



# 2021 Fuddruckers State Soccer Championships

**The Sundevils, Huskies and Cougars rose to the top of the 2021 Fuddruckers Girls Soccer State Championships.**

## Class A-3A

Top seeded Sandia Prep beat St. Michael's 1-0 in the final to win the Class A-3A State Championship at the University of New Mexico Soccer and Track Complex. Sandia Prep (18-3-1) scored 9 minutes into the match when Maddie Hashagen found the back of the net. "It was a through ball that I needed to finish, and I did what I had to do," said Hashagen. St. Michael's (15-5) could not score a goal past junior Georgia Williams.

It's Sandia Prep's 10th overall championship and fifth state title in six years. "It feels great," said head coach Matt West-erlund. "I have a lot of optimism looking forward with only losing one senior and everyone else returning."



## Class 4A

Hope Christian prevented a St. Pius X three-peat as the Huskies beat the Sartans 2-1 in the Class 4A Championship Final. Hope (21-1) got on the board early when Hannah Gutierrez scored less than 10 minutes into the match. Her teammate Zylee Dominguez added a second Hope goal before the break. "It feels so good," said Dominguez. "We've been working for it all year and I'm so thankful."

It's the first state title as a head coach for Amy Fankam, who won two state championships as a player with La Cueva. "It's even more fun as a coach than a player," said Fankam. "These girls worked for it and are so deserving."

Top ranked St. Pius X (17-2) would score their lone goal on a penalty kick in the first half by Ravae Jaramillo. It's the first state title for Hope since 2015 and their 6th overall title.



## Class 5A

One goal is all Cibola would need to win the Class 5A State Championship. The top seeded Cougars beat defending state champ Carlsbad 1-0 in the final. An early goal by Brooke Volza held up for Cibola (17-2-1) and the Cavegirls (20-3) could not find the back of the net. "I just saw the ball coming across and I saw the defender, she was right in front of me, so I thought I'd do a spin and take the shot," described Volza. "We've been wanting this state title for a while now, hopefully we can get it again next year."



It's the first state title for Cibola since 2016. "I'm proud of these young ladies," head coach Heath Weihe said after the match. "They worked really hard and executed when it counted."

## Boys

### Sundevils and Chargers Repeat As The Demons Win their 1st

## Class A-3A

Top seed Sandia Prep won the Class A-3A state soccer title for the second straight year as the Sundevils beat New Mexico Military Institute 5-2 in the final. It was a very competitive first half as Sandia Prep (21-2) got on the board mid-way through the first half when Finnegan Saunders scored his first of two goals on the day. NMMI (15-5-1) scored the equalizer four minutes later when Ben Zimmerman punched one in. Sandia Prep took control just before half-time when Jaxon Tregembo scored on an indirect kick just inside the half line.



Seven minutes into the second half, Sandia Prep's Leighton Dellabaca gave the Sundevils a 3-1 lead and Saunders made it 4-1 with his second goal in the 69th minute. Mateo Burgos put Sandia Prep on top 5-1 with a goal of his own. NMMI's Jose Lopez added a late goal for the Colts. "Just to continue this tradition is huge," said Saunders.

It's Sandia Prep's 30 state title overall and 13th for head coach Tommy Smith. "It's a great feeling, it never gets old," said the veteran head coach. "I'm really proud of my boys, I think we played our best game."

## Class 4A

Second verse, same as the first. Albuquerque Academy and Lovington met in the Class 4A Final for the second straight season and the result was the same, an overtime win by the Chargers. Academy beat Lovington 3-2 to win the title for the second year in a row. Academy (15-4) got two first half goals from Oliver Kumar in the second minute and Luke Babinski in the 33rd. Top ranked Lovington (19-2) evened things up in the second half with a pair of scores from Adam Aguilera in the 44th minute and Christian Contreras 15 minutes later. One overtime wasn't enough to decide a winner and in the 97th minute, Neven Zapatka put in the game winner for the Chargers. "That was such a great pass from Sanchit Singh and I was just in the right place at the right time," said Zapatka. "I'm a senior, so it's a great way to send off my four years at the school."



It's the 10th overall title for Academy. "You can't script moments this big," said head coach Laney Kolek. "It's an amazing feeling."

## Class 5A

The Class 5A boys final was a classic. The top-ranked Santa Fe Demons were searching for their 1st state title and the Sandia Matadors were hoping to lift the blue trophy for the first time in almost 30 years. Sandia was on the board first when Christian Baker scored just two minutes into the match. But for every Matador goal during the evening, Santa Fe's Alex Waggoner would respond. The state's leading scorer evened the score at 1-1 when Waggoner scored his first in the 15th minute. Sandia's Connor Cousins gave the Matadors a 2-1 lead in the 20th minute, but Waggoner would get goal #2 of his own eight minutes later. The Matadors (17-4) would take a 3-2 lead into halftime thanks to a second goal by Cousins in the 36th minute.

Two minutes into the second half, Waggoner landed the hat-trick with his third goal in the 42nd minute. With the score tied 3-3 at the end of regulation, the Demons and Matadors headed to overtime. With one minute to go in OT, Waggoner put in the game winner, his fourth goal of the night, giving Santa Fe (22-1) their first boys state soccer championship. "We knew we were going to have to fight when it comes down to games like this," said Waggoner.

"We've got a clutch finisher in Alex and we've got a heart that never stops beating," said head coach Chris Eadie.

