



2017 Melloy Nissan State Softball Championships

Dexter Wins Third Straight Blue Trophies

The Dexter Demons (24-5) defeated the Loving Falcons (23-4) in the 2017 Melloy Nissan State A/3A Softball Championships, 5-4, to capture their third straight softball state title.

The Demons' pitcher, Bryana Munoz, pitched a complete game, allowing four runs on four hits, three earned. She walked six batters, while striking out 12. At the plate, Dexter was led by Danique Blankvoort, who was 3-for-3 on the day with three singles and a run scored.

Loving jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, as Angelica Villegas reached base on a walk. Chasity Onsurez came in as a courtesy runner for Villegas, stealing second and reaching third on an error by the shortstop. She eventually scored on a pass ball, making it 1-0.

The score remained 1-0 in favor of the Falcons until the top of the fifth. Dexter's Daisy Carlos singled to start the inning and advanced to second on a single by Aryana Munoz with one out. Noemi Gonzalez then doubled to right, scoring two, making it 2-1 Demons.

Dexter added three more in the top of the sixth. An error by the center fielder and a hit batter placed runners on first and second. A walk with two outs loaded the bases for Munoz, who singled to straight center, scoring three and giving Dexter a 5-1 lead.

Loving wasn't done yet, scoring three in the bottom of the sixth, making it 5-4. After a single and two straight walks, the bases were loaded with no outs. A double by Alyssa Carrasco scored two, pulling the Falcons to within two runs at 5-3. The Demons loaded the bases again on a walk and then walked a runner in to make it 5-4, with just one out. Munoz then struck out the next two batters to make it a one-run game heading into the final inning.

Dexter would threaten in the top of the seventh but could not extend their lead. Then in to the bottom of the inning, Loving would get two quick outs before a single to right put the tying run aboard. A ground out to the pitcher at the next at bat ended the game and gave Dexter the 2017 A-3A Championship with 5-4 victory.



Silver Earned Sixth Straight Softball Championship

The Silver Fighting Colts (27-6) won their sixth straight softball championship with a 4-3 win over the Cobre Indians (21-10) in the “if game” at the 2017 Melloy Nissan State 4A Softball Championships. The win marked the 10th time in program history that the Fighting Colts hoisted the blue trophy overhead.

Silver forced the “if game” with a 7-5 win earlier in the day.

Kamryan Trujillo led the way for the Fighting Colts from the pitching circle, throwing a complete game, allowing three runs on eight hits and striking out five batters.

Silver jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second. Lead-off hitter Ajia Richard hit a triple to right center. She then scored on an error by the second baseman, making it 1-0.

Cobre tied the game in the top of the third at 1-1. Eliza Ortiz singled to start the inning and scored on a double by Jessica Martinez.

Silver added one run in the bottom of the fifth off a solo homerun by Makayla Guerra to left center, making it 2-1, Fighting Colts. Then, in the bottom of the fifth, Alyssa Sablasky singled to lead-off the inning for Silver. She would steal second and advance to third on a groundout to the third baseman. Sablasky scored on a wild pitch, making it 3-1, Silver, after five complete.

Neither team could push a run across home plate in the sixth, as the score remained 3-1 in favor of Silver.

Cobre tied the game in the top of the seventh, as Marisa Ray singled to start the inning. Then with two outs, Danni Misquez singled to put two aboard for the Indians. Both runners scored off an error by the third baseman, tying the game at 3-3. The Indians’ defense would hold in the bottom half of the inning, forcing extra innings.

With the score tied at 3-3 in the eighth, the international softball rule applied, placing the last out for each team on second base to start the inning. Cobre was unable to capitalize in the top of the eighth.

Silver’s Ezriel Chavarria was placed on second in the bottom half of the inning. With two outs it looked as if the game would move on to the ninth but an error on the shortstop allowed Chavarria to score from second, giving Silver the 2017 State Softball Championship.



Aztec Hoists Blue Trophy for First Time Since 2005

In the 2017 Melloy Nissan State 5A Softball Championship game, the Aztec Tigers (27-3) beat the Artesia Bulldogs (23-8), 7-2, to earn the school's second state title in the sport of softball and the first since 2005.

The Tigers' Paige Adair avenged her loss from the 2016 title game, giving up just two runs on three hits and eight strikeouts.

Aztec jumped on the board first with a two-run first inning. Adair was hit-by-a-pitch with two outs. Kylie Brown then doubled to left center, scoring Adair. Brown then scored on a single by Jocelyn Ulrich, making it 2-0.

The Tigers added two more runs in the bottom of the third to take a 4-0 lead. Sarrah Jones doubled to center to start the inning but was out at third on a fielder's choice play, as Adair reached first. Adair advanced to second on an error by the shortstop, as Brown reached first, placing two on. Ulrich then walked to load the bases with one out. Ashlynn Bradley then singled to score Adair and Brown, as the Tigers led 4-0.

Artesia got on the board in the top of the fifth with a solo homerun by Kali Crandall, making it 4-1 in favor of Aztec.

Another two-run inning by Aztec pushed their lead to 6-1 in the bottom of the fifth. Alaina Saylor doubled to lead-off the inning, followed by a walk by CheyAnne Simkins to put runners at first and second. Then, an error on the shortstop allowed both runners to score, giving the Tigers a commanding 6-1 lead.

Aztec added one more in the bottom of the sixth, holding a 7-1 lead after six complete. Crandall did her best to keep Artesia in the game, hitting her second solo homerun of the game but, in the end, it wasn't enough as the Tigers captured the 2017 5A Softball Championship.



La Cueva Captures Second-Ever State Softball Title

For the first time since 2005, the La Cueva Bears (28-0) hoisted the blue trophy with a 5-0 win over the Oñate Knights (25-7) at the 2017 Melloy Nissan State 6A Softball Championships. This was the second state championship in the sport of softball for La Cueva.

The Bears' perfect 28-0 record ranks fifth all-time for most wins in a season and fourth for most consecutive wins.

The Bears' starter, Kendra Keahbone, pitched a complete game, allowing no runs on four hits, while walking just three batters and striking out five.

La Cueva was first to strike in the Class 6A championship game in the bottom of the first inning. Shannon Stein singled to center with two outs and advanced to second on a single by Jessica McAlister to right center. Stein crossed home plate on a single to left by Rachael Hathoot, giving the Bears a 1-0 lead.

Defense was strong on both sides, as neither La Cueva nor Oñate allowed a run to score over the next three and a half innings of play. The score remained 1-0 in favor of the Bears heading into the bottom of the fifth.

La Cueva scored four runs in the bottom of the inning, making it 5-0. Katherine Sanchez singled to center with one out before Andrea Howard hit a two run homerun to give the Bears a 3-0 lead. Stein then singled and McAlister reached first on an error by the shortstop, placing runner at first and second with just one out. Hathoot then singled to score Stein and McAlister, giving La Cueva a 5-0 lead after five complete innings.

Oñate would threaten in the top of the sixth with two runners aboard but were unable to push any runners across home plate, as the score remained 5-0, La Cueva.

The Knights would take down the Bears 1-2-3 in the bottom of the sixth but could not get the offense going in the top of the seventh, as La Cueva captured the 6A Softball Championship with a final score of 5-0.

