



REAL TEXAS BAR-B-Q®

# 2021 Rudy's Real Texas Bar-B-Q State Volleyball Championships

## Melrose Captures 1A Volleyball Title

In Class 1A, it was a repeat feat for Melrose High School. Defending state champ Melrose met up with Gateway Christian in the final for the second straight season and the ultimate result was the same. Melrose won the championship in three games. 25-13, 25-17 and 26-24. It's their 8th overall title. "We came out with a lot of fire and a lot of intensity and knew how to dig down deep when we had to," said senior April Arenivar.



## Laguna Acoma Wins First 2A Volleyball Championship

The Class 2A championship had a couple teams that hadn't reached the final in a while, Tularosa and Laguna Acoma. Laguna Acoma took control from the start 25-22 and never took their foot off the gas taking the next two 25-20 and 25-12 and winning the Class 2A title. It's their first state volleyball championship. "We are really blessed as a team with our crowd and our pueblo behind us, supporting us," said junior Geralynn Day.





## Robertson Complete Perfect Season

Class 3A was all about Robertson High School. The top seeded Cardinals ran the table in 2021, not losing one match. Robertson beat St. Michael's in the final 25-9, 25-20 and 25-15. Robertson ended the year with a perfect 27-0 record. "What a year, it's been very special," said head coach Vanessa Gonzales. "I'm so fortunate to be a part of this team and making history."



## Artesia Wins 4A Title

The Class 4A final was the biggest upset of the day. Artesia met up with #1 Hope Christian for the title. The seventh seeded Bulldogs, playing without their head coach because of COVID, beat the top seed in four; 27-25, 11-25, 26-24 and 25-19 to win their first volleyball state title since 2011. "This is absolutely crazy because we honestly didn't think we would get this far," said junior Koda Beltran. "We fought really hard from the beginning and had a rough spot in the middle, but overall, we played really good and I'm proud of my team."



## La Cueva Back on Top of 5A Volleyball

The Class 5A final matched up Cleveland against #1 La Cueva. The Bears beat the Storm in three, 25-20, 25-18 and 25-13. La Cueva ended the season with 20 straight victories. It's La Cueva's third title in four years. "At the beginning of the year, I didn't know how this season was going to go and finishing off with a state title was unexpected, but well deserved," said senior Erin Jones.

