



2023 Nusenda Credit Union State Swimming & Diving Championships

Eldorado Boys Win 2023 Swimming & Diving Championship: Cottonwood Classical Captures Small School Boys' Title

The Eldorado Eagles dominated the boys division of the 2023 Nusenda Credit Union State Swimming and Diving Championships to win their first blue trophy since 2018. Eldorado finished first with 275 points, 28.5 points ahead of second place Albuquerque Academy. As a group, Eldorado finished first in the 200-yard (1:27.44) and 400-yard freestyle (3:15.94) relays. Individually, the Eagles landed multiple first place finishes. Junior Nolan Arnholt won the 500 yard (4:40.73) and 200-yard freestyle (1:41.41) championships. Eldorado junior Cole Bettis won the 50-yard freestyle (21.41) and 100-yard breaststroke (57.14) events.



Defending state champ Los Alamos won the 200-yard medley relay in a time of 1:35.90. Hilltopper swimmer Duncan Henderson finished first in the 200-yard individual medley (1:52.60) and 100-yard backstroke (49.23). His teammate Ming-Yuan Lo won the 100-yard butterfly (50.13). Farmington's Zenon McCluhan won the 100-yard freestyle (47.21).

Gabriel Palomino of Hobbs is your diving state champ with a score of 536.30.

Cottonwood Classical is your small school team champion with 80 overall points.



ABQ Academy Continues to Dominate New Mexico Girls High School Swimming; Cottonwood Girls Earn Small School Championship

Albuquerque Academy pulled off the improbable, winning another state championship without having a single individual or relay winner. The Chargers finished first at the 2023 Nusenda Credit Union State Swimming and Diving Championships with 290 points, 26 points ahead of second place Eldorado.

Hope Christian senior Reese Hinnerichs added another two medals to her resume by winning the 200-yard individual medley (2:07.77) and the 100-yard backstroke (56.49). Anna Wetteland of Los Alamos was also a multiple event winner, taking first in the 50-yard freestyle (22.23) and 100-yard butterfly (55.46).

The Eldorado girls won the first race of the day, the 200-yard medley relay, with a time of 1:48.34. The Eagles also finished first in the 400-yard freestyle (3:39.21). The 200-yard freestyle title went to Eldorado's Francesca Benavidez (1:55.13). Sophia Pieck of Los Alamos took top honors in the 100-yard freestyle (53.48). She also swam the opening leg in their 200-yard freestyle winning relay team (1:39.98). Annabella Marthaler of La Cueva won the 500-yard freestyle race by less than one second (5:13.97). Her teammate Chloe Ashe took the state diving title with a score of 488.90. St. Michael's distance runner Raylee Hunt had success in the pool winning the 100-yard breaststroke (1:05.01).

Cottonwood Classical won the small school division with 66 points.