

Williams

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 'Dallas is gonna eat 'em up alive.' Since Ben isn't able to speak yet, you'd expect him to have a bewildered look on his face, frustrated by not being able to respond. Instead, he forces a small smirk on his face and waves his hand, as if to say, "Please gramps, Neon is gonna dog 'em all day." Ben's grandfather conceived Wednesday, "to see his eyes open is really something special. It's a blessing." Although he will never be medically cleared to participate in contact sports, Ben's parents say football has always been a passion for him, and that if he

can't play, he'll find a way to get involved, even if it means coaching. The minute that Ben is fully recovered, Robertson says he'll be ready to head to the park and toss the ol' pigskin around and spend as much time as he can with both Ben and Nickolas. "It puts your life in perspective," said Robertson, Wednesday evening. "Before, it's like you were too busy to do this or that, now, everything else is secondary (to) spending time with your kids because you don't know when they're gonna be taken away from you. Even if it's just walking to the park, we're

gonna be spending time." The support that Ben has received has really shocked his parents, but they say it has really been nice to know so many people care. Both of them made it a point to praise the nursing staff that has cared for their son, as well as the Silverado and Green Valley High School booster clubs. After moving to Las Vegas last August, Ben attended Green Valley as a freshman. When his parents bought a home, and Silverado opened this past fall, his zoning switched and so did he. Apparently though, GVHS hasn't forgotten their former

freshman football star, as they donated funds raised from concession stand sales from a recent football game. A pancake breakfast was held last Saturday to help raise funds, and a First Interstate Bank account has been opened as well. UNLV Head Coach Jeff Horton visited Ben early Wednesday afternoon, with assistants Mark Weber, Greg Lees and UNLV Development Representative Terry Cottle. Along with a banner signed by the entire Rebel football squad, Ben's guests brought him a UNLV Rebel hat that is identical to the one the coaches wear during games, a UNLV T-shirt and a

UNLV sweatshirt. "I've played and coached a long time," said Horton. "It's a bad part of the sport, but I've always been a big believer that things happen for a reason. As a coach, it effects me even though he's not one of my players. You hate to see it happen." Ben's coach at Silverado, Larry Bamson, was unavailable for comment Wednesday evening, but according to Robertson, it hasn't been easy on him either. "It's crushing him," said Robertson. "He's just wanting to get in here and see Ben, which we haven't been able to do for him. Once he gets out of the

intensive care we'll be able to do that. He's had a long career as a coach and this is something that he's always feared. He treats these kids like they're his own, it's not just a football team (to him)." When this reporter left Ben's room late Wednesday evening, a get well wish was responded immediately by a waving hand that turned into a playful point, as if a little kid was making his hand look like a toy gun. And then, a confident high-five was delivered from the tough 15 year-old, which translated into, "I'm gonna make it, you'll see!" Yes Ben, you definitely are.

SOUTH

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 Durando's story, "a larger talent base for football" has been created "in a pair of Las Vegas' fastest-growing areas. "Green Valley is No. 1 in conference enrollment with 3,036 students and Cheyenne is fifth with 2,549 and growing at they city's most rapid rate." While Thomas doesn't double-up his players, Perry has his students, including MVP candidate Grant, going both ways.

Thomas admits his biggest concern with Cheyenne is their size, and also stopping a linebacker and legitimate-sized full-back in Grant. "We've worked on trying to stop a different style of offense," says Thomas. "We have to stop a big back this week, unlike stopping Western's quick offense last week." On offense, Thomas says it'll be the normal Gator attack with Perkins, and quarterback Jon Denton hooking up with receiver

Jason Palomares. Although Perry says Cheyenne's lone loss on the season may have been an eye-opener, Thomas says there is no advantage in losing, especially when it comes in the last game of the season. "When you get beat at the end of the year, its not a good sign," conceives Thomas. Kickoff for, the Southern Zone Championship - "The Expansion Bowl" - is at 7 p.m.

NORTH

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 type." Coach Marsh, in his fourth year as head coach, has been with Reno since 1967 and says that his football team is bigger than its been in a long time. He also says that it really isn't going to be much of an advantage. "Wooster isn't exactly that small," admits Marsh. "I'd say they're about average, we're just a little bit bigger." Marsh says that in order for his team to get by Wooster, they'll have to control the ball on of-

fense with their power offense, keeping the ball out of the Colts' hands. Marsh says on defense, "they have speed and they can throw the ball. They're a well-balanced team and we can't allow them to get the big play." Reno hasn't been to a zone title game since 1985, when they were the defending state champions. Reno fell short of defending their state title in the big game, thanks to a loss to none other than - Wooster. The rivalry continues Friday afternoon at 1 p.m.

SAUNDERS

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 daughters Caitlin, Lindsey and Alyson. He admits that there is no bringing game film into quality family time, and although he may go over UNLV footage after his kids go to bed, he tries not to let any of his office work interfere. "When I go home, I'm all family," conceives Saunders. "When I get home my quality time with them has to be spent with them because I have so many hours where I'm within the office. My kids and my wife balance my life out." Saunders says that there are weeks he will spend close to 90 hours in his office, and there is nothing better than going home to see his four favorite ladies. Like her husband, Joyce also attended UNR, and he admits he isn't sure what will happen on November 19 when the Wolfpack visits UNLV. "I'm not sure what color she's gonna wear," says Saunders. "If she wants to wear blue that's her deal, if she wants to wear the Rebel red, that's her deal as well." According to Coach Horton, there will be red spray paint lingering in the background. The winner of the annual matchup gets to keep the Fremont Cannon in their end zone until revenge has taken place. Reno has won the past five meetings, as the cannon has remained in Wolfpack blue since 1989. If Joyce shows up in the same color, and UNLV is victorious, the cannon may not be the only target when the red paint is released.



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THIS WEEK'S STARTING LINEUP

Friday November 11	★★★★★★★★★★
IHL - Atlanta @ L.V. Thunder - 6:45 p.m.	(Sunday Nov. 13 - continued)
Saturday November 12	NFL - Tampa Bay @ Detroit - 5:00 p.m.
COLLEGE FOOTBALL - TBA	Monday November 14
IHL - Atlanta @ L.V. Thunder - 6:45 p.m.	NFL - Buffalo @ Pittsburgh - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday November 13	Wednesday November 16
NFL - Chicago @ Atlanta - 10:00 a.m.	NBA - N.Y. Knicks @ L.A. Lakers - 7:30 p.m.
NFL - Dallas @ S.F. 49ers - 1:00 p.m.	★★★★★★★★★★

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CINCINNATI	-1 (34)	HOUSTON	
KANSAS CITY	-3 (37)	San Diego	
MIAMI	-7 (38)	Chicago	
Minnesota	-2' (37)	NEW ENGLAND	
NEW ORLEANS	-2' (43)	Atlanta	
N.Y. GIANTS	-1 (34)	Arizona	
PHILADELPHIA	-6' (35)	Cleveland	
DENVER	-7 (41)	Seattle	
GREEN BAY	-7 (36)	N.Y. Jets	
L.A. Raiders	-3 (37)	L.A. RAMS	
San Francisco	-3 (44)	DALLAS	
DETROIT	-10 (37)	Tampa Bay	

Monday November 14, 1994
 PITTSBURGH -1' (37) Buffalo
 (BYE Week: Washington, Indianapolis)

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MAULDIN	20-28-02 -- .416
RAMIREZ	30-19-01 -- .612
Last Week's Picks	
MAULDIN (0-4-1): New England +3, Detroit +5', Houston +3, Tampa Bay +3, N.Y. Giants +13'	
RAMIREZ (1-3-1): Houston +3, Miami -9', Denver -2', Buffalo -2', Kansas City -3'	

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