

# GREEN VALLEY AND ELDORADO CONTEST TOUTED AS GAME OF THE SEASON

BY BILL LEE

Shellacking! Spanking! Thumping! Thrashing! These are just a few adjectives that describe the onslaught of victories dished out by the Green Valley Gators. In the last two weeks, the Gators have outscored their opponents 71-7. Their two victims, Las Vegas 40-7 and Rancho 31-0, which suffered those agonizing losses still remain sore. Case in point, Las Vegas couldn't rise to the occasion when they fell to the Clark Chargers 24-0 last Friday.

What amounts to be possibly the game of the season, will take place at Green Valley High School when the Gators play host to defending state champion Eldorado. The Sundevils put a hurtin' on Valley High School by drubbing the Vikings 64-0. So, what will take place is a clash of the most lethal squads in the Sunrise Division. The undefeated Gators now at 4-0-1 and the Sundevils, 4-1, will serve up some exciting scholastic football.

As the close of the '92 season draws near, this contest may very

well see the eventual representative for the Southern AAA Conference in the state championship. The title game, against the Northern AAA Champion, will be played at the Silver Bowl, Friday November 20.

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## SPORTS COMMENTARY

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### "MAGIC PEROT"

November 7th, 1991 seemed like one of the saddest days in sports history. Earvin Johnson had just addressed a stunned audience by announcing his retirement from basketball.

"Because of the HIV virus I have attained, I will have to retire from the Lakers today," said Johnson, that particular day.

Granted, it is sad to know that such a fine athlete will have to battle this deadly disease for the rest of his life; But did Magic ever really retire?

His presence on the Lakers' bench, early in the '91-'92 season, seemed to spark the team to winning ways. Johnson became the fifth player in franchise history to have his jersey retired, as #32 was hoisted to the rafters during a halftime ceremony of the Lakers/Celtics game February 16.

One week prior to that game though, Johnson was named MVP of the 1992 All-Star Game in Orlando, registering 25 points, nine assists and five rebounds in 29 minutes.

Regardless of the virus, he was able to play - 'cause he is Magic Johnson.

He watched the remainder of the season fall into Chicago's hands and looked forward to what would be one of the most memorable summers he had ever seen.

Magic prepared for all-out competition as he was chosen to represent the United States Olympic basketball team - "The Dream Team."

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Let us not forget all the endorsements that Johnson was still involved with; Why? - 'Cause he is Magic Johnson.

Johnson performed up to standards during the Olympics, helping the Dream Team capture the Gold Medal, averaging 8.0 points and 5.5 assists in 18.1 minutes of action. There were plenty of endorsements involving the Dream Team that also brought in lots of \$\$\$.

Now Johnson has achieved every possible basketball accolade from a team perspective, from high school to college to the NBA and the Olympics.

He then conducted his seventh annual all-star "A Mid-Summer Night's Magic." The event benefits the United Negro College Fund.

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Here we are eleven months after his retirement and I ask you, "Has Magic Johnson really retired?" If you say yes, then answer this question: What has Magic been doing? Naturally, he has been playing basketball and making money.

Oh yes, he had a brief stint with the AIDS commission, but he conveniently relieved himself from his position just before his announcement to return to the NBA.

He says he has been working out at UCLA

three times a day and feels good. He says if he takes care of himself and eats right he'll be just fine.

Result: Magic +\$14.6 million.

The Great Western Forum workers now have to climb up to the rafters and "un-retire" #32, 'cause he is Magic Johnson.

This whole scenario seems so similar to Ross Perot's "teasing" of the nation with his presidential campaign. First it is one thing, then he says another - now he wants back in. Ross and Magic ought to collaborate and make bank!!!

If Johnson is able to return to action one year into the disease, was it ever necessary for him to retire in the first place? Why couldn't he have taken a few weeks off last season, and let his doctors prepare a proper schedule for (Magic) to follow? It took one year to do all this? Not really, because he has been playing in some capacity throughout the eleven months.

This may be a hasty judgment, but Magic has taken for granted who he is by doing whatever he wants regardless of anything he said back in November, on that dreadful day.

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You know, it is a good thing that this didn't happen to "Joe Shmoe." Poor Joe would just be left out in the cold, going for treatment as scheduled. There would be no talk of a comeback. He would probably have been scolded for attaining the virus; whereas Johnson was justified.

Mr. Shmoe would just have to go on with his life and be forgotten, just like the other HIV victims in the nation that have been stricken.

Oh well, maybe I'll go lay a Futures Bet on the Lakers and hope that Mr. Earvin Magic \$14.6 Million Perot Johnson takes L.A. to the Finals. Damn, then I have to deal with Jordan.

*I can't wait to read the book.*

•Alright all my faithful readers and bettors, do you notice that record so far? 21-6-1, 4-0-1 last week. I wish had room to give you my Best College Bets, but I don't.

As a supplement though, I recommend you tune into KVEG-AM 840, Monday through Friday from 12 P.M.-3 P.M. A gentleman by the "nickname" of "Papa Joe" will guide you through the week on his popular Sports Buffet show. Regulars call or fax in every day sharing their opinion and their top picks for the week. As you become accustomed to the show, you will start to familiarize yourself with certain regulars that seem to pick winners all the time. It is very hard to describe in print, so I urge you to just tune in wherever you may be and check out the show. Even if you don't gamble, you'll enjoy the comments from the likes of Top Gun, Bubba, Looney Larry, The Slime, Blondie and many more of the crazy characters that frequent the show. *Who knows, you may even hear some comments from your favorite Sports Editor.*

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### FOOTBALL SKILLS WORKSHOP

The City of L.V. Johnson Community, 7701 Ducharme Avenue, sponsors a football skills workshop, Oct. 13-16. The seminar, designed for ages 8-12, takes place 4-5 p.m., daily. Registration takes place Oct. 6-9 at a cost of \$10. Call 229-6175.

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### INVITATIONAL COED OPEN VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The Stewart/Mojave Sports Center, 275 N. Mojave Rd., hosts an invitational coed open volleyball tournament on December 11-12. Registration for the recreational contest takes place November 9 through December 7 at a cost of \$175 per team. Teams must have played in a coed league sponsored by the City of Las Vegas Department of Parks and Leisure Activities between July 1 and December 7 to qualify. Stewart/Mojave Sports Center coed volleyball rules will apply. Competitors will receive official tournament shirts, and trophies will be awarded to the winners. Call 229-6563.

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WINTER ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE  
The City of Las Vegas Municipal  
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## SENTINEL-VOICE PREP FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Friday, October 9 1992

Rancho at Chaparral  
Eldorado at Green Valley

Bonanza at Western

Las Vegas at Cheyenne

•Cimarron-Memorial at Gorman

Basic at Valley

Eisenhower at Clark

• SILVER BOWL

### SUNRISE DIVISION

GREEN VALLEY	1-0	4-0-1
ELDORADO	1-0	4-1
BASIC	1-0	1-3
CHAPARRAL	0-1	2-3
RANCHO	0-1	1-4
VALLEY	0-1	0-5

### SUNSET DIVISION

CLARK	3-0	4-1
BISHOP GORMAN	2-0	3-2
LAS VEGAS	1-1	2-3
WESTERN	1-1	3-2
CIM.-MEMORIAL	1-2	2-3
BONANZA	1-2	2-3
CHEYENNE	0-3	1-4



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## MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

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(\$1.00 for any drink at the sound of the horn)

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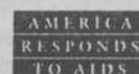
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Halftime Drink Specials  
PLUS: 4th Quarter Give-Aways!

# If You're Dabbling In Drugs... You Could Be Dabbling With Your Life.



Skin popping, on occasion, seems a lot safer than mainlining. Right? You ask yourself: What can happen? Well, a lot can happen. That's because there's a new game in town. It's called AIDS. So far there are no winners. If you share needles, you're at risk. All it takes is one exposure to the AIDS virus and you've just dabbled your life away.

For more information about AIDS, call 1-800-842-AIDS. Nevada AIDS Hotline



This is a message from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.