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Class 5A Final

Las Cruces 3, La Cueva 1

(25-9, 25-15, 24-26, 25-22)

Las Cruces powered its way to the 2025 Class 5A state title, defeating La Cueva 3-1 in a championship match that opened with dominance, turned tense in the middle, and closed with a display of grit and composure. The Bulldawgs (27-0) came out on fire, overwhelming La Cueva (24-3) in the first set with a 25-9 statement win fueled by aggressive serving and a fast-paced offense. Las Cruces continued its momentum in the second set, controlling the net and keeping the Bears off balance to take a 25-15 lead and move within one set of the championship. La Cueva showed its resilience in the third and the Bears edged out a 26-24 win to extend the match. But Las Cruces regrouped quickly. In the fourth set, the Bulldogs reasserted themselves with steady serve-receive and timely kills. Holding off a late La Cueva push, Las Cruces closed out the match 25-22 to secure their third straight state championship. Las Cruces capped off a second straight undefeated season and will carry a 57-match win streak into 2026.



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Class 4A Final

St. Pius X 3, Albuquerque Academy 0

(27-25, 25-23, 25-18)

St. Pius X claimed the 2025 Class 4A state title for the third year in a row with a straight-set sweep of rival Albuquerque Academy (21-8). The Sartans (24-3) set the tone in a tense opening set, outlasting the Chargers 27-25 in a back-and-forth battle marked by long rallies and clutch



defensive plays. St. Pius carried that confidence into the second set, edging Academy 25-23 as both teams traded momentum, but the Sartans found key points late to take a 2-0 lead over the Chargers. With the championship within reach, St. Pius X elevated its play in the third set. Strong serving and consistent net play pushed the momentum firmly in the Sartans' favor, leading to a 25-18 clincher to seal the sweep. The victory capped another successful tournament run, earning St. Pius X the 2025 Class 4A state championship crown.

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Cobre 3, St. Michael's 1

(25-22, 29-31, 25-22, 28-26)

In one of the most dramatic finals of the tournament, Cobre outlasted St. Michael's 3-1 to capture the 2025 Class 3A state championship, with all four sets decided by razor-thin margins. Cobre (24-3) struck first with a 25-22 win in the opening set against the three-time defending state champs. St. Michael's (24-3) answered in a marathon second set, surviving multiple set points before pulling out a thrilling 31-29 victory to even the match. The intensity only grew from there. Cobre regained control in the third set, again edging St. Michael's 25-22 thanks to timely hitting and strong back-row play. The fourth set delivered another heart-pounding finish as both teams traded leads deep into extra points. Ultimately, Cobre closed the door with a 28-26 win to seal the championship. With the victory, Cobre claimed their first Class 3A state title.



2025 Rudy's Real Texas Bar-B-Q State Volleyball Championships Class 2A Final

Legacy Academy 3, Texico 0

(25-19, 25-18, 27-25)

Legacy Academy completed a dominant postseason run with a straight-set sweep of two-time defending state champ Texico to capture the 2025 Class 2A state championship. The Silverbacks (23-2) set the tone early, taking the opening set 25-19 behind sharp serving and a balanced offensive attack. Legacy maintained that momentum in the second set, controlling the pace and keeping Texico (18-9) on its heels to secure a 25-18 advantage and a 2-0 match lead. Texico made its strongest push in the third set, battling point for point in a tightly contested frame. But Legacy Academy rose to the moment, fending off late Texico surges and closing out the match 27-25 to clinch the sweep. With the win, Legacy Academy earned their first Class 2A state title.



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Class 1A Final

Quemado 3, Melrose 0

(25-14, 25-20, 25-21)

Quemado claimed the 2025 Class 1A state championship with a convincing straight-set victory over Melrose. The Eagles came out strong in the opening set, using aggressive serving and quick offensive runs to build an early lead and pull away for a 25-14 win. In the second set, Melrose settled in and challenged Quemado with longer rallies and improved defense, but the Eagles maintained their composure late to secure a 25-20 advantage and move within a set of the title. Melrose made its biggest push in the third set, trading points deep into the frame. But every time the Buffaloes threatened, Quemado responded with a key swing or defensive stop. The Eagles closed the match with a steady 25-21 finish to complete the sweep. With the victory, Quemado captured the Class 1A state championship for the second straight season.



