



# 2017 Sonic Drive-In State Track & Field Championships

## Melrose Girls' Win First Title since 1982

The Melrose Buffaloes captured the blue trophy for the first time since 1982 with 101 points at the 2017 Sonic Drive-In A Girls' State Track & Field Championships. Cimarron finished second with 56 points, followed by Springer with 54.

Melrose's Nataley Mondragon was the High Point Athlete with 33 points, winning four events, including the 100-meter dash (13.73), 200-meter dash (28.17), the long jump (15-10.5) and the high jump (5-02), a new state record. She was also a member of the 400-meter relay (54.21), which set a state record as well. Mondragon set a new state record in the 200-meter dash in a time of 27.54 in the prelim race.

Alyssa Bargas of Elida won both the 1,600-meter run (5:54.35) and the 3,200-meter run (14:29.08), while Hannah Burton of Springer took gold in the 800-meter run in a time of 2:38.80. Jesslyn Selph set a new state record in the 100-meter hurdles (17.51), while Landry Widner of Melrose won the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 50.50.

In the sprint events, Emma Cook of Evangel Christian set a new record in the 400 (1:01.99).

The Cimarron 1,600-meter relay team set a new state record with a time of 4:36.68.

In the field events, Hannah Ventura from Carrizozo won the shot put (33-11), Alicia Arias of Springer set a state record in the Discus (101-02), Ch'ree Essary of Floyd won the triple jump (37-04.25), Lakasey Mondragon of Melrose set a new state record in the pole vault (8-06) and Jordyn Stowe of House won the Javelin (105-00).



## Cloudcroft and Logan Tie for the Girls' 2A Blue Trophy

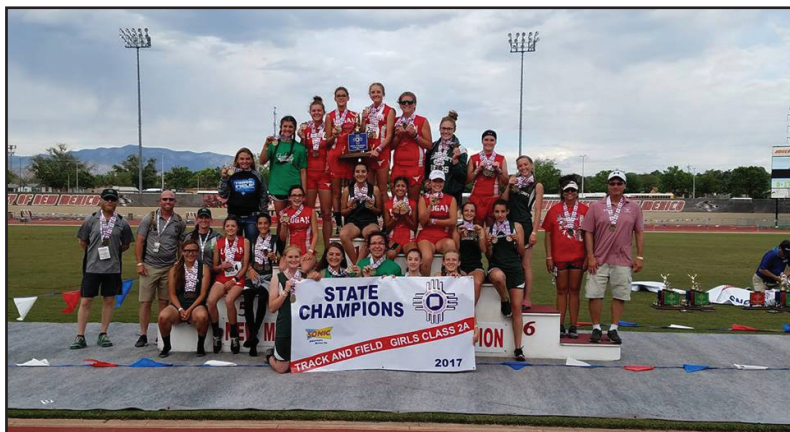
The Cloudcroft Bears and Logan Longhorns tied for the 2A Girls' title at the 2017 Sonic Drive-In 2A Girls' State Track & Field Championships. For the Bears, it was the first since 2008, and for the Longhorns, it was the first in school history. Each team finished with 68 points. Fort Sumner finished third with 51 points.

Olivia Sealy of Cloudcroft was the High Point Athlete with 19.5 points, scoring almost a third of her team's 68 points in the meet. Sealy won the 100-meter hurdles (16.17), was a member of the 4x400-meter relay team that finished first (4:18.25), second in the triple jump (33-02.25) and fourth in the 300-meter hurdles (51.26).

In the sprint events, Megyn Black of Gateway Christian won the 100 (13.38), Kyla Manning of Cliff won the 200-meter dash (28.40), Alicia Kayser of Mountainair won the 400-meter dash (1:01.13) and Paige Hoppes of Hagerman took gold in the 800-meter run (2:31.00).

Natalia Marrujo of Mora won both the 1,600-meter run (5:37.81) and the 3,200-meter run (12:54.68). Logan won gold in the 4x100 relay (51:58) and the 4x200 relay (1:49.73).

Helena Padilla of Questa placed first in the long jump (16-07.50) and triple jump (34-06.50), while Rae-anne Williamson of Fort Sumner won the shot put with a mark of 34-05. In other field events, Harlie Roach (Logan) won the discus with a toss of 113-03, Jordan Hines of Logan won the high jump (5-00), Brook Valentine of Logan took first in the pole vault (10-06) and Valeri Overstreet (Cliff) stood atop the podium with a 111-10 throw in the javelin.



## Eunice Repeats as Girls' 3A Track Champs

Eunice won their second straight state title with a total of 63.5 points at the 2017 Sonic Drive-In 3A Girls' State Track & Field Championships. Santa Fe Prep finished second with 54 points, followed by Texico with 51.

Mikayla Garnard of Santa Rosa earned the High Point Athlete for the third consecutive year with 28 points. She won the 100-meter dash (12.86), the 200-meter dash (26.89), the 400-meter dash (59.82), placed second in the long jump, while helping her team to a second place finish in the 4x200 relay.





Dominique Gonzales of Eunice tied the state record in the pole vault at the Class 3A level with a vault of 9-06.

Terri Dailey of Laguna Acoma took gold in the 1,600-meter run (5:38.20) and Jaimey Fastnacht of Estancia won the 3,200-meter run in a time of 12:34.82. Hayden Colfax of Santa Fe Prep won the 100-meter hurdles (16.48) and M'Lee Vinson of Eunice won the 300-meter hurdles (47.37).

In the relay events, Raton took gold in the 4x100 (50.93) and the 4x200 (1:48.68), while Santa Fe Prep won the 1,600-meter medley relay (4:30.35) and Texico took first in the 1,600-meter relay (4:15.08).

In the field events, Kyla Colborn of Eunice took gold in the discus with a toss of 108-08, while Aide Frazier (Eunice) won the shot put (35-05) and the javelin (116-05). Xitlaly Ontiveros (Eunice) won the triple jump (35-01) and the high jump (5-04).

### **Hope Christian Girls' Track & Field takes Second Straight Track Title**

The Hope Christian Huskies earned 62 points at the two-day 2017 Sonic Drive-In 4A Girls' State Track & Field Championships, winning their seventh state title. The Huskies beat out St. Michael's, who tallied 58 points. Ruidoso finished third with 50 points.

Shalom Keller of Ruidoso was the High Point Athlete, earning 23.5 points. She won the 100-meter dash (12.59), the 200-meter dash (24.95) and set a new state record in the 400-meter dash in a time of 55.89.

Skyler Gee of Sandia Prep captured the title in the 800 (2:22.15), while Cora Cannedy of Taos won the 1,600-meter run (5:26.04) and Elizabeth Reyes of Taos placed first in the 3,200-meter run (11:48.08). Monty Larvingo of Navajo Prep won gold in both the 100-meter hurdles (16.24) and the 300-meter hurdles (47.28).

The relay events saw Ruidoso capture the 4x100 (50.46), Portales win the 4x200 (1:45.96), Sandia Prep take the 1,600 medley (4:20.15) and St. Michael's win the 4x400 (4:03.81).

In the field events, Jocelyn Fernandez of St. Michael's set a state record in the javelin for Class 4A with a throw of 140-01. Aysia Salas (Silver) won the shot put (40-04) and the discus (117-02), while Faith Powell (Taos) took gold in both the long jump (17-08) and the high jump (5-06). Hope Christian's Tobi Erinle was the 2017 champion in the triple jump (36-08.50), as Morgan Crotta won the pole vault with a mark of 10-0.



## Alamogordo Captures Third Girls' Track & Field Championship

For the first time since 1990, the Alamogordo Tigers stood atop the podium and hoisted the blue trophy at the 2017 Sonic Drive-In State Track and Field Championships. With a two-day score of 68 points, the Tigers outlasted runner-up Los Alamos (67.5) and St. Pius X (56).

Haley Rizek of St. Pius X was the High Point Athlete of the meet with 19.75 points. Rizek won both the 100-meter hurdles (15.17) and the 300-meter hurdles (45.69). She helped her team finish third in the 4x100 and the sixth in the 4x400. Rizek also finished third in the javelin (113-04).

In the sprinting events, Iyana Harper of Alamogordo won the 100 (12.63), Destiny Lawrence of Goddard won the 200 (25.54) and Malakah Martinez of Del Norte took gold in the 400 (56.72).

Grace Alley of Albuquerque Academy took gold in the 800-meter run (2:19.78), while Jacque Pinon of St. Pius X placed first in both the 1,600-meter run (5:19.34) and the 3,200-meter run (11:24.28).

In the relay events, Del Norte captured gold in the 4x100-meter relay (49.62) and the 4x400-meter relay (4:01.02), while Alamogordo won the 4x200 (1:42.91) and Albuquerque Academy placed first in the 1,600 medley (4:21.89).

Roswell's Anastasia Daliege set a new state record in the long jump with a leap of 18-05. In other field events, Rebecca Green of Los Alamos won the shot put (37-06.75), Makenna LaMere of Alamogordo won the discus (115-11) and Bailey Beene of Goddard took gold in the javelin (115-09). Arianna Martinez of St. Pius X placed first in the high jump (5-05), while Kaitlyn Holl of Roswell placed first in the triple jump with a leap of 36-02.



## Cleveland Wins 6A Girls' Track & Field Title for fourth time

The 2017 Sonic Drive-In 6A Girls' State Track & Field Championships was filled with outstanding individual performances, as Cleveland took home the blue trophy for the fourth time in school history, scoring 112 points. La Cueva finished second with a team score of 49 points, while Piedra Vista finished third (38).

Teammates Aphiniti Crupper and Sarah Mackin of Cleveland tied for the High Point Athlete award with 18.5 points. Crupper won the 100-meter dash (12.48) and the 200-meter dash (25.25), while Mackin won the 100-meter hurdles (15.13) and the 300-meter hurdles (44.20).

Crupper was also a member of the winning 4x200-meter relay team (1:42.86), as Mackin helped



the Storm win the 4x400-meter relay (3:59.04). Both were members of the 4x100-meter relay team that placed second.

In fact, the Storm won 10 of the 19 events during the meet.

Jessie Hix of Eldorado broke the overall state record in the 800-meter run, crossing the finish line in a time of 2:12.26, while Akeisha Ayanniyi of Santa Fe won her third straight long jump title with a state record jump of 19-09.25.

In the distance events, Amanda Mayoral of Cleveland won the 3,200-meter run (11:14.72), while Juanita Johnson of Cibola took first in the 1,600-meter run (5:16.73). Albuquerque High's Alisa Meraz-Fishbein was the 2017 champion in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:15.90.

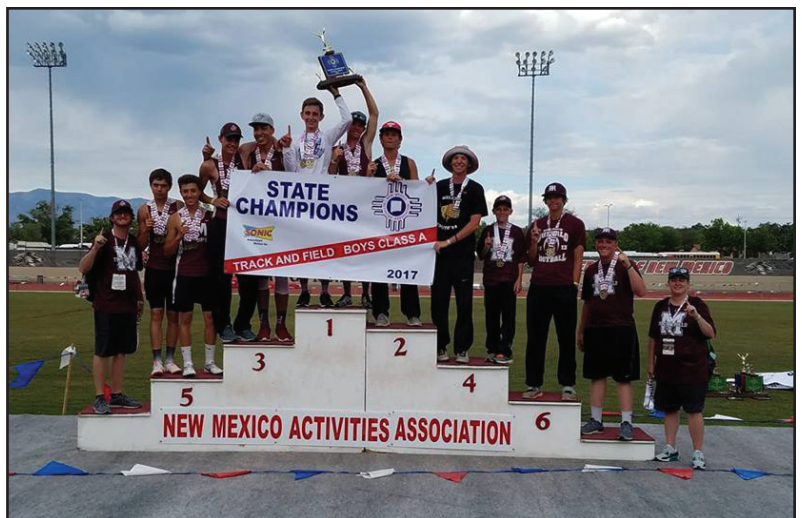
Brittany Reed of Clovis won both the shot put (39-01) and the discus (119-06), while Hannah Sayyeau of Piedra Vista earned gold in the javelin with a toss of 125-06. In the jumping events, Kaylee Caldwell of Cleveland won the long jump (18-00), Lexie Keller of La Cueva placed first in the high jump (5-06), Elizabeth Davis of Cleveland won the triple jump (36-08) and Caitlin Sweet of La Cueva took gold in the pole vault (10-00).

### **Melrose Earns Third Boys' Track & Field Championship**

Melrose scored 68 team points on thier way to the school's third blue trophy in boys' track and field at the 2017 Sonic Drive-In Boys' A State Track & Field Championships. Melrose edged out Reserve (63) by five points, followed by San Jon with 51. It was the first state title in track & field for the Buffaloes since 1991.

In all, nine state records were set during the meet.

Joseph Benavidez of San Jon earned the High Point Athlete award with 30 points. Benavidez won the 100 (11.77) and 200 (23.93) meter dash, the long jump (20-07) and the triple jump (40-06.50). His time in the prelims of the 100-meter dash also set a new state record for Class A with a time of 11.63.



Jared Lee of Melrose set a new state record in the 1,600-meter run in a time of 4:49.28 and in the 3,200-meter run in a time of 10:36.76. Lee was also the state winner in the 800-meter run (2:03.13). Job Sarellano of Animas crossed the finish line in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 40.78, also a new state record for Class A. Sarellano also won the 110-meter hurdles in a time of 17.13.

In the relay events, Melrose stole the show winning the 400-meter relay (45.79), the 800-meter relay (1:34.46) and the 1,600-meter relay (3:42.78). The 400 and 800-meter relays were both state records.

Wade Cauzza of Quemado won the shot put for the third year in a row with a mark of 46-05. Brenden Goetz of Reserve set a new state record in the high jump with a leap of 6-02, while Oran Pierson of Quemado won the pole vault with a new state mark of 13-00. Kaull Burton of Elida was crowned the state champion in the javelin with a state record throw of 155-11, while Deven Thompson of NMSD won the discus with a toss of 127-09.

### **Hagerman Hoists Blue Trophy for 14th Time**

The Hagerman Bobcats hoisted the blue trophy overhead for the 14th time in school history at the 2017 Sonic Drive-In Boys' 2A State Track and Field Championships tallying 70 points in the meet, followed by Logan and Lordsburg with 54 points, tying for second. It was the first state title in track for the Bobcats since 2009.

Martin Flores of Hagerman and Frankie Ortiz of Mesa Vista were named Co-High Point Athletes of the Meet, each earning 21 points for their teams. Flores won both the 1,600-meter run (4:47.07) and the 3,200-meter run (10:51.61), while Ortiz won the 400-meter dash (52.09). He also finished third in the 100 and second in the 200.

In other running events, Nathan Toddy of Cloudcroft won the 100 (11.69), Waylon Hinds of Escalante took first in the 200 (24.34), Jude Segura of Fort Sumner won the 800 (2:01.43), Freddy Carrillo of Jal took gold in the 110-hurdles (15.93) and Julian Vidrio of Logan won the 300-hurdles in a time of 40.92.

Cloudcroft stood atop of the podium in the 800-meter relay (1:35.65) and the 1,600-meter relay (3:49.24), while Lordsburg won the 400-meter relay (45.53) and Fort Sumner took first in the 1,600-medley (3:50.52).

In the field events, Jerome Earle of Logan was the state champion in the shot put (47-10), Logan Franklin of Hagerman won the discus (128-00) and Isaac Morales of Hagerman won the javelin (148-08). Lo-





gan's Steven Coronado was the state champion in the pole vault with a vault of 13-00, while Caleb May of Lordsburg won the triple jump with a leap of 40-10.75. Joe Gonzales of Lordsburg took gold in the long jump (20-07.75), as Tyson Hughes won the high jump with a leap of 6-02.

### **Tucumcari Dominates Boys' 3A Track & Field Championships**

It was a dominating performance by the Tucumcari Rattlers at the 2017 Sonic Drive-In Boys' 3A State Track & Field Championships. The Rattlers won their sixth state track title in school history and the first since 2008, tallying 56 points. Dexter finished second (47) and Santa Fe Prep placed third (44.5).

Patrick Boyd of Santa Fe Prep was the High Point Athlete, scoring 21.5 points. Boyd captured gold in the 100 (11.16) and 200 (23.92). He was also a member of the 4x100 meter relay team that finished second (44.78).

Alejandro Trujillo of Capitan won the 400-meter dash (51.35), while Ryan Bowekaty of Zuni took gold in the 800-meter run (1:57.59). Julian Garcia won both the 1,600-meter run (4:40.92) and the 3,200-meter run (10:16.22). In the hurdle events, Seth Martinez of Tucumcari won the 110-meter hurdles (15.85) and the 300-meter hurdles (41.01).

In the relay events, ATC won the 4x100 (44.70), McCurdy crossed the finish line first in the 4x200 (1:33.92), Capitan captured gold in the 4x400 (3:45.80) and Texico won the state title in the sprint medley (3:30.97).

Highlighting the jumping events were Andrew Corley of Laguna Acoma in the high jump (6-00), Stephen Sanchez of Santa Rosa in the pole vault (13-00) and in the triple jump (42-00). In the throwing events, Kobe Leal (Clayton) captured the state title in the shot put (48-00), Sam Cooksey (Loving) won the discus (135-10) and Xavier Garcia of Tucumcari placed first in the javelin (164-11).



### **Taos Captures Fourth Straight Boys' Track & Field Championship**

Taos captured their fourth consecutive state track and field title at the 2017 Sonic Drive-In 4A Boys' State Track and Field Championships. The Tigers have now won five state titles in track and field, scoring 67 points in the meet. Portales (50 points) finished second, while Silver (49 points) was third overall.

The Tigers' Jonah Vigil was the High Point Athlete, scoring 26.5 points. He won the 100-meter dash (11.38), the 400-meter dash (49.24) and placed second in the 200 (22.70). He also helped his

team win the 4x400-meter relay (3:28.46).

In the sprint events, LaVaughn Smooth of Ruidoso won the 200-meter dash in a time of 22.55, while Miguel Coca of West Las Vegas took gold in the 800-meter run in a time of 2:02.46.

Coca also won the 3,200-meter run in a time of 10:01.56, as Isiah Padilla placed first in the 1,600-meter run (4:24.48). Adrian Gibson of Shiprock was the 110-meter hurdles champion (15.50), as Arjay Ortiz of Robertson won the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 39.77.



The Silver relay team won the 4x100 in time of 44.02, Portales captured gold in the 2x400 (1:32.78) and East Mountain won the 1,600-medley in a time of 3:38.16.

In the field events, Portales' Trenton Small took gold in the shot put (50-09.5) and the discus (139-097), while Aaron Murphy (Moriarty) won the pole vault (12-06) and Ortiz (Robertson) placed first in the high jump (6-02).

### **Albuquerque Academy takes Home 15th Blue Trophy**

The Albuquerque Academy Chargers won their 15th blue trophy in school history at the 2017 Sonic Drive-In 5A Boys' State Track & Field Championships. It was the third straight for the Chargers, as Albuquerque Academy and head coach Adam Kedge have now won 12 of the last 15 years. The Chargers scored 86 team points, followed by Alamogordo (56) and Artesia (52).

Jackson Morris of Albuquerque Academy was the High Point Athlete, dominating the throwing events, winning the discus (179-00) the shot put (58-06) and the javelin (195-10). He finished the meet with 21 points and his throws in the shot put and discus were both new state records.

Omaury Samuels of Los Lunas won gold in the 100-meter dash (11.22), Devon Sparkman of Valencia won the 200-meter dash (22.38) and George Kennedy of St. Pius X won the 400-meter dash (49.58).

Jordan Lesansee of Albuquerque Academy won the 3,200-meter run in a time of 9:31.16 and the 1,600-meter run (4:19.08). Aric Kedge of Academy won the 800-meter run in a time of 1:56.13.





In the relay events, Los Lunas was the story as the Tigers won both the 4x100 (42.89) and the 4x200 relay (1:28.84).

## **Cleveland Wins Fifth Boys' Track & Field Title**

Cleveland won their fifth state title in track and field at the 2017 Sonic Drive-In 6A Boys' State Track & Field Championships with 59 points, followed by Volcano Vista (57) and Eldorado (50).

Jordan Byrd of Manzano was the High Point Athlete with 18.5 points, winning the 100-meter dash (10.58) and the 200-meter dash (21.31). He was also a member of the Monarchs' 800-meter relay team that placed first and the 400-meter relay team that took second.

Abram Schaap of Volcano Vista won the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.53.

In the middle distance and distance events, Harrison Smith III of Eldorado won the 800-meter run (1:56.07), while Jericho Cleveland of Volcano Vista won the 1,600-meter run (4:17.48) and the 3,200-meter run in a time of 9:30.53.

Cleveland dominated the hurdles, as Daniel Johnson won the 110-hurdles in a time of 15.20 and Veto Virgin won the 300-hurdles in a time of 38.16.

In the relay events, the 1,600-meter relay team from Cleveland was the story, setting a new state overall record with a time of 3:16.15, almost 15 seconds faster than the previous mark.

No one team dominated the field events, as each event was won by an athlete from a different school. Zach Marshall of Hobbs took home gold in the high jump with a leap of 7-0, tying the state record. Burgin Foster of Clovis won the pole vault (14-00) and Miles Brinson of Cibola placed first in the triple jump (45-11).

In the throwing events, Forrest McKee of Onate took first with a mark of 57-02.75 in the shot put, while Grayson Hertrich of Eldorado won the discus with a throw of 163-00 and Gabriel Sidwell of Onate won the javelin (183-07).

