

Recapping the 2018 Texas high school baseball state tournaments

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Argyle capped off a 37-0 season with a pair of wins in the 2018 Texas high school baseball state tournament. (Photo: Dallas Morning News, 247Sports)

The final sporting event of the 2017-18 UIL season is in the books as six new champions have been crowned on the diamond in 1A-6A. Here is the breakdown of what transpired in each conference this weekend:

1A

Despite trailing early in the game, Fayetteville got the bats going in the first 1A semifinal against Abbott, leading to an 11-7 victory. Jerrette Brown went 3 for 4 at the plate with 3 RBI while also contributing two innings pitched on the mound. Jacob Schley got the win for the Lions, his eighth on the year, after a five-inning, six-strikeout performance.

In the second 1A semifinal, Slocum edged out New Home 8-7 in a wild back-and-forth game that saw three lead changes and a walk-off victory for the Mustangs. Slocum jumped out to an early 3-0 lead before New Home scored four straight to take the lead in the fifth inning. Slocum answered with four of their own in the bottom of the sixth to retake the lead at 7-4 going into the final frame. New Home scratched away three runs to tie the game in the top of the seventh before Randy Guess' walk-off run on an error in the bottom of the seventh.

The championship game saw Slocum take it from the start and not look back as they scored the game's opening four runs on their way to a 6-3 victory for their first state championship in school history. Austin Sarraf took the win and Taylor Lomax recorded the save as the Mustangs combined to only allow two Fayetteville hits.

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2A

Dallardsville Big Sandy and New Deal got the action going in 2A as both teams got on the board in the first inning, one for Big Sandy and two for New Deal, before both starting pitchers grooved in. Big Sandy tied it up at 2 in the fourth inning on a wild pitch before taking the lead for good in the top of the eighth on an RBI double by Graden Emmons.

In the latter semifinal, Muenster pitcher Stetson McGrew out-dueled opposing pitcher Drew Shifflet in a 2-0 victory for the Hornets. McGrew went all seven innings with no runs allowed on three hits and nine strikeouts for his 12th victory of the season.

However, pitching struggles caught up with the Hornets in the state final as Dallardsville Big Sandy waltzed on Muenster 13-3 in only five innings. Broch Holmes went the distance on the mound for his 11th win on the season while Anthony Parrish recorded three RBI to lead the offense and the Wildcats to their first state championship in school history.

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3A

Clifton came out on top against Georgetown Gateway 5-2 in the first 3A semifinal behind a strong pitching performance by Carter Guinn. The senior ace went the distance while only allowing two runs on six hits.

The second semifinal saw an equally impressive pitching performance as Beckville pitchers Trey Lindsay and Austin Bryan combined to shutout Brock en route to a 4-0 victory. Senior Clayton Burnett led the Bearcats offensively with a 2 RBI double in the fifth inning to put the Brock Eagles away for good.

The state final game saw arguably the best game of the weekend as Beckville outlasted Clifton 5-4 in a state final record-tying 10 innings on a walk-off error. Austin Bryan stood strong on the mound for the Bearcats in the extra frames as the senior pitched four scoreless innings on two hits and three strikeouts to record the win and Beckville's first state championship in school history.

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4A

In 4A, the story was very similar to how the season has gone all year in the conference: Argyle dominance.

The Eagles routed Jasper 14-4 in six innings behind strong offensive performances from Alex Gonzales (3 for 4, 4 RBI) and Hayden Clearman (3 for 4, 3 RBI) in the semi-final game before making quick work of Sweeny in the state final game in a 5-0 victory. **Bryson Hudgens** went the distance on the mound while allowing only two hits.

The pair of wins cap off a 37-0 season for Argyle, making them the fourth undefeated champion in UIL history across all classifications. It is the Eagles' second title in school history.

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Argyle reacts to capping perfect 37-0 season in 4A state championship.

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5A

In the first 5A semifinal, Northwest Eaton walked off on Kingwood Park in the eighth inning on an RBI single by Colbie Fritchen to propel the Eagles into the state title game. Cade Winqest recorded the win on the mound as he pitched the last four and two-thirds innings while only allowing one hit to go along with six strikeouts.

In the second 5A semifinal, the Cinderella story Forney Jackrabbits kept it going with a 4-1 victory over Corpus Christi Veterans Memorial. Fourth-round MLB draft pick Mason Englert pitched a complete game while allowing only one run on four hits to go along with nine strikeouts.

However, the magic ran thin in the championship game as Eaton scored four unanswered after trailing early to defeat Forney 4-1. Riley Taylor went the distance on the mound while allowing only three hits and one run to go with seven strikeouts. The win secured Eaton their first state championship in school history.

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6A

An eventful 6A playoff run that saw favorites fall early and middle-of-the-pack teams rise to the occasion was capped by a trio of games at the highest level that did not disappoint.

Southlake Carroll scored twice in the bottom of the sixth against The Woodlands in the first semifinal to propel themselves to a 3-1 victory. Nicco Cole went the distance on the mound for the Dragons while striking out ten and allowing only three hits.

In the latter semifinal, state tournament favorite San Antonio Reagan outlasted 2015 champion Cypress Ranch 5-1. Cal Carver went the distance while only allowing three hits and one run on his way to his 12th win.

In the final, Kyle Warden pitched a gem for Southlake Carroll as the Dragons beat San Antonio Reagan 7-2 for their third state championship in school history.

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