



2023 Nusenda Credit Union State Baseball Championships

Rio Rancho Crowned 5A State Champ

The Rio Rancho Rams (27-2-2) defeated the Centennial Hawks (26-5) in the 2023 Nusenda Credit Union State Baseball Championships by a score 9-6 in the 5A title game. The Rams only lost to one New Mexico school all season on their way to a fourth title in school history and the first since 2013.

The Hawks made it back to the title game for the first since winning the blue trophy back in 2016.



Centennial jumped out to an early 4-0 in the top of the first but the Rams answered with four runs as well to tie the game at 4-4 after one. Rio Rancho added another run in the bottom of the second to take a 5-4 lead.

The Rams defense and pitching held the Hawks offense at bay not allowing another run over the next five innings. Rio Rancho added runs in the fourth and sixth to take a 9-4 lead heading into Centennial's final at bat. The Hawks would score twice in the top of the seventh but it wasn't enough as Rio Rancho hoisted the blue trophy.

St. Pius X takes Second Straight Blue Trophy

The St. Pius X Sartans (22-5) captured their second straight Class 4A Baseball title with a 7-2 victory over Albuquerque Academy Chargers(18-11) at the 2023 Nusenda Credit Union State Baseball Championships. This was the 12th title for the Sartans in school history.

St. Pius X led 5-0 through the first three innings of play as pitcher Evan Taylor held the Chargers scoreless through five. Albuquerque Academy got on the board in the top of the sixth with two runs but the Sartans answered with two runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning to maintain a five run lead heading into the seventh.

The Chargers were unable to produce any runs in the top of the seventh, as St. Pius X captured their second straight blue trophy.

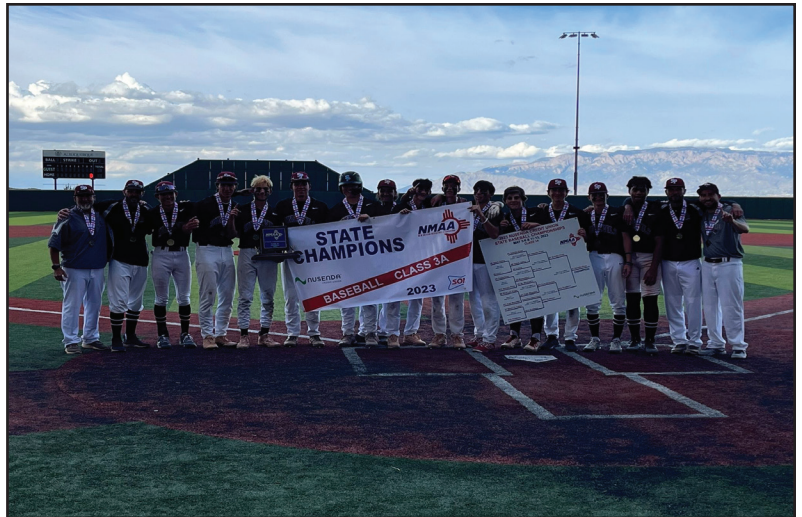


Sandia Prep Mount Historic Comeback for Eighth Blue Trophy

The Sandia Prep Sundevils (20-6) mounted a historic comeback in the Class 3A 2023 Nusenda Credit Union State Baseball Championship against the Ruidoso Warriors (15-12). The Sundevils down 5-0 in the bottom of the seventh inning scored five runs to pull even with the Warriors and eventually scoring the winning run in the bottom of the ninth to capture their eighth state title in school history.

Ruidoso dominated the Class 3A title game for six and a half innings of play, holding a 5-0 lead. Then with two outs in the bottom of the seventh, down 5-2 with two outs, the Sundevils scored three to tie the at 5-5.

Both teams threatened in the eight and ninth innings as Sandia Prep scored in walk-off fashion in the bottom of the ninth to win the 3A crown, 6-5.



Tularosa Wins 2A State Baseball Title

The Tularosa Wildcats (19-7) captured their third State Baseball title in school history at the 2023 Nusenda Credit Union State Baseball Championships, with a 6-3 win over the Rehoboth Christian Lynx (19-7). This was the first blue trophy in baseball for the Wildcats since 2000.

Tularosa took an early 2-0 lead through two innings but the Lynx pulled within one at 2-1 in the top of the third. The Wildcats answered in the bottom half of the third with two more runs to take a 4-1 lead.

Rehoboth Christian scored two in the fifth to get within one run at 4-3 but Tularosa extended their lead with two runs of their own in the bottom of the fifth to make it 6-3. That proved to be all the runs Tularosa would need to hoist the blue trophy, winning with a final score of 6-3.



Melrose Back on Top of Class 1A Baseball

Melrose (12-5) handed Logan (19-1) their only loss of the season in the Class 1A championship at the 2023 Nusenda Credit Union State Baseball Championships, 13-7. This was Melrose second state title in baseball in school history, after winning the title in 2016.

Melrose jumped out to a 1-0 over Logan after two innings but the Longhorns took a quick 2-1 lead in the bottom of the third. The Buffaloes then put together a monster fifth and sixth inning, scoring four runs in the fifth and seven in the sixth to take a 12-3 lead.

Logan battled back with four runs in the bottom of the seventh but it wasn't enough, as Melrose captured the blue trophy, 13-7.



