



# 2019 State Baseball Championships

## Gateway Christian takes 2019 1A State Baseball Championship

The Gateway Christian Warriors (20-0) capped off an undefeated season with a 12-0 win in the 2019 1A NMAA State Baseball Championship over Dora (15-5). This was the fifth state title in the sport of baseball for the Warriors and the first since 2014.

Gateway Christian allowed no hits in the game, retiring nine of the first 10 batters they faced. Senior Jaydon Stephens pitched a complete game allowing no hits, 10 strikeouts, walking one batters. Jacob Ramos and Hurley Breedyk each tallied two hits to lead the Warriors, as Ramos scored two runs as well.

The Warriors scored six runs in the first three innings of play, allowing Dora just one base runner over that time. Gateway Christian then added another six runs in the bottom of the fourth, making it 12-0.

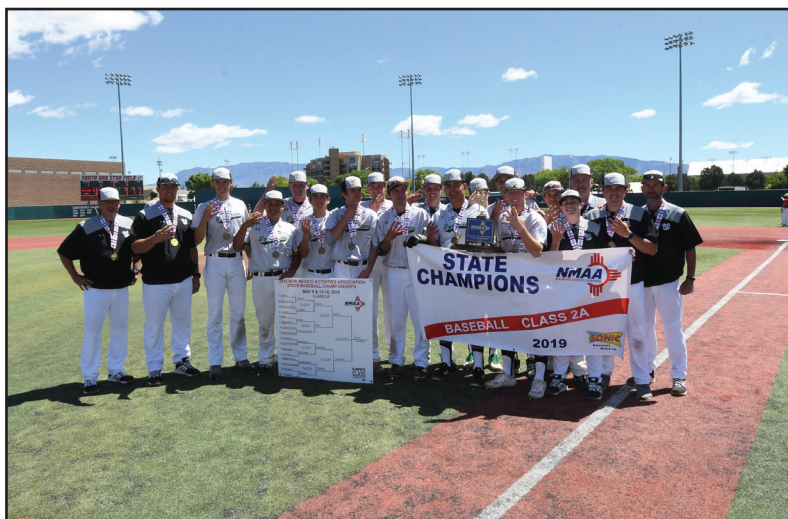
Dora needed to score in the top half of the sixth to extend the game. The Coyotes had two runners on-base at first and second with one out but then hit into a double play that ended the game, as the Warriors hoisted the blue trophy overhead, capping off a perfect season.



## Texico wins Fourth Straight State Baseball Title

The Texico Wolverines (20-5) defeated the Estancia Bears (21-5) in the 2019 2A NMAA State Baseball Championship game to make it four straight blue trophies. It also marked the fifth blue trophy for the Wolverines in the sport of baseball.

Seth Griego pitched five and a third innings for Texico, allowing three runs on six hits, while striking out three batters. Isaac Ortiz closed out the game for the Wolverines, with no hits allowed. Dalton Thatcher, Luke Phipps and Ortiz led Texico with two



hits each, as Thatcher scored three runs and Phipps collected three RBI.

Texico got on the board early with two runs in the first inning. Estancia answered in the bottom of the first with one run, as the Wolverines held a 2-1 advantage. Neither teams scored in the second inning.

A four run, top of the third extended Texico's led to 6-1, but the Bears again answered with two runs of their own, not letting the Wolverines out of their sights. Unfortunately, those runs would be the only runs the Bears scored the remainder of the game.

The Wolverines added two in the fifth, one in the sixth and four in the seventh to push the score to 13-3, locking up the 2019 2A State Championships for the fourth straight season.

### **Robertson earns First State Baseball Title in School History**

The 2019 3A NMAA State Baseball Championship game featured one of the state's oldest rivalries, as the Robertson Cardinals (23-7-1) faced off against the West Las Vegas Dons (21-7). It was the fourth time the two teams had met in the 2019 season. On this day, however, Robertson was the team holding the blue trophy, winning 11-1 over their crosstown rivals.

Antonio Padilla was on the hill for the Cardinals, pitching a stellar game, allowing just one run on two hit in five innings of work. Derrick Montano led Robertson at the plate, going 3-for-4 with two singles and a double, racking up two RBI. Four other Cardinals tallied two hits on the day.

The Dons got on the board first in the bottom of the second with a bases loaded walk to score a run and take a 1-0 lead.

Robertson quickly responded in the top of the third with six runs on five hits, including a triple from Padilla to start the inning. Padilla then shut the Dons bats down over the next three innings of play, allowing just one hit and two baserunners.

The Cardinals added five more runs in the top of the fifth to extend their lead to 11-1. West Las Vegas went in order in the bottom half of the inning, as Robertson claimed the 2019 3A title with a final score of 11-1.



### **St. Pius X wins First Blue Trophy since 2013 in 4A Baseball Championship**

The St. Pius X Sartans (24-5) earned the ninth state baseball title in school history with a 5-2 win over the Artesia Bulldogs (21-10) in the 2019 4A State Baseball Championship game. It was the first title for the Sartans since the 2013 season.



Matt Cornelius took credit for the win, pitching six innings, allowing one run on three hits, striking out nine batters. Jacob McCoy came in in the seventh to finish the game, throwing just nine pitches to retire the side.

The Bulldogs were led by catcher JR Bustamante, who was 3-for-4 at the plate with a single, a double and a triple on the day. The Sartans' Josh Lackner was 1-for-3 with two RBI.

Artesia was on the board in the top of the first, as a triple by Bustamante started the inning. He then scored on a sac fly by AJ Estrada to push Bustamante home, giving the Bulldogs a 1-0. St. Pius X responded in the bottom of the first, as Grant Smith led off with a walk. Lackner then stepped to the plate and hit a towering two run homerun over the right field wall to give the Sartans a 2-1 lead. Cesar Garcia then hit a single and proceeded to steal second, third and home to make it 3-1, St. Pius X after one.

The Sartans added one in the second and one in the fifth to make it 5-1, while the Bulldogs could only manage two baserunners during those innings.

Artesia would score one in the seventh to make it 5-2, as Braxton McDonald scored on a pass ball but in the end, the Sartans pitching was just too much, as St. Pius X hoisted the blue trophy for the ninth time in program history.



## Volcano Captures First State Championship in Baseball

The 2019 5A State Baseball Championship game featured two district rivals in the Volcano Vista Hawks (25-5) and the Cleveland Storm (25-5). The Hawks captured their first blue trophy in the sport of baseball with a 7-5 victory over the Storm.

Volcano Vista had seven runs on nine hits in the game, while Cleveland scored five runs on three hits.

The Hawks took an early 2-0 lead in the top of the second, but the Storm responded in the bottom half of the inning, scoring four runs. The Hawks walked three batters in the inning. Neither team would score in the third as the Storm maintained a 4-2 lead.



Volcano Vista jumped ahead in the top of the fourth, scoring four runs to take a 6-4 lead over Cleveland. The Hawks had four players reach base with just one out in the inning. A single by Isaiah Ural pushed two runs across in the inning, giving the Hawks a 6-4 advantage.

The Storm pulled to within one in the bottom of the sixth, as Colten Madison scored on a single by Treston Shallenberger, making it 6-5 in favor of the Hawks.

Volcano Vista added to their lead in the top of the seventh to push their lead to 7-5. Ryan Curran doubled to start the inning and scored following a single by Tyler Campbell. The Hawks defense shutdown the Storm in the final half inning of play 1-2-3, giving Volcano Vista the 2019 Class 5A State Title.