WEEK NINE FOR PREP FOOTBALL TURNS OUT TO BE JIGSAW PUZZLE FOR PLAYOFF OUTLOOK

By Bill Lee

Here we go sports fans!!! The Class AAA Southern Conference football season winds down tonight with a full slate of games. Tonights results will resolve the jigsaw puzzle that has transformed in the past few weeks.

With seven games scheduled for tonight, four of them will decide who will continue their 1992 season and who will sit in the stands.

The only team that has a definite spot in the playoffs so far, is the Green Valley Gators. The second-year expansion team can win the Sunrise Division by getting by Chaparral. A chore it will be, the Cowboys can capture the crown by knocking off the Gators. The "reptiles" have been devouring opponents with literally no problem at all. Definitely the most improved team of the season, Green Valley is now the top squad in the Southern Conference.

The defending state champion Eldorado has an outside shot at making the playoffs. One thing for sure is that they'll need the Gators to top the Cowboys. Under league rules, total points can play a factor on who makes it to the post-season.

The 'Devils will have to beat Basic by a certain score without scoring so many points. Told you it was a jigsaw puzzle. Basic can make the playoffs with a victory over Eldorado.

The Sunset Division's clock is ticking also, although it may not be a clock. Western can drop the bomb on the Chargers from Clark by defeating Cheyenne. Clark led the division until losing to Western last week 17-14.

Even if Clark defeats Gorman at the Silver Bowl, the Warriors will take the division by virtue of head-to-head competition, resulting in the Chargers being the #2 seed in the division. That could also mean a first-round playoff game against Green Valley.

Now if the Gaels beat Clark, they will have dropped their bomb on Western. Gorman beat Western in Week 4 of the season.

Finally, and in a nutshell, all eyes should start with the Western/Cheyenne game as the Desert Shield can play the spoiler. Its not likely but you never no what could happen around Halloween. If Cheyenne drops their bomb, the Warriors will have to pray for a Gael victory.

Best of luck to all the remaining contenders, and even better luck to those who didn't make it.
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SENTINEL-VOICE PREP FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD
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Eldorado at Basic
Green Valley at Chaparral
Valley at Rancho
Western at Cheyenne
Clark at Gorman (Silver Bowl)
Las Vegas at Cimarron-Memorial
Bonanza at Sparks

SUNRISE DIVISION		
GREEN VALLEY	4-0	7-0-1
CHAPARRAL	3-1	5-3
BASIC	3-1	3-4
ELDORADO	2-2	5-3
RANCHO	0-4	1-7
VALLEY	0-4	0-8

SUNSET DIVISION		
WESTERN	4-1	6-2
CLARK	4-1	5-3
BISHOP GORMAN	4-1	5-3
CIM.-MEMORIAL	2-3	3-5
BONANZA	2-4	3-5
CHEYENNE	1-4	2-5
LAS VEGAS	1-4	2-6

THE JIGSAW PUZZLE

1. **Eldorado** can make the playoffs if:
They beat Basic and allow no more than 14 points, and
They don't score more than 15 points, and
Green Valley beats Chaparral

2. **Chaparral** makes the playoffs (regardless of the outcome with Green Valley) if:
Eldorado tops Basic scoring more than 15 points, or
Eldorado tops Basic allowing more than 14 points.

3. **Basic** makes the playoffs with a victory over Eldorado

4. **Western** wins the division and makes the playoffs if:
They beat Cheyenne, and
Clark defeats Gorman; They"ll remain in the playoff hunt if:
They win or lose, and
Gorman tops Clark

5. **Gorman** can claim the division with a victory over Clark;
They"ll remain in the playoff hunt with a Western loss

6. **Clark** wins the division and makes the playoffs if:
They defeat Gorman, and
Western loses to Cheyenne.
They"ll have to beat Gorman to remain in the playoff hunt.

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three seasons as a player, he appeared in three consecutive Fall Classics with Boston, Minnesota, and Oakland, respectively. He has one World Championship ring to his credit, helping the Twins to the World Series title by hitting .385 against the Cardinals in 1987. His best overall season was 1979 with California, earning American League Most Valuable Player honors with a .296 average and 36 home runs, while leading the league in runs scored (120) and RBI (139).