

# 2024 NMAA State 4A-5A Track & Field Championships

## Class 5A Boys

For the 8th season in a row, the Cleveland Storm finished the year on top at the 2024 NMAA State Track and Field Championships. Cleveland won the blue trophy with 75 points. Rio Rancho was second with 62 points and Organ Mountain finished third with 52. Albuquerque High senior Fredrick Ford was the high point individual with 21 points after victories in the 100m dash, long jump (22'4.5"), and triple jump (45'10.25").

Organ Mountain's Corbin Coombs was a multievent winner in the 800m run (1:53.96) and 1600m run with a state record time of 4:06.17. Coombs also anchored Organ Mountain's state



record winning run in the 4x800m relay (7:52.91). Albuquerque High junior Kaden Andrus swept the 110m hurdles (14.81) and 300m hurdles (38.41). Cleveland senior Stratton Shufelt won the shot put (56'11") and discus (153'10").

Other winners include: Las Cruces senior Isaiah Vallejos in the 200m dash (22.16), Santa Fe junior Valin Wittenburg in the 400m dash (48.12), Rio Rancho junior Charlie Vause in the 3200m run with a record time of 9:18.49, Albuquerque High junior Kaden Andrus in the 110m hurdles (14.81), Organ Mountain senior Yeh-Nhi Wilson in the high jump (6'6"), La Cueva junior Grant Vlaun in the pole vault (14'6"), and Cleveland senior Isaac Medrano in the javelin (176'9"). Rio Rancho won the 4x100m relay in record time (41.35) and finished first in the 1600m sprint medley (3:33.42). Santa Fe posted new record marks in the 4x200m relay (1:27.20) and 4x400m relay (3:16.56),

#### Girls

We have a tie! Eldorado and Rio Rancho shared the top honor at the 2024 NMAA State Track and Field Championships. Both the Eagles and Rams beat the rest of the field with 61 points. La Cueva was the next closest team with 49 points. Kaselle Davis from Las Cruces was the high point individual with 29.5 points after record setting victories in the 200m dash (24.27), 400m dash (54.13), and high jump (5'9"). Davis also won the 100m dash (11.87), just missing out on another state record.

8th grader Gianna Rahmer, competing for Eldorado High School, had a record-breaking weekend with three wins and three new statebest marks in the 800m run (2:13.44), 1600m run (4:54.44), and 3200m run (10:54.72).

Other winners include: Piedra Vista senior Devyn Ericksen in the 100m hurdles (15.47), Cleveland sophomore Morgan James in the 300m hurdles (45.64), Hobbs sophomore Zayla Mitchell of Hobbs in the long jump (17'2.75"), La Cueva senior Keira Vlaun in the triple jump (35'3.25"), sophomore Atria Wells of Carlsbad in the shot put (37'2"), Rio Rancho's Arianna Valenzuela in the discus





with a state record (141'9"), and senior Shaolin Munir of Organ Mountain with a record in the javelin (165'4"). Hobbs won the 4x100m relay (48.31). Sandia took top honors in the 4x200m relay (1:42.03) and 4x400m relay (4:00.57). Rio Rancho won the 4x800m relay (9:52.10) and Eldorado finished first in the 1600m sprint medley (4:16.11).

### Class 4A Boys

Los Alamos High School dominated the competition for two days at the University of New Mexico Track for the Class 4A State Track and Field Championships. The Hilltoppers finished first once again with 138 points, more than 50 points ahead of the field. Albuquerque Academy was second with 86.5 points and Artesia was third with 43.5. It's the fourth straight state title for the Hilltopper boys. Los Alamos senior Melaki Gutierrez was the high point individual with 21 points after individual victories in the 100m dash (10.56) and 200m dash (21.31). Gutierrez also ran the an-



chor leg on their record setting wins in the 4x100m relay (40.93) and 4x200m relay (1:26.19). Los Alamos senior Grafton Urbatsch finished first in the 800m run (1:55.67). He also ran in their winning 4x800m relay (8:14.54) and 1600m sprint medley (3:37.18). His senior teammates Julian Singell won the 110m hurdles (14.84) and Daniel Kim took first in the 300m hurdles just missing out on a state record (37.69). Kim was also a part of their record-breaking performance in the 4x400m relay (3:16.56). Los Alamos sophomore Matthew Brousseau won the discus (145'10").

Other winners include: Moriarty senior Antonio Munoz in the 400m dash (47.84), Artesia junior Zane Baize in the 1600m run (4:25.68), Albuquerque Academy sophomore Nicholas Ponte in the 3200m run (9:40.59), Goddard freshman Jose Poras in the high jump (6'4"), Chaparral sophomore Grady Martinez in the pole vault (13'), Albuquerque Academy senior Jamal Witter in the long jump (22'4"), Bloomfield sophomore Andrew Himes in the triple jump (44'5.5"), Artesia sophomore Marco Soto in the shot put (50'2"), and Portales junior Manny Chavez in the javelin (178'1").

#### Girls

The Los Alamos girls reign supreme once again in Class 4A. Los Alamos finished first at the 2024 NMAA

State Track and Field Championships with an impressive 136.5 points, more than 50 points ahead of every other school. Albuquerque Academy was second with 80.5 points and Artesia was third with 52. It's the fourth straight state title for the Hilltopper girls. Sophomore Colette Bibeault of Los Alamos was the high point individual with 23.5 points and individual victories in the 300m hurdles (44.63), pole vault (11'). She also ran the anchor leg in their record setting time in the 4x400m relay (3:55.70).



Los Alamos senior Anna Wetteland was a multi-event winner in the 400m dash (56.91),

and 800m run (2:16.40). Wetteland was also the third leg on the Hilltoppers winning 4x100m relay (48.73). Los Alamos just missed out on a new state record in their winning 4x200m relay (1:42.97). Los Alamos junior Jaiya Daniels won the long jump with a state record leap (18'9.25"). She also won the triple jump the next day (38'1.75"). Albuquerque Academy sophomore Anna Hastings also won multiple events with the 1600m run (5:06.59) and 3200m run (11:19.55). Alexys Salas of Silver High School successfully defended her titles in the shot put (40'10.5") and discus (124'5").

Other winners include: Albuquerque Academy freshman Gracie Erinle in the 100m dash (12.31), Bloomfield sophomore Evani Velasquez in the 200m dash (25.45), Artesia junior Hattie Harrison in the 100m hurdles (15.00), Rebecca Neal of Highland in the high jump (5'2"), Moriarty junior Presley Edwards in the javelin (127'10"). Belen finished first in the 4x800m relay (9:53.94). Artesia won the 1600m sprint medley (4:17.00).