

# Class AA boys: Blue Griffins' tourney run hits Son Blazers wall in semifinals

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RIO RANCHO — The frenzied crowds in sections 204 and 215 of the Santa Ana Star Center were pitted against each other, as were the Santa Fe Preparatory and Mesilla Valley boys basketball teams.

Mesilla	48
S.F. Prep	32

The Blue Griffin contingent won the fan battle Thursday, but the second-seeded Sonblazers won the one that took place court on the hardwood, never allowing upstart Prep to start its engines in the Class AA semifinals.

Mesilla Valley controlled the offensive boards and its destiny, bouncing the sixth-seeded Blue Griffins 48-32 in the Santa Ana Star Center to secure its third consecutive appearance in the state championship.

That makes five finals trips in six years for head coach Terry Adler's team.

"I thought that since it was going to be big-versus-big, we had a little bit of an advantage because they like to run a real high set, so we

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Santa Fe Prep forward William Lenfestey splits Mesilla Valley center Andrew Chamberlin, left, and forward Devyn Rice during the fourth quarter of a Class AA State Basketball Tournament semifinal Thursday afternoon in the Santa Ana Star Center in Rio Rancho.

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