



2017 Casas del Rio State Tennis Championships

Robertson Wins Fourth Straight Tennis Title

The Robertson Cardinals captured the blue trophy for the fourth consecutive year at the 2017 Casas Del Rio Girls' A-4A State Tennis Championships, winning the team and doubles titles. As a team, the No. 1 seeded Cardinals defeated the No. 2 seed Mesilla Valley Christian SonBlazers 5-2, dropping just two matches during the entire event. Overall, it was the fifth blue trophy for the girls' tennis program in school history.

Robertson defeated the No. 8 seed Raton (9-0), the No. 4 seed St. Michael's (5-1) and Mesilla Valley Christian on their way to a fourth straight state title.

In singles competition, the No. 1 seed Megan Lynch of NMMI faced off against the No. 2 seed Haley Garcia of St. Michael's in the championship match. Lynch won in straight sets, 6-1, 6-1.

Lynch beat Kyra Chavez of St. Michael's (6-0, 6-1), the 2016 champion, Victoria Speziani of Hope Christian (6-0, 6-0) and Garcia. She became the first NMMI girls' tennis player to win a state title in singles action since 1980. Sarah Blaeser of Portales placed third with a 6-1, 6-0 win over Speziani.

Robertson won the school's third ever doubles title in 2017, as Brandelyn Fulgenzi and Lauren Fulgenzi defeated their cousins Jaci Fulgenzi and Jenese Fulgenzi in straight sets, 6-1, 6-0. Brandelyn and Lauren, the tournament's No. 1 seed, breezed through the tournament with straight wins in every match, dropping just one game the entire tournament.



Los Alamos Wins Eighth Blue Trophy

For the first time since 2008, the Los Alamos Hilltoppers captured the blue trophy in girls' tennis with a 5-1 victory over Farmington at the 2017 Casas Del Rio State Tennis Championships. The win marked the eighth time the Hilltoppers won the state title, as the Scorpions had won the blue trophy six of the last eight years.

Los Alamos dropped just two matches during the team competition beating Goddard (8-1), St. Pius X (5-0) and Farmington.

In singles action, the No. 1 seed Emily Nguyen of Farmington won her first individual state title defeating the No. 2 seed Sidra Hsieh-Ratliff of Los Alamos 7-5, 6-3. Nguyen became just the second player to win the individual state

title in school history and the first since 1986. Teammate Elise Ballard of Farmington finished third with a straight sets win over Rachel Homan of Albuquerque Academy (6-0, 6-1).

In doubles play, the No. 1 seeded doubles team from Los Alamos, Katya Skurikhin and Lauryn Anaya won the school's 11th doubles title with a three set win over the No. 3 seed from Farmington, Eliza Merrión and Monica Briones. Skurikhin and Anaya won three set matches in both the semifinals and finals to capture the doubles title.



Eldorado Wins 6A Girls' Tennis Championship

The Eldorado Eagles captured the 2017 Casas Del Rio State Tennis Championship for the first time since 2013 with a win over the No. 2 seed Albuquerque High, 5-0. The Eagles defeated La Cueva (7-2), Sandia (5-0) and Albuquerque High. The win marks the third blue trophy for Eldorado in school history.

Carmen Corely of Eldorado captured her first individual state title with a 6-1, 6-0 straight sets win over Abigail Nielsen of Albuquerque High. Corley dropped just three games the entire championships, beating Angela Puebla of Hobbs (6-0, 6-0), Christine Roerick of La Cueva (6-0, 6-2) and Nielsen. Allison Romero of Eldorado placed third with a 6-7, 6-4, 7-5 three set win over Ashley Seay of Hobbs in the third place match.

Ivana Corley and Taylor Jones of Eldorado captured the doubles title with a straight set win over Courtenay Leonard and Arianna Lumanog of Sandia, 6-1, 6-1. Corley and Jones won all their doubles matches in straight sets.

The team of Elizabeth Cummins and Hannah Boisvert of Sandia took home third place in straight sets over Sage Garcia and Maria Behrend of Albuquerque High, 6-0, 6-0.



Robertson Captures Fifth State Tennis Title

The Robertson Cardinals defeated the NMMI Colts in the A-4A 2017 Casas Del Rio State Tennis Championship match to win the school's fourth boys' tennis title. Robertson won 5-4.

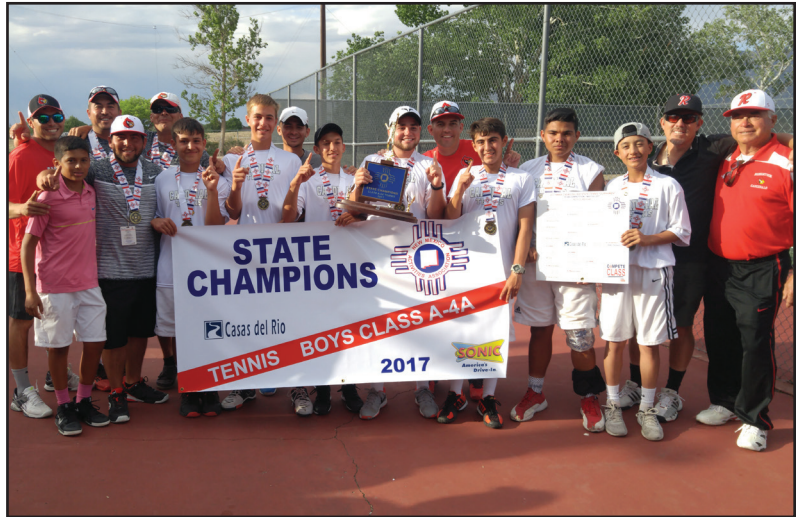
It wasn't easy for the No. 1 seeded Robertson, beating Sandia Prep (6-3), Bosque School (5-3) and NMMI.

In singles action, No. 2 seed Neil Katzman of Bosque defeated the No. 1 seed Farid Yunes of NMMI in a three-set thriller, 2-6, 7-5, 3-2 before Yunes was forced to retire. Katzman became the first player from Bosque School to win the individual title.

On his way to the singles title, Katzman defeated Francisco Saracho of NMMI (4-6, 6-1, 6-2), Adomas Skouda of Hope Christian (6-3, 6-4) and Yunes.

Andres Garcia and Connor Houdek of Robertson earned the school's 14th doubles title with a 7-5, 6-4 win over Jarrett Coyle and Adam Takeshita of Mesilla Valley Christian in the A-4A doubles championship match.

The No. 1 seed Garcia/Houdek won all three matches in straight sets, beating Taos (6-0, 6-2), NMMI (6-2, 6-1) and Mesilla Valley Christian.



Chargers Hoist 21st Blue Trophy

Albuquerque Academy continued their dominance in boys' tennis, winning their state record 15th consecutive championship and the school's 21st blue trophy. The Chargers went a perfect 19-0 in the team competition, defeating Los Alamos in the championship match, 5-0.

Albuquerque Academy beat Artesia (9-0), Lovington (5-0) and Los Alamos.

No. 1 seed Malachi Coleman of Albuquerque Academy won the school's 31st singles title in two sets over teammate Abraham Yohannes of Albuquerque Academy, 6-4, 6-0. On his way to his second consecutive title, Coleman beat Alejandro Sainz of Alamogordo (6-0, 6-0), teammate Sage Min (6-0, 6-0) and Yohannes.

In doubles action, sophomores Coleton and Hunter Hootman of Albuquerque Academy won the 26th doubles title in school history over George Margevicius and Andrew Tang of Los Alamos in straight sets 6-2, 6-3. It was the third straight year the Hootman's won the doubles championship.



The Hootman twins cruised to the finals with wins over Alamogordo (6-0, 6-0), Belen (6-1, 6-1) and teammates Collis/Brunacini (6-1, 6-1).

Bears Grab 14th Blue Trophy

The La Cueva Bears won their 14th state team title at the 2017 Casas Del Rio Boys' 6A State Tennis Championships, 5-1 over rival Eldorado. It marked the fourth straight title for the Bears, who won in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

La Cueva cruised through the tournament on their way to earning the blue trophy, beating Volcano Vista (9-0), Hobbs (5-0) and Eldorado.

No. 1 seed Michael Mounho of Eldorado High School became the school's ninth singles champion with a straight sets win over No. 3 seed and teammate Elias Samaha, 6-3, 6-1. It was Mounho's second straight individual title, claiming wins over Kyler Kunzler of Piedra Vista (6-3, 6-0), Jhah Detvongsa of Albuquerque High (6-3, 6-1), Max Cunningham of Mayfield (6-3, 6-2) and Samaha.

In doubles action, the No. 1 seed doubles team of Kyler Kunzler and Tyler Paddor of La Cueva won the school's second doubles title in three sets over Brandon Dodds and Zane Lowe of Eldorado, 7-6, 3-6, 6-2.

Kunzler and Paddor battled the entire tournament beating teams from Carlsbad (6-2, 6-3), Centennial (6-0, 6-0), Hobbs (6-1, 6-3) and teammates from Eldorado.

