

Dutchmen State 2017-2018



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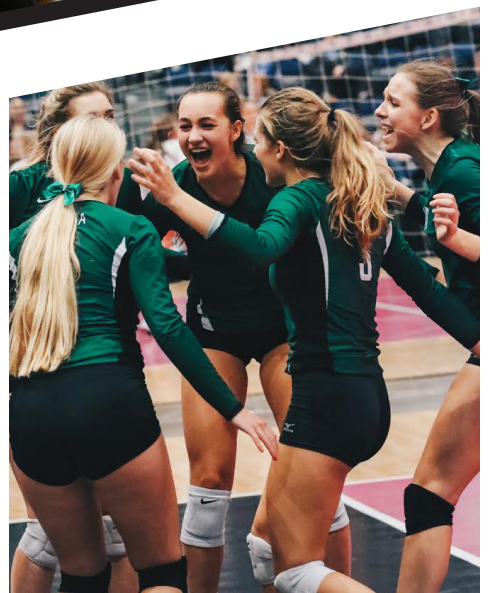
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// Senior **Paighton Boggards** and junior **Kalin Valster** go in for the block.



// Coach **Catie Brand** and junior **Emily Holterhaus** embrace after winning the state qualifying game. "State volleyball was a great opportunity for us to see how far we came since the season started," said **Holterhaus**.



// The Lady Dutch celebrate after a point at the US Cellular Center. The team's journey ended this year with a quarter-final finish this year.

Volleyball

State Cross Country

The Pella Girls' Cross Country Team had yet another amazing race this year at the state meet in Fort Dodge. The girls' team placed second for the third straight year. Sophomore **Caroline McMartin** placed 9th overall in the meet with a time of 19:13.

"Running at state is a lot of fun, and there is great competition, which helped push me to run faster and place how I did. It was a great way to end my season," said **McMartin**

The boys had one runner at state this year. Senior **Thomas Gauley** competed and placed 29th overall in the meet with a time of 16:51.



The team gathers on the football field after practice.

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// Senior **Avery VanZee** runs with the ball in the championships.



// The Dutch stand for the National Anthem before their game against Harlan.



// Senior goes in for the tackle in the semi-finals.

The Pella Dutch football team headed back to the Dome for the fourth straight year. The Dutchmen first had to play a very tough Harlan team in the semi-finals, winning with a final score of 41-39. For the championship game they faced a familiar opponent from years' past, Xavier. The Dutch fought a tough game, but did not come out on top this year, losing 31-13.

"As a team we were at our best; we were the best we could be. We progressed from our first game to our last game positively. We tried our best, but in the end, it wasn't our best," said senior **Joel Byram**.

State Swimming

Junior **Lindsey Blommers** placed 10th in the State in the 100m breaststroke. This was her second time competing at the State Swimming Meet.

"I was very honored to go back to state and represent my team, NCMP," said **Blommers**.



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