



2019 Rudy's Real Texas Bar-B-Q State Volleyball Championships

Logan Wins 1A Volleyball Title

For the third year in a row, Logan sits on top of the volleyball world. The Longhorns claimed the 2019 Rudy's Real Texas Bar-B-Q Class A State Volleyball Championship. Logan swept their rival, Melrose, in three games in the championship final.

Previously unbeaten Melrose had beaten Logan four times during the regular season, but the fifth meeting proved to be the one for Logan. The Longhorns won the first game 25-16 and never looked back, claiming the next two with identical 25-20 scores.

"We've been fighting with them all season and we're like, 'This is our chance, this is our time!'" said senior Karli Webb. "So, we went out with good tempo and good attitudes and just played our little hearts out and we took it."

"All year they've beaten us, but today we came and proved what we really are," said senior Jordan Hines.

Logan didn't lose a game in the 2019 tournament, sweeping Des Moines, Pine Hill, Tatum and Melrose along their path to claiming the blue trophy. "We got back from school last year after volleyball and these seniors came up to me and said 'We're going to get a three-peat,'" recalled head coach Robert Young. "They were determined and we did it."

Logan ends the year with a 22-4 record.



Texico Earns Sixth Straight Blue Trophy

Six straight, that's how many state championships the Texico volleyball program has claimed over the past six seasons. The Wolverines picked up their sixth straight title in 2019 with a 3-2 victory in the Class 2A final against Mescalero Apache.

Even though Texico didn't lose a game before reaching the final, it wasn't an easy road to lifting the blue trophy. Texico dropped a hard-fought opening game to Mescalero with a score of 23-25. The Wolverines answered in game two with a final count of 25-19. The two teams would exchange winning scores in the next two games (24-26 and 25-12) forcing a decisive game five. In

the final game, Texico pulled away to win it 15-11.

“I think we just really showed our grit and battled for everybody that’s come before us,” said junior Riley Rohrbach.

“I felt like our seniors really stepped up,” said head coach Kristen Scanlan, who now has 10 New Mexico state championships to her name.



Robertson Hoists First Blue Trophy in Volleyball

2019 is a season to remember for the Robertson volleyball team. The Cardinals claimed their first ever state title in volleyball with a 3-2 victory over St. Michael’s in the Class 3A final of the Rudy’s Real Teas Bar-B-Q State Volleyball Championships.

Robertson entered the tournament as the #2 seed and racked up early round wins against Navajo Prep and Hatch Valley, both sweeps. The Cardinals would face Navajo Prep again in the semifinals and sweep the Eagles for a second time to reach the Class 3A final and face their district rival. Robertson dropped game one by a score of 20-25. The Cardinals would take the next two games by a count of 25-18 and 25-23. Robertson couldn’t close it out in four as the Lady Horsemen forced a decisive game five. Senior Tessa Ortiz pounded the last point of the game with one of her 22-kills as Robertson won with a score of 15-8 in the final game. “It feels unreal and amazing,” described senior Tessa Ortiz.

Her teammates shared her excitement. “It feels amazing to end my senior year like this, I couldn’t have asked for a better team,” added senior Dominique Ortega.

Robertson ends their championship season with a 21-5 record.



St. Pius X Back on Top of the Volleyball World

For the first time since 2016, the St. Pius X volleyball team is back on top. The Sartans won the Class 4A title at the Rudy's Real Texas Bar-B-Q State Volleyball Championships. St. Pius X beat longtime rival Albuquerque Academy 3-0 in the championship final.

It wasn't smooth sailing for the Sartans to reach the championship. The top team in Class 4A lost their second-round match against Academy, getting swept 3-0. The Sartans then had to battle back with wins against Los Lunas and Goddard to get to the final. After losing to Academy earlier in the tournament, the Sartans would not lose another game. In the championship rematch with their rival, St. Pius X won the first game against the Chargers 25-13 and game two by a score of 25-12. The third and final game was the most competitive between the two, 25-20, with St. Pius X scoring the final point.

"I'm so proud of these kids," said head coach Jordan Russell immediately following the win. "I've had three seniors with me for the past three years and this was their ultimate goal. I'm so proud of them."

"It feels great, being on varsity the past three years and not winning state for two of them, it's great to see all of our hard work pay off," said senior Kennedi Rey.

St. Pius X finished the year with a 22-3 record.

La Cueva Wins Back-to-Back Championships

It's back-to-back state titles for the Bears. La Cueva ended the 2019 season the same way they finished 2018, by lifting the Class 5A blue trophy. Top-ranked La Cueva beat Centennial 3-0 in the final of the Rudy's Real Texas Bar-B-Q Class 5A State Volleyball Championships.

La Cueva ran through the 2018 season undefeated and came into this bracket with only one loss on the year. The Bears picked up early round victories against Cleveland and Volcano Vista before advancing to the semifinals against Cibola, the only team to beat the Bears in the last two years. La Cueva sent Cibola home in three games to reach the final for the second straight year.



The #2 Centennials Hawks were no stranger to the championship having reached the final for the third time in the last four years. La Cueva won game one 25-17, but game two was one for the ages. The two squads went point for point as La Cueva eventually won the 36-34 thriller. The Bears would close it out by a score of 25-15 in the final game.

“After last year when we went 22-0 I felt like our first loss this year drove us to do better throughout the season and realize everyone is beatable,” said junior Maalese Wallace.

“We worked so hard every day and to get a state championship feels amazing after getting winning state last year we wanted another one,” said junior Sidney McIntosh.

La Cueva wraps up their second straight championship season with a 22-1 record.