

# Pella wins rivalry against Pella Christian

We weren't supposed to win because we're a younger team, so it felt really good to come

out and beat them. - Sophomore Bailey Van Voorst

The Lady Dutch won their match against Pella Christian. This was a particularly intense game because of the rivalry between Pella and Pella Christian. Senior Camden Duinink went to see the match.

"The amount of energy in the gym was insane," said **Duinink**. "We have a classic cross town rivalry with Pella Christian because they compete very well in sports just as we do.

Pella persevered after losing the first two sets and won the last three sets of the match. Sophomore **Bailey Van Voorst** played outside for the team.

"Even though we were down 2-0, we had a lot of energy to the end," said Van Voorst. "It was a really good atmosphere to play in, which helped keep our attitudes positive and resulted in a win for us.'



- > 2. Sophomore **Anna Vander Waal** sets up the ball to her
- >> 3. Sophomore **Payton Turner** passes up a tipped ball over the block.
- 4. Sophomore **Bailey Van Voorst** jumps up to spike the ball down on Pella Christian.
- >> 5. Sophomore **Ella Corbin** jumps up to hit the ball over to Pella Christian.



RE play: "My favorite moment from September was watching the Lady Dutch have a good season." - Senior Kaylyn King

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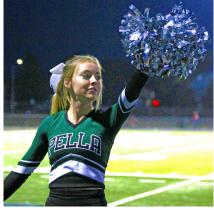
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>> Junior Josh Warner reacts to a play, while playing corner back and wide receiver. "There's just something special playing on your own field," said Warner. "You put on pads knowing you have to defend your home turf."



>>> Streamers fly over the student section. Senior  ${f Matt\ De\ Jong}$  is one of the students in charge of the student section. "The first football game against DCG had a lot of energy from the student section," said **De Jong**.



>> Senior Ashley Hundt cheers. She has been a cheerleader for four years. "It was bittersweet," said **Hundt**. "I was excited for the first game, but I knew that would be the last time I would have that feeling."



Principal **Adam Beckel** stands on the stage with the seniors. He challenged students to make this a great year. "The assembly was a lot of fun, so the first impression I got from the students was they have a lot of Pella Pride," said Beckel.

## Students start the year with a positive message

On August 23, students returned to Pella High School. auditorium to the music of the band and beach balls being thrown. Senior **Emily Van Norden** was a part of the band performing at the assembly.

"Getting that sense of unity and togetherness right off the bat was a great way to

start off the school year," said VanNorden.

New principal **Adam Beckel** took the stage and encouraged students to have a wonderful year.

"It was good to have our new principal have an assembly like that to bring us together," said sophomore Willa Kelpe.

## REFLECTING WITH KIARA BRU

**Q:** How have you changed since your middle school and freshman years?

A: I am proud that I have many more friends than I did in middle school, and I feel like I am more included in school activities.

**Q:** What are some words you'd use to describe yourself now compared to then? A: I would use "shy" and "cautious" in middle school. Now, I think I would describe myself as "fun" and "eccentric."

**Q**: What have you learned?

A: It is better to have four best friends than an hundred fake ones.



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