

# Girls' State Team Tennis



TOP // Junior **Brooke Jorgensen** serves during the district meet. "This season our team had a lot of incredibly talented players. Our success at state came from not only a few top players, but instead our entire varsity squad," said **Jorgensen**. FAR RIGHT // Senior **Patience Dykstra** tosses the ball before she serves. "I loved participating in team state because all of us had worked so hard to get there. Although we got second, it was an experience that brought us closer together as a team and is a memory we will never forget," said **Dykstra**. BOTTOM // Senior **Madison Poe** runs to return the ball. "I thought our team did the best that they could've done. We had a hard fight and had the best season in school history," said **Poe**.

After a 9-0 regular season the girls' tennis team was confident heading into sub state. The girls defeated Norwalk 5-0 to go to the state quarter-finals. The team had to play Fairfield in the first round of state. Fairfield was predicted to win, but the girls were determined to make their own Pella High School girls' tennis history.

"The 2018 Lady Dutch Tennis Team has relied on experience, leadership, and hard work to get to the state semi-finals for the first time in school history. I've enjoyed coaching this team over the last few years and seeing them continuously reach new milestones. I'm excited for them to finish the season competing for a Team State Championship," said Coach **Josh McCollam**.

The team, consisting of seniors **Cecily Johnson, Bronwyn Metcalf, Lily Roozeboom, Madison Poe, Patience Dykstra**, and juniors **Brooke Jorgensen** and **Hanna Blom**, beat Fairfield 5-2. When they clinched the victory over Fairfield, they had become the first girls' tennis team in Pella High School history to make it to the semi-finals of the state tournament.

"After hearing that Fairfield was predicted to beat us at state, we were super determined to prove the doubters wrong," said **Dykstra**. "All of us played our hearts out and encouraged each other throughout the entire day."

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TOP // Junior **Carter Briggs** hitting a forehand at the state tournament. MIDDLE // Senior **Colton Edwards** serving during his second round match. BOTTOM // Sophomore **Jordan Roozeboom** returning a serve.

Districts proved to be a very successful this year. Three players from Pella qualified for state in Grinnell that afternoon. **Jordan Roozeboom** qualified for singles. **Carter Briggs** and **Colton Edwards** qualified for doubles.

"I'm happy **Carter** and I made it as far as we did considering we only had one week of practice together, and the conference meet was before we had to qualify for state. Juice is temporary, sauce is forever," said senior **Colton Edwards**.

The state tournament is a double elimination bracket. Once you lose twice, you're eliminated. **Jordan Roozeboom** went 1-2 on the first day. **Colton Edwards** and **Carter Briggs** went 0-2 on the first day. Even though both teams went home the first day, they went with their heads held high. Making the state tournament is great achievement. Pella hadn't previously gone in the past couple years. After making team state two years in a row and having players qualify for individual state, this is the beginning a new era for Pella tennis.

"I thought it was great experience, and I'm looking forward to next season to see if I can do better," said sophomore **Jordan Roozeboom**.

## Summer Plans

"I am going to play softball with my team."

- Junior **Mackenzie Meyer**

"I'm going on three trips to Daton, Ohio, Fargo, North Dakota, and Starved Rock."

- Junior **Rachel Boll**

"I am going to Costa Rica, Alabama, Colorado, and Minnesota."

- Sophomore **Drake Beard**

"I am going to Puerto Rico and Costa Rica."

- Junior **Leila Nieves Braulio**

"I'm going to work a lot, go on family vacations, and hangout with friends."

- Freshman **Grant Rumer**

"Our family is going to the Dominican Republic, and I'm going to some bowling tournaments."

- Sophomore **Reid Miller**

"I'm going to sit in my basement and watch Netflix all summer."

- Freshman **Jade Chapman**

"In the summer. I'm looking forward to softball and making the best times with my friends."

- Sophomore **Lily Villalobos**

"I'll be staying up late, working, and making bad decisions with my friends and my money."

- Freshman **Daniel Start**

"I am probably going to get a job this summer."

- Freshman **Cameron Knox**

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# Muller Moves On

After ten years of service, Vice Principal **Jon Muller** has resigned. He and his family will be moving to Des Moines.

"Leaving Pella was a difficult decision but ultimately came down to being the right move for our family," said **Muller**.

Principal **Eric Nelson** will miss working with Muller.

"Jon has been outstanding assistant principal. He has always supported the mission and vision of Pella High School," said **Nelson**. "He always focused on developing the total person. His constant care and concern for all students will be missed. We appreciate all his efforts to make Pella High School a special place."

**Derek Schulte** will be replacing **Muller** as Vice Principal. **Muller** is certain that the future will be bright.

"I'm confident Pella High will thrive in the years to come and continue to be a top notch school for students to maximize their opportunities and my hope is for nothing but the best," said **Muller**.



// Vice Principal **Jon Muller** ends his career at Pella High. "My experience at Pella has been more rewarding than I could have ever imagined, and I am thankful for my years serving as a leader in the district," said **Muller**.