

POOLE

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"I take it to the head, where it motivates me for each game."

Poole is definitely a motivated person, as he has gained 704 yards on 73 carries through the midpoint of the season. His 9.6 avg per carry and 140.8 per game ranks amongst the league leaders.

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PERRY

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4:30 until game time by thinking nothing but football," confesses Perry. "It takes alot patience so we try to keep their minds focused on what they have to do for the next three hours. That's a tough job there because you got 17 and 18 year-old kids that are thinking about their girlfriends afterwards and all that kind of stuff."

And how about the Zone playoffs that begin in less than one month?

"We don't talk too much about playoffs," says Perry. "We tell our kids if we can stay focused and win each week, then we won't have to worry about going to the playoffs 'cause it'll take care of itself. Our saying this week will be, 'we gotta be 5-0 before we can be 6-0.' I think if you start dwelling on something that you have no control over 'til the end of the season, then you're letting yourself in for maybe an upset."

Cheyenne continues its quest this Friday when they host Durango for their homecoming. Following the Trailblazers, Cheyenne will travel to Gorman and Cimarron-Memorial and close the season hosting Clark.

REBELS

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The Big West has named three Rebels as Players of the Week. Gatewood for offense on September 17, and Brittney Posey the first week of the season for defense. This past Monday, Mark Byers was named the Defensive Player of the Week; Along with Byers, senior DE Keith Washington has eight sacks so far for the season. The single-season mark for any UNLV player is 14, when Daryl Knox harassed quarterbacks in 1985. Both Byers and Washington are on pace to break the record by the Southwestern Louisiana game, ending the season with 17 or 18 sacks; With Louisiana Tech next up, UNLV will be vying for their best start (3-0) in conference play since 1984; The Rebels will be taking a 16-10 record in Homecoming games into Saturday night, but a dreadful 0-5 since 1989; The Bulldogs are coming off of a 13-3 home loss to Southwestern Louisiana and will be bringing along a 15-game road losing streak into Las Vegas; LB Marvin Robinson officially quit the team Wednesday afternoon. Robinson went home to Mississippi last week and never returned. According to Sports Information Coordinator Mark Wallington, Robinson departure was due to "personal reasons;" The Great Homecoming Tailgate Party is scheduled for 5 p.m. at Alumni Park at Sam Boyd Stadium. At halftime, the recognition of the Alumnus of the Year and Homecoming Committee, Queen and King, Coronation and Float Display will take place.

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sive line," confesses May. "(On defense) we must stop their fullback, he's a tough kid. Their quarterback is a good athlete as well."

The quarterback-fullback combo that May was referring to is Valley's Tony Mosby and Jabari Marshall. The duo helped Valley overcome a 14-3 deficit last week in their victory over the Cowboys.

"We have a thinking quarterback," says Valley Head Coach Greg Murphy. "He is quick to see certain things on the field that can make us successful or unsuccessful. Jabari has played well all season. He has improved on his blocking and he is a force when he has the ball."

Prior to the season, Eldorado and Rancho were figured to be Green Valley's top contenders in the Sunrise Division, but the Vikings have come along impressively and if they win Friday night, they'll have a legitimate chance at making the playoffs.

"I don't think we're thinking second place right now," says the first-year Valley head coach. "We're taking (the season) game-by-game, and just one victory at a time."

Murphy says that his team has adapted quite well to the new coaching staff, and feels a sense of respect from his squad.

"The kids have responded well," says Murphy. "They really feel they can trust us. If they need help in the classroom, on the field, or in the game, we're here for them."

In other matchups on Friday: Green Valley (5-0, 3-0) travels to Chaparral (1-4, 1-2); Gorman (1-4, 0-3) heads to Silverado (0-5); and, Durango (1-4, 1-2) visits front-running Cheyenne (4-0, 2-0).

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