



2024 Nusenda Credit Union State Football Championships

Logan Captures First Football Title

The Logan Longhorns (12-0) defeated the Grady Bronchos (10-2), 54-14 in the 2024 Nusenda Credit Union 6-Man State Football Championship game. This was the Longhorns first football title at any level in school history. The win also capped off an undefeated season for Logan.

The Longhorns jumped out to quick 14-0, midway through the first quarter. Grady answer with just six second left in the first to make it a 14-6 game. Logan offense exploded in the second quarter, posting four scores, leading at halftime 40-6.

Grady got the ball to start the third quarter and quick marched down the field to make it a 40-14 game, but that would be as close as they would get, as the Longhorns add two more scores to close out the game, winning 54-14.

Melrose wins Third Blue Trophy in a Row

The Melrose Buffaloes (13-0) defeated the Mesilla Valley Christian SonBlazers (10-2) in the 2024 Nusenda Credit Union 8-Man State Football Championships, 62-12. This was the third title in a row for the Buffaloes and the 16th blue trophy in school history.

Melrose jumped out to an early 14-0 lead over Mesilla Valley Christian with just 33 seconds left in the first quarter. The SonBlazers answered at time experienced in the quarter to make it 14-6.

The two teams traded scores over the duration of the second quarter, as Melrose held a 22-12 lead with 1:42 left in the half. Melrose added to their lead to make it 30-12 at the half.

The second half was all Melrose, as the Buffaloes scored 24 unanswered points in the 3rd quarter, and the game winning touchdown just minutes in the fourth quarter. As the Buffaloes won 62-12.



Texico wins Back to Back State Titles in Class 2A

The Texico Wolverines (12-0) defeated the Santa Rosa Lions (9-4) in the 2024 Nusenda Credit Union State 2A Football Championships by a score of 50-0. This was Texico's eighth blue trophy in the sport of football in school history.

The Wolverines controlled the game from start to finish, wearing down the Lions on both the offensive and defensive lines. The score was close after the first quarter, as Texico held just a 6-0 lead. However, the Wolverines would score 30 unanswered points in the second quarter to take a 36-0 lead into the lockerroom at halftime.

Texico got the ball to start the third quarter, taking over seven minutes of the clock before punching it in to extend the lead to 44-0. A fumble by the Lions gave the ball back to Texico with about 4 minutes left in the third, as Texico ended the game on a deep pass down the sideline to make it 50-0, claiming their second blue trophy in as many years.



Cleveland Wins Fourth State Title Over A Five-Year Span

The Class 6A Final was a matchup many people were used to seeing. For the 3rd year in a row, La Cueva and Cleveland went head to head for the state title. The Storm defeated the Bears in this chapter to win the Class 6A title at the 2024 Nusenda Credit Union State Football Championships. Cleveland (12-1) dominated the defending state champs on both sides of the ball to hand La Cueva their first loss of the season. After a scoreless first quarter, Cleveland quarterback Jordan Hatch connected with Angel Gallegos in the end zone for a three-year score to give the Storm a 7-0 lead with 3:52 to go before halftime. 70 seconds later, Cleveland was back in the endzone on a one-yard run by Juan Munoz to give the Storm a 13-0 lead. Cleveland would add a 31-yard field goal by Ivan Sanchez Ramirez to make it 16-0 going into the break. Cleveland's defense held La Cueva to 61-yards of offense in the first two quarters. The Storm took a 23-0 third quarter lead on a flea flicker 55-yard touchdown pass from Hatch to Jacob Maldonado. Cleveland would take a 26-0 lead on another fourth quarter field goal before La Cueva would score their only touchdown. It's the fourth state title for Cleveland since 2019.



Roswell Wins Rematch With Artesia To Win 5A Crown

The Class 5A Final was a rematch of the 2023 title tilt between Roswell and defending state champ Artesia. This season, the Coyotes were the ones on top with a 41-22 victory over the Bulldogs at the 2024 Nusenda Credit Union State Football Championships. Roswell (11-1) scored less than two minutes into the game and never looked back. Jacob Palomino broke loose for a 62-yard score and the Coyotes were up 7-0 just 72 seconds after kickoff. Artesia (9-4) would respond with an 80-yard touchdown run by Izac Cazares to make it a 7-6 game, but a short touchdown by Palomino put Roswell up 14-6. Cazares would score a second touchdown in the quarter, but a missed two-point attempt kept the Coyotes on top 14-12. In the second quarter, Palomino threw a touchdown pass to Mason Greathouse and then Palomino scored a third rushing touchdown to give Roswell a 28-15 lead at halftime. Early in the third quarter, on a reverse pass, Abey Toscano threw a 40-yard touchdown score to Kolby Sanchez to give Roswell an even bigger cushion, 35-15. A long touchdown run by Frankie Galindo got Artesia within 13 points, 35-22, in the third, but they couldn't get any closer. Toscano capped off the scoring with a rushing score in the final quarter. It's Roswell's third state title since 2018.



Bloomfield Bobcats Win Their 2nd State Title In Three Years

The Bloomfield Bobcats hosted the St. Pius X Sartans in the 4A Final up in the Four Corners. It was an explosive third quarter by the host team that decided a winner as Bloomfield beat St. Pius X 62-28 to win the Class 4A title at the 2024 Nusenda Credit Union State Football Championships. This was a close game through two quarters. The Sartans took a 2-0 lead when quarterback Bloomfield's Blake Spencer was called for grounding in the endzone. St. Pius X (11-3) made it 8-0 on a 19-yard touchdown run by Hershul Olloway Jr. The two teams exchanged score for score throughout the rest of the half. Spencer responded with his first rushing touchdown of the day to make it an 8-7 game. Sartans quarterback Isaiah Carpenter connected with Curtis Flakes III for a 74-yard touchdown to put the visitors up 15-7 in the first quarter. Spencer's second rushing touchdown of the quarter cut the deficit back to one, 15-14. On the first play of the second quarter, Spencer connected with junior Peyton Duncan on a touchdown to give Bloomfield a 22-15 advantage. Carpenter would tie the game at 22-all in the second quarter on a short quarterback keeper. In the third quarter, Bloomfield (12-0) put up 26 unanswered points to break the game open. Early in the third, Spencer scored on a 72-yard run to put the Bobcats on top 29-22. Duncan scored again to make it 36-22 and he added an 84-yard touchdown run later in the third to give them a 42-22 cushion. In the final minutes of the third quarter, a pick six by Hunter Samora gave Bloomfield a 48-22 advantage. The final quarter included a blocked punt for a score by Bloomfield's McKell Colbert to make it 55-22.



and each team would add another touchdown before the final buzzer. It's Bloomfield's second blue trophy in the last three years and the first time in school history they ended the season with a perfect record.

St. Michael's Horsemen Are Perfect in 2024

St. Michael's successfully defended their 3A title with a 28-26 victory over Dexter in the Class 3A Final of the 2024 Nusenada Credit Union State Football Championships. The game was a matchup of two undefeated teams coming into this one. St. Michael's (13-0) put the first points of the day on the board at Ivan Head Stadium in Santa Fe with a trick play. Kamal Stith took a reverse and threw a



61-yard touchdown pass to Soren Annon for a 7-0 St. Michael's lead. Dexter's CJ Granados scored a 2-yard touchdown to give the Demons (12-1) an 8-7 lead late in the second quarter. St. Michael's Isaiah Dominguez returned the ensuing kick 88-yards for a touchdown to give St. Michael's a 15-8 advantage just before halftime. Annon started the second half with a 51-yard touchdown run and St. Michael's held a 22-8 lead. The scored stayed the same into the 4th, but the Demons scored three touchdowns in the final nine minutes to change the momentum. First, a deflected pass led to a 66-yard interception return by Isaac Ramirez as the Demons cut it to 22-14 with 8:44 left in the game. A one-yard touchdown by Dexter's Garet Gonzales made it 22-20 with 4:12 remaining. Dexter defensive lineman Fernando Prieto intercepted a Reed Bass pass and returned it 27 yards for a touchdown to give Dexter a 26-22 lead with 2:32 left in the game. It was the first time all season St. Michael's trailed in the fourth quarter. On the following drive, St. Michael's then marched 61-yards downfield, capped off by a 6-yard touchdown run by Cole Sandoval with less than a minute to go to seal the victory. It's the second straight state title for St. Michael's.