



2024 Rudy's Real Texas Bar-B-Q State Volleyball Championships

Class 5A

The 2024 season for Las Cruces High School turned out to be perfect. The Bull-dawgs capped off their undefeated campaign with another blue trophy at the 2024 Rudy's Real Texas bar-B-Q State Volleyball Championships. Las Cruces beat La Cueva (23-4) in the final 3-0 (25-14, 25-23, 25-11). Las Cruces, behind junior standout Addison Massey, lost just four sets all season. The Bulldawgs finished the year with a 27-0 record. It's the 2nd straight state championship for Las Cruces and the 7th for head coach Keith Leupold and their program. "This is the third time we've won



back-to-back," said Leupold. "It's a great thing for these kids, these kids deserve this."

Class 4A

For the second straight season, the St. Pius X Sartans finished the season on top. Top seed St.

Pius X beat 10 seed Artesia in the final of the 2024 Rudy's Real Texas bar-B-Q State Volleyball Championships. The Sartans (24-3) swept the Bulldogs (16-12) in three sets (25-16, 25-10, 25-11). St. Pius X did not lose to any 4A competition all season. St. Pius X has now won 10 overall titles as a program. "At the beginning of the season we said we are going back-to-back and that's what we did," said senior Maya Baca.



Class 3A

Three was the magic number in Class 3A. St. Michael's needed just three sets to win their third straight state title. St. Michael's beat Cobre 25-18, 25-9, and 25-18 to make it three blue trophies in a row at the 2024 Rudy's Real Texas bar-B-Q State Volleyball Championships. St. Michael's (22-5) only lost one set over the course of the tournament. They've now won 5 state titles as a program. "A lot of people thought I lost a bunch of great seniors last year and we weren't going to

be back here, but these girls have worked so hard and it's an amazing feeling making school history," said St. Michael's head coach Valerie Sandoval.



Class 2A

Texico improved their state title total to 18 with another blue trophy at the 2024 Rudy's Real Texas bar-B-Q State Volleyball Championships. Texico (24-3) beat Mesilla Valley (23-5) in the Class 2A title game in four sets. The Wolverines lost the opener 23-25 but rallied to take the next three with scores of 25-14, 25-18 and 25-10. It's back-to-back state title for the school that's won more volleyball championships than any other program. "I told the girls don't be bothered, we're going to drop a set, but it's volleyball with a bunch of ups and downs," said Texico head coach Gabri-



el Jones. "Trust in what we do as a team and we'll be alright in the end."

Class A

For the first time in 47 years, Quemado ended the volleyball season on top. The Eagles (24-4) beat top seed Logan (22-6) in straight sets, 25-20, 25-20, 25-18 at the 2024 Rudy's Real Texas bar-B-Q State Volleyball Championships. Earlier in the tournament, Quemado lost to Gateway

Christian, but battle back to reach the final by taking down Elida and defending state champ Melrose along the way to facing the Longhorns. Quemado only graduates two seniors on their 2024 roster. It's their first state championship since 1977. "It's been a long time coming," said Quemado head coach Francesca Chavez. "We're super young and hopefully be able to get another one soon."

