



2017 Fuddruckers State Soccer Championships

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

The Sandia Prep Sundevils (16-7) hoisted the blue trophy for the seventh time in school history at the 2017 Fuddruckers State Soccer Championships with a 2-0 win over Socorro (16-5). The game marked the first appearance for the Warriors in the championship game and the 13th for Sandia Prep.

The Sundevils earned their second straight title and defended their championship from 2016.

Sandia Prep got on the board first with just over 22 minutes remaining in the first half. Following a foul in the 18-yard box by Socorro, the Sundevils were awarded a penalty kick. Jacqueline Rodriguez stepped up to take the kick and put the ball in the back of the net, making it 1-0, Sandia Prep.

The Sundevils extended their lead just nine minutes later, as Ellie Cook took a mis-clear by the Warriors over the head of the goalie to make it 2-0. The score remained 2-0 in favor of Sandia Prep at halftime.

Both teams had their chances to score in the second half but great defense and brilliant goal-keeping did not allow another goal to be scored in the game.



When the final whistle blew, it was Sandia Prep with the 2-0 victory and the seventh blue trophy in school history.

Chargers Earn Tenth Girls' State Soccer Title

The Chargers of Albuquerque Academy (19-4) won their tenth girls' soccer state championship and thier second straight with a 1-0 win over the Los Alamos Hilltoppers (17-6-1) at the 2017 Fuddruckers State Soccer Championships.

The match marked the sixth time the two teams had met in the state championship game, with Academy holding a 5-1 advantage. The last time the teams met was in 2010, when the Chargers won 3-1.

From the very beginning, the game looked to be another classic between two 5A rivals. Neither team could find the back of the net in the first half of play, as the teams entered halftime with the score at 0-0.

Half number two looked to be shaping up into another defensive battle but, with just under 34 minutes to play in the game, the Chargers' Gabby Sanchez hit a shot from just outside the 18-yard box to the far post, giving Academy a 1-0 lead.

The Chargers continued to put pressure on the Hilltoppers for the remainder of the game but could not sneak another goal in. However, Sanchez's goal was enough for Academy to claim victory and hoist the blue trophy overhead.



La Cueva Claims 14th Girls' 6A Title

The 2017 Fuddruckers State 6A Girls' Soccer Championship game pitted the No. 1 La Cueva Bears (20-1) against the No. 2 Cleveland Storm (19-3). This game was the first meeting between the two schools in a championship game. For the Bears, it marked the 22nd trip to the championship game and the first for the Storm.

La Cueva defeated Cleveland in an overtime classic, 1-0, to capture their 14th state title and the eighth under head coach Amber Ashcraft.

Neither team could find the back of the net in the first or second half, as the score was 0-0 at the end of regulation.

Then, early in the first overtime, La Cueva caught a break, as Deja Sandoval's free kick just outside the 18-yard box was deflected right back to teammate Hannah Riveria, who scored to give the Bears the 1-0 win.

It was the first championship for the Bears since 2014.



Huskies Win A-4A Boys' Title in Overtime

The Hope Christian Huskies (21-2) captured the A-4A Boys' blue trophy at the 2017 Fuddruckers State Soccer Championships with a 3-2 overtime win over the Sandia Prep Sundevils (12-8-3).

It was the fifth championship for the Huskies, the first since 2007, as the Sundevils made their 23rd appearance in the finals.

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

With 35 minutes remaining in the game, Hope Christian's Sam Rollis scored on a breakaway, giving the Huskies a 1-0 advantage. Then, with just over 13 minutes to go in the game, Kevin Sanchez put the ball in the back of the net off a cross from teammate Dylan Werner to make it 2-0 in favor of Hope Christian.

Sandia Prep, however, was not going away quietly. With just over seven minutes to play, the Sundevils got on the board, as Ryan Schulze's free kick from near midfield was deflected right back to Cole Hanrahan, who scored to draw within one at 2-1.

Then, in stoppage time, Sandia Prep was awarded a penalty kick following a foul inside the 18-yard box and Hanrahan again found the back of the net to tie the game and force overtime.

It wasn't long into overtime that Hope Christian put the game away, as Sanchez scored his second goal of the game, giving the Huskies the win and their fifth title in school history.



Alamogordo Wins Schools' First 5A Boys' Soccer Championship

In dramatic fashion, the Alamogordo Tigers (18-2-3) captured their first boys' soccer championship in school history with a 2-1 victory over Albuquerque Academy (15-5-3) at the 2017 Fuddruckers State 5A Boys' Soccer Championship game.

The Tigers last appearance in the championship game was back in 1990, as the Chargers had captured the last two championships in 2015 and 2016.

Just nine minutes into the game, the Chargers went a man down, as Mateo Centenera received a red card, forcing Academy to play 10 on 11 for the remainder of the game. However, neither team could score in the first half, as the score was 0-0.

Academy scored first in the second half, just minutes into the start of play. Aaron Hill scored off a corner kick, putting the ball in the back of the net with a header.



The Tigers tied the score with just over 22 minutes to play off a deflection and put back by Adam Foltz, tying the score at 1-1.

Then with nine minutes on the clock, Foltz scored again on a through ball by teammate Julian Torres to give Alamogordo its first lead of the game.

The Chargers made a push to tie the score but in the end, it wasn't enough, as the Tigers captured the 2017 championship and hoisted the blue trophy.

Albuquerque High Captures Second Blue Trophy

In a rematch of the 2016 championship game, the Albuquerque High Bulldogs (19-1-1) and La Cueva Bears (16-1-4) squared off for the 6A Boys' Championship. Unlike the 2016 match, the Bulldogs were victorious, with a 3-2 win over the Bears, capturing their second blue trophy in three years.

It was a fairly quiet game until 12 minutes remaining in the first half, as Carlos Gutierrez of Albuquerque High opened up the scoring to give the Bulldogs a 1-0 lead.

La Cueva responded right before halftime with a goal of their own, as Marco Monetti scored a deflection to tie the score at 1-1. The score remained the same going into halftime.

The Bulldogs pulled ahead in the second half with a goal inside the 18-yard box by Rado Josoa off an assist from Gutierrez, giving Albuquerque High a 2-1 lead with just over nine minutes to play.

Less than a minute later, the Bears were awarded a penalty kick following a foul inside the 18-yard box. Hunter Esquibel put the ball on the left side of the net to tie the game at 2-2.

The game looked to be heading towards over-time but a foul by La Cueva this time inside their 18-yard box, gave the Bulldogs a penalty kick. Gutierrez stepped up to take the kick and placed the ball in the upper right-hand corner of the goal to give Albuquerque High the lead back at 3-2.

The Bears made several attempts at tying the game in the late minutes of regulation but could not find the goal, as the Bulldogs raised the blue trophy overhead for the second time in school history.

