

# SOUTHERN AAA CHAMPIONSHIP

## "Expansion Bowl" Winner Capable Of Winning State

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It's the type of season you dream of.

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Which team you may be asking? Try teams!

Both the Green Valley Gators (10-0 overall, 6-0 in division play) and Cheyenne (8-1, 5-1) Desert Shield have produced such quality football this season, it's a shame to see one of them end their season without a shot at the Nevada State Championship, on November 18 at Sam Boyd Stadium. Unfortunately, the reality of the situation is that the four year-old schools will meet for the representation of the Southern Zone this Friday at Green Valley. The winner will face the victor of the Wooster-Reno matchup earlier that day.

Cheyenne has catapulted over adversity through its first four years and has found them-

### Prep Football On TV/Radio

The Southern Zone Championship between Green Valley and Cheyenne can be seen this Sunday, November 13, at 8 a.m. on Prime Cable Channel 37. Tim Neverett will be calling the action with Trip Mitchell providing analysis.

The Nevada State Championship football game will be televised exclusively by Prime Cable on a delayed basis in Las Vegas and in Reno.

The game will originally air Sunday, November 20 at 8 a.m. on Channel 37 and then again on Thanksgiving Day at 1 p.m. on the same channel.

Also, a private, local broadcasting company has obtained the exclusive radio rights to the state championship football game and plans to broadcast the game live. It was confirmed late Wednesday that KMTW-1340 AM will carry the game.

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selves controlling their own destiny entering Friday evening's game. Some might think the Gators would be a slight favorite over Cheyenne, but according to Desert Shield Head Coach George Perry, both teams matchup pretty evenly.

"We're both highly explosive on offense," says Perry. "We play well on defense, and (on paper) we matchup well. We have to control the ball and keep it away from them."

Perry says he'll be looking to break out early, as far as scoring is concerned, and then concentrate on keeping them out of the end zone. The end zone is the last place Western and Eldorado were able to keep G.V. and Cheyenne out of, last week in the zone semi-finals. On Friday, Green Valley disposed of the Warriors 44-6, then on Saturday, it was Eldorado's turn for a whipping as the Desert Shield got the job done 46-15.

Perry says he was always told to go with what brought him here, and that's exactly what he'll do Friday at Green Valley.

"Corey Grant has played great on both sides, and he'll probably carry the ball at least 30 times against Green Valley. At least!"

Despite losing the rushing title to Western's Derek Poole, Perry believes he has the conference's MVP in Grant, calling him "a man among boys."



Green Valley Head Coach Larry Thomas might have something to say when it comes to voting for the MVP, as he boasts a crafty back that is labeled as "Ermitt Smith-like" by his peers.

Wade Perkins scored over 20 touchdowns for the Gators this season, as the Henderson-based school ran circles around most of its opponents throughout the season.

Unlike many of the other top backs in the conference, Perkins does not play both offense

and defense. Thomas says that its simply a difference in coaching philosophy, and he has plenty of quality athletes for both of his units. Some might say that the reason he has plenty of athletes is due to the rising population of students at Green Valley.

In a related story Wednesday afternoon in the Las Vegas Sun, prep reporter Stu Durando explained how Green Valley's population is atop all the schools in the district. According to

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# NORTHERN AAA CHAMPIONSHIP

## Reno Looks For Revenge Against Wooster

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The Reno Huskies have demonstrated enough mobility thus far to garner the Northern AAA crown in prep football. The one thing they haven't managed to do is escape the clutches of the Wooster Colts.

A traditional powerhouse up North, as well in the state, the Colts came into the season uncharacteristically "small." They, as always, were favored to finish near the top of the Northern Zone, along with McQueen.

The Huskies (9-1 overall, 5-1 in division play) were conceived as the team that would contend for the Division II title, just behind Wooster (9-1, 6-0). The two teams met back on September 24 in a game that Reno arguably let trickle away on mistakes. Huskies Head Coach Phinnie Marsh believes mistakes were the main reason his team lost 21-0, especially after blowing a chance to score early on at the Colts' 3-yard line.

Reno will travel to Wooster this Friday afternoon for the Northern Zone Championship, and the right to play for the Nevada State Championship against the winner of the Southern Zone Championship between Green Valley and Cheyenne.

Head Coach Joe Sellers entered the 1994 campaign admitting his team was smaller than usual, which could be blamed partly on Galena High School. When Galena opened three years ago, enrollment at Wooster dropped immensely



and had an immediate effect on the size of the football program. Sellers, who is in his 19th year with the Colts, says they've managed and are fully prepared for a return to the state championship.

After losing their opening game to a surprising Reed squad, Wooster ran roughshod through the competition, including a 48-0 thrashing of Elko in last week's zone semi-final, en route to their eleventh straight trip to the Northern Zone Championship.

Although the Colts have advanced to zone every year since the current Northern AAA playoff format was adopted in 1983, they've lost four straight times in the zone final. Their last appearance in the state championship was a last-second thriller in 1989, when they topped Southern Zone champ Clark.

"We haven't been there in so long," says Sellers, "...I think we may have forgotten how to get to the (Sam Boyd) Stadium."

Sellers says his Colts don't "typify the traditional Northern teams in size this season, but



(they've) played pretty good defense and been able to run the ball well."

Wooster's offense is spearheaded by running back Jason Perryman, a speedster that has Marsh worried. Reno's offensive threat is guided by junior quarterback Ben Howe, who originally was thought to be the backup. Chris Jones, who came into the fall as the favorite to start at QB, is now the Huskies' top corner back.

What worries Sellers most

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2. Wooster
3. Western
4. McQueen
5. Cheyenne
6. Reno
7. Eldorado
8. Elko
9. Reed
10. Cim-Memorial tie Rancho

**NORTHERN ZONE FINALS**  
Friday, November 11, 1994  
Reno at Wooster - 1 p.m.

**SOUTHERN ZONE FINALS**  
Friday, November 11, 1994  
Cheyenne at Green Valley - 7 p.m.

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