to get the most out of their kids.

### **Las Vegas Rams (1-0) VS Pahrump Trojans (1-1) – 11U**

Where: Coronado High School

When: 12:30PM

The upstart Rams didn't take long to have a signature moment in their inaugural season. Coach Michael Rowland's squad won a stunner behind a game-winning TD by Javion Gunter to move them past TMT Elite. Rams proved they can run the ball well with Jayden Edwards gaining 96 yards on the ground. Their defense was the real backbone to their team though. They picked up 3 fumbles and held TMT Elite to just 6 points on 70 total yards. The Pahrump Trojans were sensational this past weekend. They rebounded from a tough opening weekend and put a lot of pieces together. They completely shut down the North Las Vegas Mustangs to the tune of -25 yards and forced 3 fumbles. Pahrump will turn to Austin Alvarez and Kayne Horibe to carry the bulk of the rushing duties. This could be a low scoring game though as both teams have solid defensive units. You may want to take the under on this one.

### **Falcons Hit Squad (1-1) VS Las Vegas Sun Devils (1-1) – 12U**

Where: Western High School

When: 3:15PM

The Falcons could easily be 2-0 entering this week. The Opening Weekend saw them lose a heartbreaker in OT to the Union. Last week, they evened up their record with a big win over the Arbor View Aggies, 34-0. Hit Squad have a lot of weapons and get a lot of players involved on offense. They had 5 different players score TD's last week. The Sun Devils have one of the best coaching staffs in youth football at making adjustments on the fly. In their opening weekend victory they gave up just 60 total yards. The Sun Devils will try to put the ball in Justin Russell's hands and let him attack the Falcons defense. If the Falcons key in on Russell too much they may find Tysean McCraney has snuck around the corner for a score. Will the Falcons Hit Squad with all of their scoring options be too much for the Sun Devils to handle or will Justin Russell have another banner day on the ground to lead the Sun Devils to victory?

### **Vegas Strong Blue (2-0) VS Las Vegas Union (2-0) – 12U**

Where: Rancho High School

When: 3:15PM

Vegas Strong Blue's Defense has been a brick wall that no teams have been able to get through so far. They've put up 2 straight shutouts to start the season. They've only allowed a combined 3 yards against them so far. They're a ball-hawking unit that forces a lot of turnovers and really control the field position battle. The Union was in last Spring's Championship Game and have keep it rolling this season. They're outscoring opponents 36-8. QB Alonzo Balderrama does a great running their offense. He distributes the ball well both on the ground and in the air. Union relies on Raymarion Finister to control most of their rushing duties. Can Finister be the first to break through Vegas Strong Blue's brick wall or will the U just be another victim on their road to a 3-0 start. 2 undefeated teams will enter Rancho, one leaving with a loss on the right side of their record.

### **Silverado Hawks (2-0) VS Las Vegas Red Eagles (1-0) – 12U**

Where: Del Sol Academy of the Performing Arts

When: 11:45AM

The Silverado Hawks have the division's best offense and have not allowed anyone to score against them so far. They're outscoring opponents 68-0 through 2 games. All-World MVP RB Donavyn Pellott has been running through NYS defenses since he was old enough to walk. He can run, catch, and even pass. He has a chance to be one of the best youth football players to ever come out of NYS. He's complimented well by QB Branko Hansell-Fotu. Together, they make a very dangerous duo for opposing teams. The Red Eagles opened their season last week with a solid victory over the Raiders. They established their running game early and picked up 168 yards on the ground to soar to a win. More importantly, they forced 2 fumbles. For the Red Eagles to pull the upset they'll need to disrupt Donavyn Pellott's rushing attack and control the clock to give the Hawks less opportunities to get their offense going. If the Hawks get off to a fast start it might be too much for the Red Eagles to play from behind. Coach Thatcher says he will have the Red Eagles ready.

### **TMT Elite (2-0) VS LV Wolverines (2-0) – 12U**

Where: Sierra Vista High School

When: 12:15PM

It's the Wolverine's vs. Everybody and so far everybody has lost. The Wolverines have been dominant this Fall, outscoring opponents 67-0. RB's Emarion Jones & Jabari Page, along with QB Joseph Garza have all been fantastic. They have amassed almost 500 yards of rushing through 2 games. TMT can beat you with their passing game. QB Gavin Day has done a tremendous job of finding open receivers and has shredded opposing secondaries. Day's ability to air it out has opened up the box for Keimarion Taylor. Will the Wolverines continue to roll through opponents or will TMT Elite's "A Game" be enough to advance to 3-0? This will be an important game at the top of the 12U Division standings.

### **Liberty Patriots (0-2) VS Faith Lutheran Crusaders (1-1) – 13U**

Where: Del Sol Academy of the Performing Arts

When: 8:15AM

The Faith Crusaders have been one of the surprise teams of the early Fall Season. They have played well enough to be 2-0 right now but lost an overtime heartbreaker in the Opening Weekend. QB Diallo Hall has done a great job running the Crusaders offense. He has picked up huge yardage on the ground and passed for multiple TD's. He's a hard player to stop. The Patriots are still looking for their first trip to the endzone this season. They're moving the ball well with RB Champ Kapanui (105 yards rushing through 2 weeks) and QB Kaleb Alejandro (42 yards rushing) but they just haven't been able to convert those opportunities into points yet. Will this be the week the Patriots put it together and move into the win column or do the Faith Lutheran Crusaders advance to 2-1?

### **Coronado Cougars (1-0) VS Pahrump Valley Warriors (1-1) – 13U**

Where: Coronado High School

When: 2:15PM

The Coronado Cougars return home after having an early bye in Week #2. On Opening Weekend, they looked fantastic in a 12-0 win over the Liberty Patriots. The Cougars offense rushed for 135 yards led by Joshua Ashley's 34 yards and a TD. The Cougars will welcome in the Pahrump Valley Warriors (1-1) who are coming off a big 12-0 win over the Mustangs. The Warriors have 200+ yards rushing in the first 2 weeks led by Jose Mendoza (2 TD's). In a smaller division that's bunched up in the middle, this game could be huge for post-season seeding. Will the Cougars advance to 2-0 or will the Warriors travel to Coronado and get a big road victory?

### **Green Valley Knights (2-0) VS Elite Las Vegas Wildcats (1-1) – 14U**

Where: Green Valley High School

When: 11:45AM

The Green Valley Knights have now gotten everyone's attention after last week's victory over TMT Elite. The 2-0 Knights like to do a lot of different things on offense including putting the ball in the air (like their high school counterparts). QB Anton Mazzullo can fling it. He's efficient with a good passer rating and already scored a game winner (Week 1 vs. the Wolverines). For the Knights to advance to 3-0 they'll need to shut down the Elite Las Vegas Wildcats' Lavon Brown. Brown has 100 yards of rushing on the early season (including a game winner of his own). The Wildcats defense can also cause problems. They forced a safety in their first game and have multiple fumble recoveries already. Can the Knights continue to ride through the Fall Season at the top of the standings or will they get mauled by the hungry Wildcats?