



# 2014 NM National Guard State Soccer Championships

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## **A-4A Girls Recap**

Hope Christian wrapped up an undefeated season with a 2-1 overtime victory over St. Michael's in the 2014 Class A-4A Girls Soccer Championship. This was the fourth state title for the Huskies and second in as many years. Kristin Traeger's goal half way through the first overtime gave Hope the win.

St. Michael's scored to start the game, taking an early 1-0 lead with the goal coming off the foot of Maya Chavez. The Lady Horsemen would take this lead in to halftime.

But, just two minutes in to the second half, Hope tied it at one on a penalty kick goal. The score would remain 1-1 through the end of regulation, setting the stage for Traeger's game winning overtime goal.

## **5A Boys Recap**

Alexis Romo's goal from a near impossible angle in the second overtime of the Class 5A Boys State Soccer Championship lifted the Capital Jaguars to their first state title with a 2-1 victory over Albuquerque Academy.

The Chargers and Jaguars played to a 0-0 tie at half but Academy wasted no time in the second as Alexander Touche scored on a set play in the 43<sup>rd</sup> minute. The Chargers would have numerous chances during the second half to extend their lead but the Capital defense and goalkeeper, Rene Arroyo, kept them off the board.

The Jaguars then tied the game in the 77<sup>th</sup> minute off a deflection as Kevin Martinez placed the ball in the back of the net. The two teams headed to overtime and neither could find the goal in the first extra period.

Then in the fifth minute of the second overtime period, Romo scored from the left side to give Capital the win and the state title.

## **6A Girls Recap**

The La Cueva Bears won their third state title in the last four years by beating Rio Rancho 2-0 in the 2014 Class 6A Girls State Soccer Championship.

The Bears knocked in two goals in the first half and never looked back. Jordyn Lacy scored early in the first period and Payton Balduini added their second goal with about seven minutes left in the half.

Neither team would score in the second half as La Cueva dominated possession of the ball, holding off any type of Lady Ram attack. The win marks the 13<sup>th</sup> state title for the Bears, the first of which came in 1990.



## **A-4A Boys Recap**

It took four overtime periods to decide a slugfest between Santa Fe Prep and Sandia Prep in the Class A-4A Boys State Soccer Championship. Santa Fe Prep would prevail with a 3-2 win, earning its second state title and first since 1982.

Sandia Prep opened the scoring with a goal off a penalty kick by Ryan Hunter in the fourth minute of play to give the Sundevils a 1-0 advantage. Five minutes later, Sam Brill of Santa Fe Prep would score to nod the game at 1-1.

The Blue Griffins continued to pressure the Sundevils' keeper and pushed another goal past in the 23rd minute of play to take a 2-1 lead on the second penalty kick of the game. The half would end with Santa Fe Prep leading 2-1.

Just minutes into the second half, Sandia Prep would pull even as Edward Rossman scored to make it 2-2. Neither team would find the back of the net again during regulation.

The two teams played three scoreless overtime periods before Griffin Sides of Sanfe Fe Prep scored the winning goal in the fourth and final overtime, giving his team the state title for the second time and breaking a 32-year drought.

## **5A Girls Recap**

St. Pius X made it back-to-back state titles with a 2-1 win over Albuquerque Academy during the Class 5A Girls Soccer Championship. This was the Sartans seventh blue trophy since 1999.

Albuquerque Academy came out fighting to start the match and gave St. Pius all they could handle in the first half. The Chargers' Skylar Carson opened the scoring with an early goal which ended up giving her team a 1-0 lead at the break.

St. Pius would tie the game at 1-1 on a penalty kick early in the second as Tataina Limon drilled the PK in the back of the goal. Then, with just about 10 minutes remaining in the match, Lourdes Padilla scored what would eventually be the game winning goal. The Sartans finished the season at 20-3.

## **6A Boys Recap**

It was a year of redemption for Volcano Vista. In 2013, the Hawks lost in the state championship game, but 2014 was a different story. Volcano Vista took the Class 6A Boys Soccer crown with a 2-1 win over Albuquerque High.

All three goals were scored in the first half of play. The Hawks jumped on the board early with a goal in the seventh minute by Nevin Montano. Montano added the Hawks' second goal just nine minutes later to push the score to 2-0.

The Bulldogs' Geovanni Marquez put Albuquerque High on the board with a goal in the 37th minute but that would be as close as they would get on this night. The second half was a defensive battle as both teams had their chances but neither could convert.

The 2-1 victory marks the first title in boys' soccer for Volcano Vista.