



2016 Fuddruckers State Soccer Championships

Sandia Prep Wins A-4A Girls' State Soccer Title

The Sandia Prep Sundevils hoisted the blue trophy for the sixth time in school history at the 2016 Fuddruckers State Soccer Championships with a thrilling 3-2 win over Hope Christian. The game was a rematch between the Sundevils and the Huskies from the 2013 finals.

The Sundevils earned their first title since 2012.

The Huskies jumped out to an early 2-0 and looked to be in control of the game and on their way to a fourth straight title. Goals by Brenna McGuirk and Jenna Walters early in the first half gave Hope Christian the commanding lead.

Sandia Prep pulled to within a goal right before the half, as Isabella Gilbert found the back of the net, making it 2-1.

The Sundevils tied the game up early in the second half off the foot of Jacqueline Rodriguez, making the score 2-2. The go-ahead goal was scored by Calista Cordero, as Sandia Prep took a 3-2 lead over the Huskies.

Neither team could put the ball past the opposing goalie the remainder of the game, as Sandia Prep won the A-4A title, 3-2.



Chargers Earn Ninth Girls' State Soccer Title

The Chargers of Albuquerque Academy won their ninth girls' soccer state championship and their first since 2012 with a 1-0 overtime win over the three-time defending champion St. Pius X Sartans at the 2016 Fuddruckers State Soccer Championships.

The game was a rematch from the 2014 state title game, where the Sartans defeated the Chargers 2-1.

Academy and St. Pius X were back and forth the entire game as both teams had their chances to find the back of the net. Defense was the story in this game, as the score was 0-0 at the end of regulation.

As the two teams stepped onto the pitch for overtime, the question was - who would strike first in the sudden death period?

Then, in the 90th minute of play, a cross into the box from Tessa Anderson of Academy allowed Eliza Mariner to find the back of the net and give the Chargers their first state soccer title in three years.

"We had an incredible team and talented group of young ladies this year," head coach Peter Glidden said. "I'm so proud of their hard work, dedication and class. We started off the year 3-5 but they never got their heads down. They just kept working hard every game and every practice to improve. Our defense was clearly the best in the state, allowing only 20 goals all season playing against the toughest schedule. At the heart of our team defense were our four senior captains (Annie Spahn, Alli Leggott, Maren Baur and Skylar Carson). They led us to the state title by shutting down the high-powered St. Pius offense, likely the most dynamic in the state. Truly an incredible team effort in the championship game (and all season long) and so awesome that our senior leaders get to go out on top!"



Cibola Claims Second Straight Girls' 6A Title

The 2016 Fuddruckers State 6A Girls' Soccer Championship game pitted the No. 1 La Cueva Bears against the No. 2 Cibola Cougars, the 2015 State Champions. The last time these two teams had met in the state championship game was back in 2004, with the Bears emerging the victors, 2-0.

This time was a different story, as the Cougars defeated the Bears 1-0 to capture the blue trophy for the second straight year. It was also the Cougars second state title in girls' soccer in school history.

Neither team could find the back of the net in the first half, as the score was 0-0.

Then, early in the second half, Cibola caught a break as Sydni Burrup stepped up to cut off a pass from a La Cueva player, dribbled down the left side drawing two more defenders to her and laid the ball off to Jasmine Marwan, who calmly rolled ball



past the keeper to the weak side post. The goal made it 1-0 in favor of the Cougars.

La Cueva continued to pressure Cibola the remainder of the game but in the end the Bears could not score, as Cibola hoisted the blue trophy for the second straight year.

Blue Griffins Earn Second Boys' Soccer Title in School History

The Santa Fe Prep Blue Griffins captured the A-4A Boys' blue trophy at the 2016 Fuddruckers State Soccer Championships with a 1-0 over defending champions, the Bosque School Bobcats.

This was the second state soccer championship for the boys' program at Santa Fe Prep and the first since the 2014 season, when the Blue Griffins defeated Sandia Prep, 3-2. It was also the second championship under head coach Hersch Wilson.

About midway through the first half the Blue Griffins took a 1-0 lead on the Bobcats, as Jacob Cook blasted the ball past the Bosque goalkeeper. At the half, Santa Fe Prep continued to hold the 1-0 advantage.

In the second half, each team had their chances to score, as Bosque had some near misses late in the game but the Blue Griffins defense was too stingy to allow a goal.

Santa Fe Prep hoisted the blue trophy overhead with a 1-0 victory.



Albuquerque Academy Goes Back-to-Back as 5A Boys' Champs

The Albuquerque Academy Chargers hoisted the blue trophy overhead with a 2-0 win over St. Pius X in the 2016 Fuddruckers State 5A Boys' Soccer Championship game.

It was the second state title for the boys' soccer team since 2001, the second under head coach Laney Kolek and the second straight title. In fact, the Chargers have now made 17 state finals appearances since 1981.

Academy jumped out to an early 1-0 lead on the Sartans with a goal by Charles Touche on a penalty kick following a foul in the box by the Sartans. The Chargers held the 1-0 lead into halftime and the score remained the same for almost the entire second half.

Then, in the final minutes of the second half, Alexander Touche pushed the ball to the back of the net to give the Chargers a 2-0 lead and eventually the 5A boys' state soccer title.

This was the seventh title for the Chargers in school history.



La Cueva Captures Seventh Blue Trophy

The La Cueva Bears hoisted the blue trophy for the first time since 2012 in the 6A boys' final of the 2016 Fuddrucker's State Soccer Championships defeating the 2015 champion Albuquerque High Bulldogs, 2-0. This was the Bears seventh state title and the first under Easy Jimenez.

The Bears and Bulldogs played to a 0-0 tie in the first half as both teams had chances on goal.

In the second half, La Cueva struck just minutes in as Chris Manning beat an Albuquerque High player to his right and blasted a 35-yard shot that scored in the lower corner, giving the Bears a 1-0 lead.

La Cueva struck again in the 70th minute as Joseph Keller put the ball in the back of the net off a pass from Coedy Walker, pushing the Bears' lead to 2-0.

The two goal cushion was all La Cueva needed to take home the NMAA's top prize in soccer, the blue trophy, winning by a final score of 2-0 over Albuquerque High.



