

SPORTS

Piedmont gains 35-14 league win vs. Hayward

By Jonathan Comeaux

The Highlanders continued their winning ways on Friday, October 11 at Hayward High where they rolled over the Farmers 35-14. It marked Piedmont's first game in the Western Alameda County Conference's Mission Division since being promoted from the Shoreline.

"There was some buzz around this game. We moved up from the Shoreline and we're not sneaking up on anyone. I've been repeating that, we're not a secret now," coach Jordan Seiden said.

It was another big game for receiver Sam Shelby who had 96 receiving yards, 55 rushing yards, along with one touchdown reception and the game's final touchdown on a 38-yard carry. Tommy Ashton helped open things up with a huge 81-yard touchdown run Piedmont's first score.

Piedmont now looks ahead to perhaps its biggest game of the season against Irvington, another Mission Division opponent. The Vikings appear to be contenders in league this season with a 6-0 record. They won their first Mission Division game 26-15 over Washington, meaning PHS will likely need a win to earn the league banner.

Game Recap

Piedmont held a narrow 7-0 lead at the end of the first quarter, but exploded for three touchdowns in the second quarter to go up 28-7 by halftime. Both teams went scoreless in the third with the Farmers inching back 28-14 early in the fourth, but the High-

landers added one more touchdown in the final going without allowing any points.

In the first quarter, running back Tommy Ashton scored Piedmont's first touchdown on an 81-yard carry, where he bounced outside to make his sprint down the sideline with 7:26 left. On Hayward's next drive, Brandon Dicke punched out a fumble and linebacker Cash Elmquist recovered at the 50, but PHS went three-and-out after.

Ashton also scored Piedmont's next drive with 8:54 left in the second quarter on the end of a long drive that stretched through the end of the first, making it 14-0. PHS then recovered a chip-kick at the Hayward 36, leading to Elmquist scoring on a five-yard reception with 7:37 to go.

Hayward got on the board with 52.5 seconds left, but it was enough time for Piedmont. Starting off at their own 38, Piedmont drove to the house on five plays, capping off with a 15-yard fade to Shelby from Lagios with 6.7 seconds left. Piedmont led 28-7.

Both teams didn't score in the third quarter, but the Highlander's stopped a Farmers' drive to its own five yard line when hopping on a poorly handled snap. In the fourth, Hayward scored with 6:38 remaining to put itself within two possessions down 28-14.

But with 4:23 left, Shelby dashed their hopes of a comeback with a 38-yard carry on an end-around. On the play, Shelby found a hole through the middle of the offensive line and cut back to the left side once he hit the sec-

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Sam Shelby had a touchdown reception and carry against Hayward.



Tommy Ashton had 92 rushing yards including an 81 yard touchdown run.

Girls' cross-country team wins Clovis Invitational



Photo by Karen Tsoi

Piedmont cross-country runners stand proudly with their first-place medals and plaque. Pictured are Mara Kemp-Malone (left), Amalia Gray, Cora Chun, Caroline Taylor, Leighton Mand, Gladwin Horsley, and Skylar Best

By Jonathan Comeaux

Piedmont High's girls' team continued its strong season, claiming the top spot in the 45th annual Clovis Invitational at Woodward Park in the small school division. With a score of 44, the Highlanders topped St. Mary's of Berkeley, Colfax, Marin Catholic, and Nipomo.

"The girls' team had a successful day, claiming first place as a team in the small school race. Despite a few of the girls being sick or not feeling well, they persevered and worked together as a team, running in a close pack and finishing strong," said coach Steve Zirkelbach.

Skylar Best, who was named the Post's honorable mention for Athlete of Month in September, continued her strong pace. She led the way for Piedmont on the 5K course, clocking a time of 20:47.6 to finish fifth of 117 runners.

Trailing Best was sophomore Amalia Gray in seventh with a time of 21:06.5. Her time was a personal record by one minute, 41 seconds.

Rounding out Piedmont's top five runners was junior Cora Chun placing ninth in 21:28.4, sophomore Leighton Mand 11th in 21:34.5, and senior Carolina Taylor close behind in 12th, 21:36.9.

Mand, notably, was dealing with a cold on race-day. We named her our Athlete of the Week last week.



Staff photos

Skylar Best led Piedmont's harriers with a fifth place finish at the Clovis Invitational.

"Leighton Mand was sick but was still able to pull through for an 11th place finish. She is a fierce competitor and not even a little sickness can keep her from finding a way to excel," Zirkelbach said.

Boys' team

The PHS boys' team finished 27th in the small-school blue division. Sophomore Sebastien Swain was the top runner for PHS, placing 74th of 200 runners in 16:57.9. Next in was junior Noah Sohn in 120th in 17:38, sophomore Thomas Ero placing 159th in 18:19.5, while Oliver Horsley rounded things out in 175th, 18:54.8.

"Sebastien Swain led the way and sophomore Noah Sohn also had a strong performance.

Thomas Ero and Alex Schleuning were not far behind as well," Zirkelbach said.

Piedmont has a busy week ahead with two meets in a few days. They'll run at Hayward High for its second Western Alameda County Conference meet of the season tomorrow, October 16, before returning to Hayward three days later on Saturday, October 19 for the 41st P. Wilder Mariner Invitational.

NEXT UP

Piedmont's WACC meet is tomorrow at 3:30 p.m., while the Wilder Mariner Invitational is Saturday, October 19 at 8:30 a.m.



Staff photos

Leighton Mand (3375), Caroline Taylor (left) and Gladwin Horsley run in a tight pack at the Clovis Invitational.



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Troop 15 Scouts explore Yosemite in the fall

Piedmont Scouts in Troop 15 just got back from an epic three-day weekend in Yosemite with nearly 60 Scouts participating. One group of nine Scouts and three leaders backpacked 30 miles from Tuolumne Meadows to Yosemite Valley, including a summit of Cloud's Rest and an ascent of Half Dome. See next week's *Post* for a full page of photos from the trip.



Troop 15 Scouts at Tunnel View, many seeing El Capitan and Half Dome in Yosemite Valley for the first time. Pictured are Joaquin Fierro (left); (front): Abigail Gregovich (left) and MJ Jung; (back) Finley Muthig, Simone Muthig, Sammy Taylor Collins, Leo Thakur, Owen Sukeforth, Adam Saxonov, Theodore Thomas, and Cazden Canada.

Cub Scout Pack 5 stays busy

By Jovie Strzelecki

Have you heard about Piedmont Cub Scouts? Piedmont is home to a richly historic and active Scouting council that dates back to 1910 to the founding of Scouts in America. Recently last year's kindergarten Lion Scouts have experienced

rock climbing, toured the Piedmont Police station, and practiced camping in the park, not to mention racing in the Pinewood Derby. Piedmont's Scouting program strives to build character, leadership skills, and confidence in the outdoors through community service and adventure. And Scouts is really fun! Parent involvement is

strongly encouraged to jumpstart children towards experiencing the joy that is Scouting. Come see what Pack 5 is all about by contacting Cubmaster Scott Miller millerst@gmail.com or Pack Treasurer Jovie Strzelecki joviehavard@gmail.com. Come check out one of Pack 5's monthly meetings.



Pack 5 Cub Scouts tackle a climbing wall.

PPD Blue

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Thursday, October 10

8:34 a.m. Grand Ave. Report of single car accident, blocking road on Linda. Gray Acura TSX rolls over. Occupant okay; car towed. Sun in the eyes of the driver caused car to drift, then car went up the ramp of delivery truck and flipped.
9:30 a.m. Woodland Way. **Hit & Run.** Report of white vehicle side-swiping parked car.
3:24 p.m. Highland Ave. Report

of dog barking and scaring kids. Dog near off-leash dog area by creek. Dog put on leash and owner leaves.
6:36 p.m. Wistaria Way. Report of construction after hours, pouring concrete. Officer makes contact, workers pack up.
Friday, October 11
11:10 a.m. Grand Ave. ALPR triggered by black 2017 Hyundai Sonata. Vehicle fails to yield, speeds away.

Football

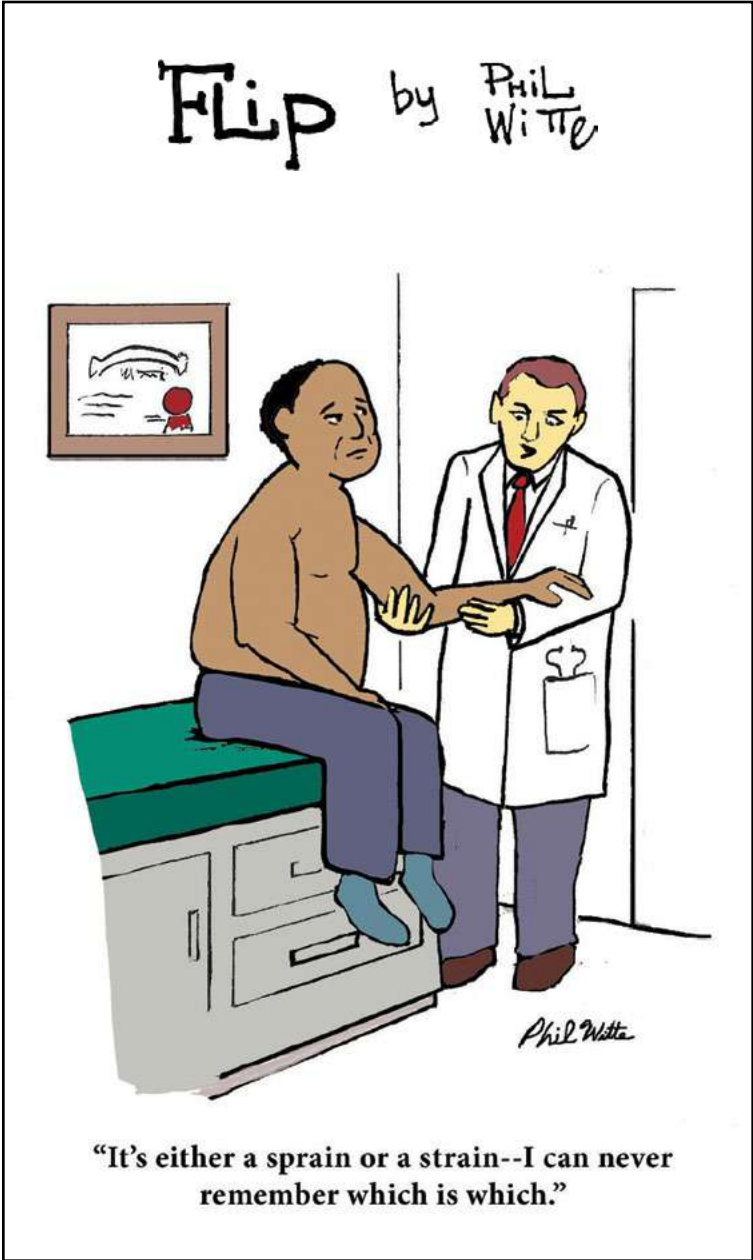
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ond level – sprinting to the end zone.
Final stats: Lagios completed 12-21 passes for 136 yards and two touchdowns, to go along with 61 rushing yards on eight carries. Ashton had 92 rushing yards on nine carries and two touchdowns. Shelby had seven receptions for 96 yards and a touchdown, to go along with 55 rushing yards on four carries for one touchdown. Cash Elmquist had three receptions for 18 yards and a touch-

down.
Defensively, Elmquist had one sack, one tackle for loss and a fumble recovery. Dicke had a forced fumble and a tackle for loss. Jordan Aleman had a sack. Xavier Anderson had a tackle for loss and a pass defense.
NEXT UP
Piedmont (6-1 overall, 1-0 league) travels to Irvington in Fremont on Friday, October 17 for a 7:00 p.m. game.



Xavier Anderson (13), Brandon Dicke (6) and Cash Elmquist all had big days defensively.



"It's either a sprain or a strain--I can never remember which is which."

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