



2023 New Mexico Army National Guard State Wrestling Championships



Volcano Vista Boys Wrestling Captures First State Title Since 2010

The Volcano Vista Hawks came in the 2023 New Mexico Army National Guard State Wrestling Championships as one of the teams to beat and the Hawks delivered. Volcano Vista won their first Class 5A state title with 187 points, 9-and-a-half points ahead of second place La Cueva. Atrisco Heritage was third with 153 points.

Individually, Volcano Vista had three state champions: Anthony Lopez (114), unbeaten Noah Jones (127), and Lorenzo Gallegos (133). La Cueva also produced three individual champions: undefeated Mario Tafoya (152), two-time state champ Mason Posa (189), and Jack Byers (160). Cleveland's Roman Luttrell won another state title (207), as did Rio Rancho's Marcus Williams (121), Centennial's Tye Barker (145), and Farmington's Ivan Smith (172). Piedra Vista's Keenan Bejar won the 139-pound title. Miguel Andrade of Los Lunas capped off the perfect season with a state title at 215 pounds and West Mesa's Tyler Finley won the heavyweight crown.



Belen Wins A-4A Blue Trophy

The Belen Eagles lifted the blue trophy at the 2023 New Mexico Army National Guard State Wrestling Championships. It's Belen's first wrestling championship since 2017. The Eagles finished with 176 points, one half point more than second place Bloomfield. Belen's Ely Gutierrez was the school's lone individual champion at 160.

Junior Niko Trujillo won his 4th state title (152). Bloomfield's Adan Benevidez also went through the season undefeated (50-0) at 133 pounds. The Bobcats had three other individual state champs: Gunner Samora (107), Hunter Samora (114), and Elias Johnson (127). Aztec's Tony Thompson won the 139 pound title and his teammate Jaylen Ignacio did the same at 215. Landon Sandoval of Silver edged Belen's Damien Wood, 6-5, in the 145-pound bracket. Sandoval's teammate, Gavin Aguirre, also finished first at 172. Socorro's Caden Moreland (189) and David Gutierrez, Jr (heavyweight) also took home top honors individually.



Volcano Vista Wins First Girls Wrestling Title

Volcano Vista dominated the team standings without having any individual state champions. The Hawks claimed the 2023 New Mexico Army National Guard State Wrestling Championships with 147 points, 31.5 points ahead of 2nd place powerhouse Miyamura. Alyssa Sedillo (100) won a state title for the second straight year and Aztec's Makayla Munoz (145) became the first four-time state champ in the girls division. Loriana Piesterwa of Miyamura also won another individual state championship (107). Her teammates, Taniel Espinosa (120) and Hannah Mariano (heavyweight), also took home state titles in their divisions. Ashley Smith of Cleveland is the 114-state champion.

Valeria Garcia-Aguirre of Mayfield won the 126-state title by pin with about 30 seconds to go in the match. Marisa Rimbert of Atrisco Heritage handed previously unbeaten Kayla Jose her first loss of the year with a pin in the 132 final. Sandia's Jaden Meadows needed less than 30 seconds for her first period championship pin at 152. Top-seed Bre Samora of Manzano also won her 165 title with a first period pin in one minute. Amia Goins of Bloomfield finished first at 185.

