



2016 U.S. Bank State Football Championships

Rio Rancho Capped Off Perfect Season with 6A Football Title

By Tyler Dunkel, NMAA

The Rio Rancho Rams (13-0) finished off an undefeated season in style with a 39-17 win over the Las Cruces Bulldogs in the 2016 U.S. Bank State 6A Football Championship game. It was the second state football title for the Rams and the second undefeated season in school history.

The defense was the story early in the game, as neither team could put together scoring drives until late in the first quarter. Then with 4:11 left in the first, the Rams threw an interception that led to a 1-yard touchdown run by Las Cruces quarterback Payton Ball, giving Las Cruces a 7-0 lead.

The score would remain the same at the end of the first quarter; Las Cruces 7, Rio Rancho 0.

The scoring picked up in the second quarter, however, as the Rams responded to the Las Cruces touchdown with a touchdown of their own, as Ashton Klovenas found the end zone with 11:06 left in the half. The extra point was missed, as Las Cruces held a 7-6 lead. The Bulldogs responded with a 20-yard touchdown strike from Ball to Ivan Molina, making it 14-6 with 7:57 to go in the half.

The Rams then tied the game on a 62-yard touchdown pass from Nic Little to Josh Foley with 6:27 to go in the second quarter. The 2-point conversation was good, tying the score at 14 all. Las Cruces took the lead back on a 30-yard field goal, making it 17-14, with 3:14 remaining in the half.

Klovenas found the end zone again for the second time in the quarter on a 2-yard touchdown run, with just under a minute remaining, making it 21-17 Rio Rancho, going into the locker room for halftime.

Rio Rancho started the second half with the ball but was forced to punt. After stopping the Rams on their opening drive of the third quarter, Las Cruces fumbled the ball in their own territory with 9:30 left in the third. Two minutes later, Rio Rancho scored on a 3-yard touchdown run by Foley, as the Rams extended their lead to 27-17.

The Rams recovered an onside kick attempt on the Bulldogs' 40-yard line but were unable to move the ball and were forced to punt. The two teams exchanged punts over the next three possessions.

Rio Rancho added to their lead with 2:41 left on the clock in the third quarter on a quarterback keeper by Little, pushing the Rams' lead to 33-17.

The third quarter would end with Rio Rancho holding a 16-point lead at 33-17.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs' quarterback Ball was injured and forced to leave the game. He would not return to the field. Back-up quarterback Orion Saldivar marched the Bulldogs inside the Rio Rancho 5-yard line before the Rams' defense forced a turnover on downs.

Two plays later, Foley took an option pitch from Little 93 yards down the sideline for another Rio Rancho score, making it 39-17 and putting the game out of reach, as the Rams finished the perfect season and hoisted the blue trophy overhead.



Mendoza Goes Out on Top as St. Pius Wins the Class 5A Title

By Dana Pappas, NMAA

The U.S. Bank Class 5A Football State Championship saw the top seeded Artesia Bulldogs visiting the second-seeded St. Pius Sartans at Nusenda Community Stadium in Albuquerque on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

The Bulldogs received the opening kickoff at their 25-yard-line and drove the ball to midfield. Artesia's quarterback Taylor Null then threw an interception to Drew Ortiz of St. Pius at the Sartans' 5-yard-line. St. Pius was able to manage one first down on the first series and was forced to punt the ball away to the Bulldogs, with Artesia taking over at their own 29. The Sartans defense forced Artesia to punt and St. Pius took over at their 37-yard line.

After a defensive pass interference call on the Bulldogs, the Sartans resumed at the 45-yard line with under three minutes to go in the first quarter. Sartan quarterback Ortiz hit Mel DeHerrera for a 46-yard touchdown strike with 2:45 to go in the quarter and the Sartans led 7-0. On the ensuing drive, Null threw his second interception of the contest to Jared Vigil of St. Pius and the Sartans took over at the Artesia 25-yard line. The Bulldogs defense held and the Sartans were forced to punt the ball to start the second quarter.

The Sartans defense then forced the Bulldogs to punt and a bad snap over the Artesia punter's head caused a punt from inside their own end zone. The Sartans took over at the Artesia 41-yard-line. The St. Pius running game was showcased on the ensuing drive and the Sartans took the ball down to the Bulldogs 5-yard-line. The Sartans went for it on fourth down and the Artesia defense held, with the Bulldogs starting off deep in their own territory.

The Bulldogs next offensive series was stopped by the Sartans defense and the Bulldogs had to punt the ball away to the Sartans, with their drive starting at their own 35. Ortiz opened the drive with a 19-yard rush to the Artesia 46. Ortiz would run the Sartans offense all the way down to the Artesia 12. With 34 seconds remaining in the first half, Ortiz hit Ryan McGaha for a 12-yard touchdown pass. The Bulldogs blocked the PAT and the Sartans took a 13-0 lead.

The Bulldogs got the ball back with just over 30 seconds to go in the half. Null completed a 48-yard bomb to Cody Fuentes that took the Bulldogs down to the St. Pius 12-yard-line with 9.4 seconds to go in the half. The Bulldogs' Tanner Harris made a 29-yard field goal with 4.4 seconds to go and trailed the Sartans 13-3 at the half.

The Sartans received the kickoff to start the second half. The drive began for St. Pius with a 20-yard scamper by Ortiz to the Sartans' 45. Another run by Ortiz took the Sartans down to the Bulldogs' 22, followed by a 12-yard pass from Ortiz down to the Artesia 10. With 8:29 to go in the third quarter, Ortiz again connected with McGaha for a 10-yard touchdown pass and the Sartans added to their lead, making it 20-3 early in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs offense started to heat up in the third and drove the ball down deep into Sartans' territory with a combination of rushing and passing. With 3:50 to go in the third quarter, Null connected with Chaney Hardt for a 4-yard touchdown pass and cut the Sartans lead in half, making the score 20-10.

After receiving the kickoff from the Bulldogs, Ortiz connected on a 18-yard pass and then rattled off a 13-yard run down to the Artesia 34, evading a sack on third and long and ending the third quarter. With 11:17 to go in the fourth, Ortiz ran it in from the 24-yard line to score and take a 27-10 lead over the Bulldogs.

Artesia took over at their own 25 on the ensuing kickoff and was again able to take the ball all the way down to the St. Pius 4, with a combined air and ground game. With 6:15 to go in the game, Null again connected with Hardt for another four-yard touchdown and the Bulldogs cut into the Sartans lead, making the score 31-14. It was more of Ortiz for the Sartans late in the fourth quarter, as he scored on a 33-yard touchdown run with 2:58 to go, extending the St. Pius lead to 34-17.

The Bulldogs kept fighting and took the ball from their own 42 down to the St. Pius 20 on a pass from Null to David Barlow. The Bulldogs drove the ball into the red zone and completed a 9-yard touchdown pass from Null to Tyler Greenwood to make the score 34-24 Sartans with 1:38 to go in the game.

The Sartans held on and captured the Class 5A state title with a 34-24 victory over the Bulldogs. The championship game was the fifth state final appearance for the Sartans and the third blue trophy in school history. The Sartans' last state championship victory was in 1999, defeating Artesia in that contest as well. Coincidentally, four of the Sartans' five state final appearances have been against Artesia and three of them have been under Coach San Juan Mendoza, who made his final coaching appearance in the 2016 contest. Mendoza announced his retirement following the game.



Portales Captures 4A Football Title

By Jackie Martinez, NMAA

The Portales Rams (12-1) won their first title since 2008 with a victory over the top-seeded Robertson Cardinals (12-1) on Saturday, December 3rd in the 2016 U.S. Bank Class 4A State Football Championship.

The Rams got the game started with a 53-yard touchdown by senior Junior Ramirez with 10:44 to go in the first quarter.

The Cardinals answered back when senior Marc Grano ran up the middle for a 2-yard touchdown to tie the score at 7-7. At the end of the first quarter, the score remained tied at seven all.

The second quarter got started with the Rams receiving the ball. The Rams drove the ball all the way down to the 10-yard line for a first and goal. On the next play, Ramirez took the ball to the 2-yard line followed by Rams senior Darion Ontiveros running the ball in for their second touchdown of the game, bringing the score to 14-7 after a successful PAT.

The Cardinals answered with 33 seconds left in the half, as senior Marc Grano caught a 12-yard touchdown pass to tie the game at 14-14 before halftime.

Returning from the locker room after the half, with the score tied at 14, the Rams and Cardinals quickly get back into action. The Rams kicked off to the Cardinals and senior Diego Chavez brought the ball to their own 25-yard line. On third down, Cardinals quarterback Arjay Ortiz was sacked by Rams senior Zac Laurenz. This forced the Cardinals to punt on a 4th and 13. The Rams received the ball on their own 25-yard line.

The Rams drove the ball to the Cardinals 22-yard line with 6:57 on the clock in the third. Ramirez ran in for a 22-yard touchdown and, with a successful 2-point conversion, Portales led by a score to 22-14.

By the end of the third quarter, the Rams had taken control of the game, but before the third quarter, the Rams were not quite done scoring. With only 1:09 on the clock, Ramirez ran in for his third touchdown of the game, bringing the score to 29-14 before heading into the final quarter.

The Cardinals tried to keep the score close, driving the ball inside the Rams 20-yard line before throwing an interception in the end zone. With the Rams in control of the ball, Ramirez completed a pass to Ontiveros, who streaked down the sideline for a 75-yard touchdown with 7:48 left in the fourth quarter; the Rams extended their lead to 36-14.

Portales was able to punch the ball into the end zone one final time, making it 43-14 with just minutes left in the game. The Rams lifted the blue trophy overhead and claimed to the 2016 U.S. Bank Class 4A State Football Championship.



Capitan Hoists Blue Trophy in Class 3A

By Nate Acosta, NMAA

The 2016 U.S. Bank Class 3A State Football Championship ended up being one for the ages between the second-seeded Capitan Tigers and the fourth-seeded Eunice Cardinals in a winter wonderland at Capitan High School on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

The game began in an exciting fashion as Capitan's Stephen Ellison ran 64 yards on the first play from scrimmage for the first touchdown of the game to take a 7-0 lead.

Capitan's defense proved to be formidable as sophomore Brenden Usrey had an interception on Eunice's first offensive drive. Capitan and Eunice would trade punts back and forth until Capitan scored on their third drive with a 19-yard pass from quarterback Price Bowen to Jacob Smithy to take a 14-0 lead.

On the very next drive, the Cardinals answered with a 74-yard touchdown pass from Eunice's Mason Caperton to Cameron Santa Cruz to trail Capitan 14-6. The Tigers scored again in the second quarter on a 24 yard run by Bowen to go into halftime with a 21-6 lead over Eunice.

The Tigers seemed to have a comfortable lead in the second half but costly penalties and a turnover in the third quarter shifted the tide in the contest. Eunice took full advantage of the Capitan miscues and capitalized with a touchdown pass to Santa Cruz, a touchdown reception by Iram Martinez and a 6-yard run by Juan Sosa with 1:45 left in the 3rd quarter to take a 26-21 lead.

The Tigers took over on their own 44-yard line with 10:36 left in the game. This Capitan possession ended up being the game winning drive, as Bowen scored on a 5-yard run to take a 27-26 lead with 4:48 left in the game.

The dominant Capitan defense sealed the deal with an interception by Capitan's Jacob Smith with 4:20 left in the game.

Eunice had one more opportunity on offense with 1:21 left in the game but came up short, turning the ball over on downs.

Capitan held on to win the game 27-26 and proudly hoisted the blue trophy overhead. This was the 10th state football championship appearance and fourth title for the Tigers. Capitan's last state final appearance was in a Class A loss to Hagerman in 2013. Capitan's last state football title was in Class A in 1982, when they defeated Reserve 14-12. They also took home the blue trophy in 1953 in what was then Class C and were co-champions with Lovington in 1952 in Class B.



Lordsburg Claims Second Football Title in School History

By Dana Pappas, NMAA

The U.S. Bank Class 2A Football State Championship saw the #3 Lordsburg Mavericks visiting the #1 Ft. Sumner/House Foxes on Saturday, November 12, 2016.

Lordsburg received the opening kickoff and methodically drove the ball down the field with a solid mixture of passing and rushing, capped off by a 17-yard touchdown pass from Johnny Plowman to Jaime Artiaga with 9:36 to go in the first quarter. On the Foxes' opening drive, they were able to extend on fourth down on a 12-yard pass completion. On the ensuing set of downs, the Foxes were penalized for intentional grounding on fourth and long and Lordsburg took over on downs on their own 40. With 6:35 to go in the first quarter, Plowman completed a 17-yard touchdown pass to Jacob Esquivel and the Mavericks took a 14-0 lead.

The Foxes answered with 3:39 in the first on a 27-yard touchdown pass from Jude Segura to Hunter Sparks, making the score 14-6.

The second quarter started off with an interception thrown by Plowman and the Foxes starting off with great field position at the Lordsburg 33. The Mavericks defense held strong, allowing only four yards on the first three downs of the drive.

On 4th and 6 at the Lordsburg 29-yard-line, Lordsburg committed a personal foul, extending the Foxes' drive and moving the ball to the 15-yard-line. Segura ran the ball to the 11 on a quarterback keeper and the Mavericks committed a roughing the passer penalty on the ensuing down. Again, the Mavericks' defense came up big, sacking Segura for a 10-yard loss. Ft. Sumner converted on a 33-yard field goal but the Foxes decided to try to get the ball into the end zone after a roughing the kicker penalty against Lordsburg. On 1st and goal, Segura threw an interception to Caleb May, who ran the ball back to the Ft. Sumner 30. After an interception by Lordsburg and a punt by the Foxes, Lordsburg took over on the Ft. Sumner 41. With a steady diet of Raymond Saucedo on the ground with rushes for 19, 4, and 8 on the drive, the Mavericks found the end zone again on a 10-yard run by Saucedo with 3:05 remaining in the first half. The Mavericks missed the PAT and took a 20-6 lead.

On the ensuing kickoff, which went out of bounds, the Foxes' drive started with a 15-yard unsportsmanlike penalty on Lordsburg, moving the ball to the Mavericks' 37-yard line. With 2:38 to go in the half, Segura completed a 37-yard touchdown pass to Brant West. The Foxes converted the PAT and the Mavericks held on to the lead at 20-13 late in the 2nd quarter.

The Mavericks got the ball back late in the second quarter and drove the ball down to the Ft. Sumner/House 32-yard line with 29.1 seconds to go. On fourth down, the Foxes committed a defensive pass interference penalty that took the Mavericks down to the Ft. Sumner/House 10-yard line. Plowman handed the ball off to Saucedo, who initially put the ball on the ground, picked it up and passed it into the end zone for a 10-yard touchdown reception by Joseph Gonzales with 9.4 seconds to go in the half. After a good PAT, Lordsburg led by a score of 27-13 going into halftime.

Ft. Sumner/House received the opening kickoff of the second half and took over at their 45-yard line. Segura completed a 20-yard pass to Brant West, followed by a horse collar penalty by the Mavericks, taking the Foxes deep into Lordsburg territory. With 9:49 to go in the third quarter, Segura hit West again, this time in the end zone and converted the point after to make the score 27-20 Lordsburg.

The Mavericks got the ball back and, after a slew of penalties on both sides of the ball, the Mavericks offense combined through the air and on the ground, culminating in a 2-yard touchdown run on a quarterback keeper by Plowman. The Mavericks led 34-20 with 7:14 to go in the third quarter, but the scoring was not over yet. The Foxes were able to answer quickly on a five-yard touchdown pass from Segura to Peyton Lewis with 3:54 to go in the third quarter. The Mavericks blocked the PAT and the Mavericks held on to a 34-26 lead.

The fourth quarter started with Ft. Sumner in possession of the ball. The Foxes drove deep into Mavericks territory and on

4th and 5 at the Lordsburg 35, a pass from Segura was broken up by the Mavericks defense and Lordsburg took over on downs with 9:31 to go in the game. Lordsburg's drive began at their 26-yard line and the Mavericks were forced to punt the ball away to the Foxes with 6:15 to go in the contest. The Foxes drive began at their 25-yard-line with just over six minutes left in the game. Lordsburg's Saucedo stripped the ball from the Foxes with 5:47 remaining and took over at the Ft. Sumner/House 39.

The Mavericks drive started with a chop block penalty that backed them up into their own territory. On third and long, Plowman completed a pass to Artiaga to the Ft. Sumner 22-yard line. With 3:56 to go and deep in Foxes' territory, Plowman threw his second interception of the day and the Foxes took over from their own 23. Two quick passes from Segura took Ft. Sumner/House to the 26 and a quick strike from Segura to Sparks brought the Foxes to the Lordsburg 44 with three minutes left in the game.

The Foxes put together a drive that took them down to the Mavericks 12-yard line with 1:04 to go in the contest. On 3rd and 6, Segura threw an incomplete pass and on 4th and 6, Lordsburg's Greg Cuevas broke up a pass that ended the Foxes' drive and gave the Mavericks the ball back on downs with 52 seconds to go.

The contest ended with the Mavericks in victory formation and claiming the 2016 U.S. Bank Class 2A State Football title with a final score of 34-26. The championship game was the sixth state final appearance for the Mavericks and the second blue trophy in school history. The Mavericks' last state championship victory was in 2006 in a 20-10 victory over Santa Rosa. Five of the Mavericks' state final appearances have been under Coach Louie Baisa.



Melrose Earns Third Straight 8-Man Football Blue Trophy

By Tyler Dunkel, NMAA

The Melrose Buffaloes (11-1) won their third straight 8-man football crown with a 58-39 win over the Gateway Christian Warriors (11-1) in the 2016 U.S. Bank State 8-Man Football Championship game. It was a rematch from the 2015 title game, which Melrose won 30-28.

This was the second time in school history what Melrose put together three straight football titles, the first time was between 2008-10.

Melrose started the game with the ball but Gateway Christian forced a fumble with 11:30 left in the first quarter. Just a few plays later, the Warriors' quarterback Justin Reynolds took off down the sideline for a 23-yard touchdown run, making it 7-0 with 9:49 left in the first.

Melrose wasted no time getting on the board following the turnover, scoring on a 49-yard touchdown run by Sterling Sena. The Buffaloes converted on the 2-point conversation, making it 8-7, Melrose, with 8:27 to go in the first quarter.

Neither team could score over the next six minutes of play as Gateway Christian would punt twice, while Melrose turned the ball over on downs.

Then with less than three minutes left in the first quarter, Sena hit Jared Lee for a 37-yard touchdown strike to give Melrose a 16-7 lead after a successful 2-point try. The score remained the same at the end of one, with Melrose leading 16-7.

Gateway Christian then pulled to within two points after a 35-yard touchdown pass from Reynolds to Jaydon Stephens, making it 16-14 with 8:45 left in the half. After a punt by Melrose on their next possession, the Warriors threw an interception, giving the ball back to the Buffaloes with 7:45 to go in the second.

Neither offense could muster up any points over the next few drives until Melrose hit on a 72-yard touchdown pass from Sena to Lee, pushing their lead to 22-14 after a failed 2-point conversion with 4:58 left in the half.

Then, with less than a minute remaining in the half, the Warriors were driving down the field before throwing an interception, which was returned for a touchdown by Jordan Jasso, making it 28-14. The score remained the same going into the locker room at the half.

The second half started with both teams punting the ball away on their first possessions. Gateway Christian was the first to score in the second half on a 13-yard touchdown pass from Reynolds to David Garcia. The extra point was blocked but the Warriors cut the Buffaloes lead to eight at 28-20 with 8:43 left in the third.

Melrose punted the ball away on their next possession but forced a fumble at the Gateway Christian 40-yard line with just over 6 minutes left in the third. Two plays later, Sena took the ball down the right sideline for a 30-yard touchdown run, making it 36-20 with 5:45 remaining in the third quarter.

The Warriors quickly responded with a 68-yard touchdown pass from Reynolds to Garcia with 5:30 to go in the third, making it 36-26.

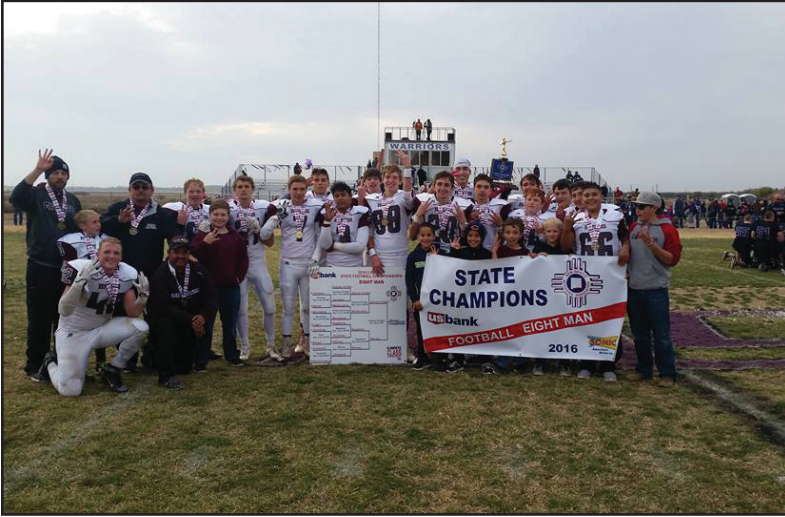
After forcing the Buffaloes to turn the ball over on downs, Gateway Christian scored on a 30-yard pass from Reynolds to Jaydon Stephens making it 36-33 with just under two minutes to play in the third.

Both teams would fumble on their next possessions and the third quarter ended with the score 36-33 in favor of the Buffaloes.

Gateway Christian could not take advantage of the Melrose fumble late in the third and were forced to punt the ball away with 9:29 to go in the game. The Buffaloes put together a three-minute drive, capped off by a 34-yard touchdown run by Carson Frazee, making it 44-33 following the 2-point conversion.

The Warriors cut the lead to five at 44-39 with 4:33 left in the game on a 24-yard touchdown pass from Reynolds to Ramiro Grajeda but less than two minutes later Melrose scored again on a 49-yard touchdown run by Sena, making it 50-39 with 2:42 to go.

Melrose would add another score with 1:20 left on the clock to put the game out of reach, as they claimed their third straight state title with a final score of 58-39.



San Jon wins First 6-Man State Title

By Tyler Dunkel, NMAA

The San Jon Coyotes (8-0) defeated the Lake Arthur Panthers (6-4), 47-46, to win the 2016 U.S. Bank State 6-Man State Football Championship game.

The win marked the Coyotes' first blue trophy in the sport of football.

The defense for both teams dominated most of the first quarter until Danial Curtis Lee scrambled for a 32-yard touchdown run with 3:06 left in the first. The Panthers would make the 2-point conversion, taking an 8-0 lead.

The first quarter ended with the Coyotes continuing to hold an 8-0 advantage.

With just under nine minutes remaining in the second quarter, the Coyotes scored on a 36-yard touchdown pass from Lee to Jacob Thurman. This time, San Jon went for one on the point after attempt and following the conversion, the Coyotes lead 15-0.

Lake Arthur would throw an interception deep in their own territory with 6:24 left in the half. San Jon capitalized on the turnover just two plays later, making it 21-0 with 5:41 to go in the half.

On the ensuing kickoff, Lake Arthur fumbled the ball, allowing the Coyotes to recover the ball again deep on the Panthers' side of the field.

Joseph Benavidez then scored on a 5-yard touchdown run up the middle to make it 27-0 with 3:31 left in the second quarter.

Again on the kickoff, following the touchdown, Lake Arthur fumbled the return, giving the ball back to the Coyotes with just over three minutes left in the half.

But this time it was Lake Arthur who forced a turnover, intercepting the ball in the end zone with 2:41 left in the second.

Lake Arthur quickly moved the ball to midfield and then deep into the Coyotes' part of the field with 1:30 remaining in the half. Then, with 55 seconds left in the half, Lake Arthur got on the board on a 10-yard pass from Brandon Dalton to Alfonso Sierra, making it 27-8 following the 2-point attempt.

At halftime, San Jon held a commanding lead 27-8 over Lake Arthur.

Lake Arthur took the opening drive of the third quarter down the field, capping it off with a 1-yard touchdown pass from Dalton to Jorge Rangel, cutting into the Coyotes lead, 27-14 with 7:50 on the clock in the third.

After a good return by the Coyotes on the ensuing kickoff, Benavidez scored on a 20-yard touchdown reception, making it 33-14 with 7:22 to go in the third.

Lake Arthur was forced to punt with 5:45 left in the third.

Thurman then took the ball 72 yards down the right sideline for a touchdown run, making it 41-14 with 5:28 remaining in the third.

Lake Arthur answered with a 10-yard touchdown pass from Dalton to Rangel to pull the score to 41-20 with 4:23 left in the third quarter.

The Coyotes' Benavidez then scored on a 2-yard touchdown, making it 47-20 after a failed extra point attempt with 1:58 to go in the third. With under a minute remaining in the third, the Panthers scored to make it 47-28 on a 1-yard touchdown run by Dalton.

Lake Arthur forced another San Jon turnover, which allowed the Panthers to score one more time before the end of the quarter, pulling to within 13 points at 47-34. The touchdown was scored on a 5-yard touchdown pass from Dalton to Luis Tarango.

Going into the fourth quarter, San Jon started with the ball but was unable to score, as Lake Arthur took over on downs. The Panthers quickly moved into Coyotes' territory and, with 8:09 left in the game, Dalton scored on an 11-yard scramble play to make it 47-40.

San Jon drove the ball down the field on its next possession but fumbled the ball with 6:44 to go in the game, as the Panthers took over with plenty of time on the clock.

Three plays later, Saul De La Cruz took a pitch from Dalton 57 yards for the score, pulling to within one at 47-46, with 5:46 left in the game. The Panthers lined up to kick the 2-point conversion but missed, as the Coyotes held on to a slim 47-46 lead.

The Lake Arthur defense held San Jon and got the ball back to the offense with under three minutes to play. Then, on fourth down, the Panthers last chance was a pass that was batted down, giving the ball back to the Coyotes with 2:22 to go in the game.

San Jon would run out the remainder of the time on the clock, capturing their first state title in football at the 2016 U.S. Bank 6-Man State Football Championships.

