



2022 State Soccer Championships



Sandia Prep Atop the Girls Soccer World

Sandia Prep came into the state tournament as the top seed and the Sundevils lived up to the top billing with goals from a pair of seniors in a thrilling Class A-3A Final. Sandia Prep beat district rival Bosque School 2-1 to win back-to-back state titles at the 2022 State Soccer Championships.

After a scoreless first half, the Bobcats (16-6) got on the board with a goal by Ainsley Capps, giving Bosque a 1-0 lead. Senior Kiran Hill converted a penalty kick eight minutes later to tie the match 1-1. With only minutes of extra time remaining, Sandia Prep senior Maddie Hashagen put in the game winner, giving Sandia Prep (19-3-1) their sixth title in seven years and 10th championship overall.



“It’s the most emotional soccer game I’ve ever been a part of as a high school coach,” said head coach Matthew Westerlund. “Kirin Hill scoring in the final as an eighth grader and Maddie Hashagen scoring the game winning goal in the final last year, what better way than to have both of them score in the state final their senior year to send them off? I couldn’t be more proud.”

Hope Christian Finishes Perfect on the Season

The Hope Christian girls soccer team capped off the perfect season with a dominating finish. The Huskies beat St. Pius X 5-0 to win the 2022 Class 4A State Soccer Championship. Hope Christian wrapped up the season with a 23-0 record to win their second consecutive state title and seventh overall.

Hope Christian jumped on St. Pius X (14-5) early with a goal from Savannah Sanchez in the 12th minute. Ashlyn Salas gave the Huskies a 2-0 lead ten minutes later. Jaime Landavazo would give Hope Christian a three goal cushion off a free kick late in the first half. Sanchez would add a second goal in the second half in the 46th minute and Bryson Fankam would give Hope Christian



their 5th goal of the day.

Eldorado Girls Soccer Win in a Thriller

The girls Class 5A final was the most dramatic of the 2022 postseason. 100 minutes of action wasn't enough to decide a winner, so the champion was determined by penalty kicks. Eldorado beat Cleveland in PKs to claim the Class 5A State Soccer Championship.

All the scoring in regulation came in the first 20 minutes of the match. Eldorado sophomore Haley Robinson started the scoring just three minutes into the match. Cleveland would tie it up 1-1 on a goal by senior Maleah Quinones in the 17th minute. There were no goals scored in the second half, or in each of the two overtimes. By a 5-3 count, Eldorado beat Cleveland in PKs with Eldorado senior Serena Davis kicking in the game winning goal.

It was Eldorado's first appearance in the title game since 2015 and their first championship since 2013. The Eagles have won 12 titles overall.

Sandia Prep Boys Grab Number 23

Sandia Prep has dominated Class A-3A boys soccer for the past five years and this season was no different. The Sundevils won their third straight state title with a 2-0 win over Hatch Valley at the 2022 State Soccer Championships.

Sandia Prep got a pair of goals from senior Finnegan Saunders. His first came in the 23rd minutes and Saunders added another less than 10 minutes later.

"Finn did what Finn does, he scores goals for us," said Sandia Prep head coach Smith. "I was hoping he would get one more to set the all-time scoring mark for a career, but he tied it."

Sandia Prep (19-4) lost to Hatch Valley (17-5-1) earlier in the season at their own tournament in Albuquerque. That loss served as motivation for the Sundevils in the rematch. "When we lost that game back in September, I made the boys sit and watch them celebrate and told them, 'I want you guys to remember this,'" said Smith. "We wanted a chance to play them again."

The championship is the 14th state title for Tommy Smith, one behind all-time state leader Jorge Tristani, Jr. of St. Pius X. Sandia Prep now has 22 state championships



overall, more than any other soccer program in New Mexico.

Lovington Boys Win 4A State Soccer Title

The third time is the charm for the Lovington High School boys soccer team. The Wildcats beat Hope Christian 2-1 to claim the 2022 Class 4A State Soccer Championship. It was the third straight trip to the finals for Lovington (20-2-1) and the third straight year facing the Huskies in the post-season. The Wildcats beat Hope Christian (18-5-1) each of those three meetings.

Lovington got on the board in the 27th minute with a 40-yard direct kick from senior defender Lucas Contreras. Ten minutes later, Dylan Gallegos gave the Wildcats a two-goal lead heading into halftime. Hope Christian's Tyler Burks would cut the deficit to one late in the second half, but the Wildcats would hold on for their first-ever state soccer title.



Boys' No. 12 Seed Cleveland Storm Captures Championship

Cleveland's journey in the 2022 postseason will be remembered as a classic underdog run through the bracket. The 12th seeded Storm (13-6-5) upset #1 Centennial 2-0 in the Class 5A final to win the 2022 State Soccer Championship.

Cleveland was the last school in the 12-team bracket and went on the road to win three matches before taking down the Hawks (20-2-1) in the title game. After a scoreless 40 minutes, the first goal of game was the most surprising. Cleveland's Brayan Ramirez booted the opening kickoff of the second half 60-yards into the net to give the Storm a 1-0 lead.



Justin Cantrell gave the Cinderella Storm a 2-0 lead with a goal in the 63rd minute to cap off the scoring in the match. It's Cleveland's second state title in a five season span.