



# 2019 State Tennis Championships

## La Cueva Earns 2019 State 5A Tennis Title

The La Cueva boys finished the 2019 season back on top of the tennis world. The Bears beat Eldorado 5-0 in the Casas Del Rio Class 5A State Tennis Championship presented by Corley's Albuquerque Lincoln. It's the fifth title in six years for La Cueva. The Bears breezed through the team bracket beating Sandia and Farmington along the way. Senior captains Julian Lee and Jason Lyons led the way for La Cueva. The duo also won the doubles title for the second year in a row. Lee and Lyons beat Eldorado's Zane Lowe and Elias Samaha in the final match. "It's really special to be able to come back to this tournament and win it again with the same partner, Jason Lyons, there's nobody else I'd rather play with," said Lee. "Julian and I had a lot of pressure on us, but we played well and got the W," said Lyons.



Eldorado sophomore Georgio Samaha won the individual state title for the second year in a row. Samaha took down Farmington's Ethan Nguyen in the championship match 7-6, 6-2.

The 3rd place individual winner was Tanin Ramnath of La Cueva who beat Manzano's Stone Davis 6-0, 6-0. Carlsbad's Aaron Overstreet and Andrew Miller finished third in the doubles bracket after taking down Cleveland's Will Gebhardt and Antonio Ortiz 7-6, 6-7, 7-1.

## Sandia Girls' Win 2019 5A State Championship

**Sandia High School is the Casas Del Rio State Tennis Team Champion for 2019.** The Matadors beat Albuquerque High in the final matchup 5-3 to claim their first blue trophy since 2005. The Matadors came into the bracket as the top seed and split their six singles matches with Albuquerque High. The doubles team of Paige Ellison and Jolene Silva provided the final point to give Sandia the championship. The Matadors went through the season undefeated as a team. The Sandia duo of



Courtenay Leonard and Ari Lumanog won the doubles title with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Farmington's Emily Nguyen and Anna Briones. Sandia's Ella Cummings won the third place match over Albuquerque High's Kate Stratton 6-0, 6-0.

Individually, a Corley was the top medalist for the fifth year in a row. Eldorado junior Carmen Corley won her second individual title after beating Carlsbad's Ashley Seay 6-1, 6-1. Corley didn't lose a match all season and only dropped two games in four matches on the final day of singles play. "It's a great feeling," said Corley after her victory. "My sister set the standard, so I'm just trying to keep it up."

The Piedra Vista doubles team of Angelica Sabol and Sarah DeKay won the third-place match over Centennial's Christa Alberson and Megan Stewart 2-6, 7-6, 6-3.

### **ABQ Academy Boys Win 17th Straight**

For the 17th year in a row the Albuquerque Academy boys claimed the Casas Del Rio State Tennis Team Championship presented by Corley's Albuquerque Lincoln. The Chargers did not lose in 2019, racking up a perfect 19-0 record. Academy beat NMMI in the final 5-0. "It never really gets old," said head coach Ray Jaramillo about winning 17 straight. "The kids expect it and they always live up to it." The top ranked Chargers beat Los Alamos 5-0 in the quarterfinals and Lovington 5-0 in the semifinals.

Academy walked away with some individual state title winners too. Senior Abraham Yohannes claimed the individual state crown for the second year in a row. Yohannes took down Adomas Skauda of Hope Christian in the final 6-1, 6-4. "It was great, I really enjoyed it," said the senior captain of his final high school season.

Coleton and Hunter Hootman wrapped up their outstanding high school careers with a doubles team title for the fifth year in a row. The twin brothers beat Nicholas Scheller and Zach Kolkmeyer of St. Pius X in the championship 6-0, 6-1. The Chargers also won the third place match in the doubles bracket as Kevin Xue and Alex McLaughlin beat teammates Graham Collis and Akshay Warriar 7-6, 6-3. Thomas Chadwick of Los Alamos finished third individually after beating Jack Hubbard of Academy 6-4, 6-1.





## ABQ Academy Girls' take home 2019 4A Girls Tennis Title

The Albuquerque Academy girls won the 2019 Casas Del Rio State Tennis Championship Team Title presented by Corley's Albuquerque Lincoln. It's the first team title for the Charger girls since 2016. Albuquerque Academy swept through St. Michael's in the final 5-0. The 2nd seeded Chargers beat Bosque School 5-0 in the quarterfinals and Mesilla Valley 5-0 in the semis.

"I'm thrilled for this team," said head coach Amy Badger. "They worked all season with heart and desire. One player can't do this alone. It takes an entire team committed to the journey and I'm very proud of their efforts."

A Robertson High School player claimed the individual title for the second straight year. This time it was Lauren Fulgenzi. The top seed beat Albuquerque Academy's Rachel Homan 6-2, 6-1. Valley's Renessa Griego finished third after beating Academy's Catie Lacey 6-3, 6-0.

Santa Fe Prep's Isabel Voinescu and Grace Vivian took home the girls doubles title. The duo beat Kilah Baca and Chloe Lamb of Bosque School 6-0, 6-4. Third place in the doubles bracket went to Haley Garcia and Cameron Calbrese of St. Michael's.

