

Lady Dutch best North Polk

Pella girls' tennis defeated North Polk on the road 9-2 on Aug. 20 to remain undefeated. Full results are below.

#1 Abby Hietbrink (Pella) def. Harika Cakinberk, 7-5, 6-1

#2 Addison VanWyk (P) def. Tessa Dillinger, 6-0, 6-0

#3 Reagan DeJong (P) def. Hannah Mangae, 6-0, 6-0

#4 Addison Namminga (P) def. Isabella Bauer, 6-1, 6-0

#5 Ellie Smock (P) def. Ella Hill, 6-3, 6-1

#6 Macy Westerkamp (P) def. Brooke Sprague, 6-2, 6-3.

Doubles

#1 Hietbrink/Namminga def. Cakinberk/Megnas, 6-0, 6-2

#2 VanWyk/DeJong def. Dillinger/Bauer, 6-3, 6-2

#3 Smock/Sierra Leathers def. Hill/Jepsen, 6-4, 6-2

#4 Westerkamp/Ella Van Arendonk fell to Sprague/Crabb, 3-6, 6-4, 10-6

Dutch open season ranked #5

Pella football comes into the season ranked in the top 10, but the polls also include several of the teams on the Dutch's schedule.

The Dutch come into the season as State Runners-up in 2024 and with Ben Bollard in the head coaching role. Bollard has years of coaching experience under his belt that have prepared him for the top job.

Practices to this point have gone well, Bollard says. Adjustments have been made and the team feels comfortable where they are. One key element Bollard is happy about is that the team has around five linemen returning – which doesn't happen very often for the Dutch.

Bollard was unsure who would be Pella's starting quarterback at the time of the interview, but target Harrison Mullens is back. He was leaning toward Griffen Simpson or Michael Manning. On the

ground, Emmanuel Diers is expected to have impact once again as one of the best backs in Iowa.

Austin Schulte will be back on defense at safety after recovering from an injury last year. Rex Rhamy, whom Bollard praised as the on-field defensive leader last season, will be in the secondary as well.

The Dutch are accustomed to being undersized when compared to other opponents. Bollard has no worries there.

"We feel about what we can do if we play well," Bollard said. "We're big enough, we'll win games by speed and team unity. We'll have to stretch the field."



Emmanuel Diers (photo by Ken Kinne)

Dutch defeat Indianola

The Pella girls' tennis team stayed on the winning path with a 9-2 conference win over Indianola on Aug. 21. Full results are below.

#1 Abby Hietbrink (Pella) def. Emily Allen, 6-1, 6-0

#2 Addison VanWyk (P) fell to Chloe Chaplin, 1-0, 6-3, 10-5

#3 Reagan DeJong (P) def. Ryan Bosser, 6-0, 6-1

#4 Addison Namminga (P) def. Ashley Schultz, 6-1, 6-0

#5 Ellie Smock (P) def. Alana Moser, 6-2, 6-2

#6 Macy Westerkamp (P) def. Kendall Hibbs, 6-2, 6-2

Doubles

#1 Hietbrink/Namminga def. Allen/Chaplin, 6-4, 6-4

#2 VanWyk/DeJong def.

Blosser/McBroom, 6-0, 6-1

#3 Smock/Sierra Leathers fell to Schultz/Rinard, 6-0, 6-2

#4 Westerkamp/Ella Van Arendonk def. Halgren/Crosson, 6-4, 5-7, 10-5

#5 Audrey Rozenboom/Rachel DeJong def. Moster/Hibbs, 6-2, 6-3



Harrison Mullens (photo by Ken Kinne)



Michael Manning (photo by Ken Kinne)

Pella wins inaugural Tulip City Tussle

By Steve Woodhouse

Pella won what may be the biggest Class 1A girls' tennis tournament held in Iowa to date on Saturday.

The Dutch hosted the inaugural Tulip City Tussle, which included games simultaneously being played on the courts at Caldwell Park, Pella Christian High School and Central College. There were 16 teams invited to participate.

"Our girls' tennis coaches put in a ton of time to make this successful," Pella Activities Director Matt Fouch said. Collaboration among the three schools did not take much work beyond getting permission. "Our coaches did the rest in terms of brackets, supervision, etc."

Pella's score was 114.5. Shenendoah placed second at 107.5, followed by Fairfield, Spencer and SBL to round out the top five. Pella Christian participated and placed 10th with 23

points.

The Dutch took second and third in the doubles' tournament, with Abby Hietbrink and Addi Namminga taking second and Addison Van Wyk and Regan DeJong taking third. Ellie Smock was the top singles' finisher in 16th. Macy Westerkamp placed 26th.

For the Eagles, their 10th place included Lexi

Branderhorst placing 25th and Ava Breems placing 31st. Trinley Gibson and Chloe Nikkel placed 22nd in doubles, with Kate Braafhart and Elsie Breems placing 26th.

The tournament drew many spectators to all three locations.

"We look forward to it continuing with great competition from all around the state," Fouch added.



Lexi Branderhorst (photo by Ken Kinne)



Ellie Smock (photo by Ken Kinne)

Norwalk downs Pella Christian

Pella Christian girls' tennis fell to Norwalk in a duel on Aug. 21. The score was 7-4. Full results are below.

#1 Ava Breems (PC) def. Logan Geisler, 6-0, 6-3

#2 Lexi Branderhorst fell to Kierdyn Stockwell, 6-0, 7-5

#3 Trinley Gibson fell to Leah Black, 6-2, 6-4

#4 Chloe Nikkel def. Elena Harder, 6-1, 6-4

#5 Kate Braafhart fell to Myla Brown, 6-1, 7-5

#6 Elsa Breems fell to Brooke McKinney, 7-6, 6-1

Doubles

#1 Breems/Branderhorst fell to Geisler/Stockwell, 7-6, 6-4

#2 Gibson/Nikkel fell to Black/Harder, 6-1, 6-4

#3 Braafhart/Breems def. Brown/Crane, 4-6, 6-4, 12-10

#4 Nikkel/Clair Van Wyngarden def. McKinney/Laine, 7-6, 6-1

#5 Reagan Rus/Morgan Sheredy fell to Wright/Badger, 6-4, 6-2

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