

SPORTS

Piedmont shuts out Dougherty Valley 41-0

QB Lagios scores 5 touchdowns

By Jonathan Comeaux

The Highlanders put together another dominant display on Friday, October 4 under the lights of Witter Field, blanking the visiting Dougherty Valley Wildcats 41-0. Piedmont's football team improves its record to 4-1 and has outscored opponents 167-35 in its four-game winning streak.

Piedmont put up 14 points in the first quarter and led 21-0 by halftime. Coach Jordan Seiden said it was their most complete performance this season and was glad to see his players remain hungry for more in the second half.

"When the guys go into the locker room at halftime and they are disappointed, saying 'We should be up more,' that tells me that they know we can be even better. This was the most complete game we've played all season," Seiden said.

The Highlanders had 464 yards of total offense, with receiver Sam Shelby accounting for nearly half of it with 214 total receiving yards. Quarterback Markos Lagios accounted for four passing touchdowns and added another on the ground.

"We expected a much more physical team and we just came out with that fire. Sam was doing his thing, he got me all those passing yards on little screens," Lagios said.

PHS now moves into the final stretch of the season with its five-game league schedule in the Western Alameda County Conference Mission Division. Piedmont received a promotion from the Shoreline Division last season after winning the title. It aims to win back-to-back league banners.

"We have a big game next week in Hayward. I think this matchup has a lot of buzz around the league. After winning the Shoreline last year, we have some really tough competition in the Mission [Division]. Irvington is looking a lot better; Washington looks good. No one is going to hand us anything and we're not sneaking up on anyone," Seiden said.

Game Recap

After trading possession twice, Piedmont got on the board with



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Quarterback Markos Lagios pushes into the end zone for one of his five touchdowns against Dougherty Valley.

5:04 left in the first quarter with Shelby on 15 and 20-yard receptions, a 16-yard reception by Xavier Henderson, and a 20-yard touchdown run by Tommy Ashton.

Miles Silver then recovered a chip kick over a Wildcats players' head at the DVHS 23-yard line. Shelby helped convert a 4th-and-7 with a nine-yard reception to the 11, followed by Lagios tucking and running in a touchdown on a broken pass play with 2:11 left in the first.

PHS' next touchdown came on a seven-play drive, where Lagios took a carry 47 yards to the DV 22-yard line. The next play Lagios found Jack Meyjes on a crossing route underneath, running it into the end zone for his first varsity touchdown with 8:56 left in the second quarter.

Piedmont put up 14 more points in the third quarter. Shelby turned a screen pass 65 yards down the sideline for a touchdown with 7:42 on the clock, then scored an 80-yard touchdown including a broken tackle with 4:02 left.

After Miguel Long grabbed an interception, PHS scored in 13 plays on a 4th-and-Goal at the Wildcats' three yard line, when Henderson caught a pass in the flat and ran it in easily, making it 41-0 after a missed extra point with 8:21 left in the game.

Final stats: Lagios completed 20-25 passes for 279 yards and four touchdowns, to go along with 89 rushing yards and a touchdown. Shelby had 193 yards on nine receptions and two touchdowns, plus 21 rushing yards on two carries. Ashton had 68 rushing yards on nine carries and a touchdown. Henderson and Meyjes both had touchdown receptions.

Defensively, Brandon Dicke had two tackles for loss; Henderson had one tackle for loss. Silver had a pass defense and fumble recovery. Long had an interception.

NEXT UP

Piedmont (4-1) heads to Hayward on Friday, October 11 for a 7:00 p.m. game.



Sam Shelby had 193 receiving yards and touchdown runs of 80 and 65 yards.



Jack Meyjes (14) celebrates a touchdown reception with Cash Elmquist.

Piedmont beats Lick-Wilmerding 17-11



Photos by Lynne Wright

Piedmont's win over Lick-Wilmerding brings their record to 7-7, the school's most since 2019.

By Jonathan Comeaux

Piedmont High's girls' water polo continues its winning ways, this time with a 17-11 win over Lick-Wilmerding in San Francisco on Thursday, October 3. The victory improves the team's record to 7-7, the most wins since 2019.

The Highlanders have three matches left in the regular season. They have an opportunity to notch the most wins in a season since 2017, which went 10-13 and was led by the school's All-Time leading goal-scorer, Annika Disney, who went on to play for Santa Clara.

Thursday's win marked another strong performance by Abigail Jacoby, who had three goals and five assists. Goalie Zoe Waitkus was critical with six saves and two assists on long throws.

Game Recap

Piedmont led 4-3 through the first quarter and continued a narrow one-goal advantage up 7-6 going into halftime. The Highlanders extended their lead to 13-8 in the third quarter and scored four while allowing three in the final going, 17-11.

Lick-Wilmerding actually scored the game's first goal just 51 seconds into the game, but Piedmont went up with three unanswered goals by Sydney Olson, Viviane Burke, and Julian Montes to lead 3-1 with 2:34 left in the first quarter. Lick came back to tie it at 3-3 with a min-

ute left, but Rachel Young got PHS back on top by scoring just 20 seconds later on the ensuing possession.

Olson got her second goal a minute and a half into the second quarter, while Abigail Jacoby made it 6-3 after Piedmont's defense forced a change of possession with 5:06 left. After a Tigers goal, Jacoby scored again with 4:32 left in the half. Lick-Wilmerding added two goals prior to halftime, making it 7-6.

In the third quarter, Lick-Wilmerding tied the game at 7-7 with a goal with 5:44 remaining, but Burke and Celeste Dickason created a two-goal cushion with 3:16 on the clock. Piedmont added four straight goals to end the quarter up 13-8 by Esme Krumins, Jacoby, Olson, and Sonja ten Grotenhuis.

PHS continued on the throttle in the fourth quarter, scoring after 20 seconds by #2 followed by Mari Pisani with 5:22 remaining in the game. After conceding

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Viviane Burke scored twice in Piedmont's victory.



Abigail Jacoby scored three goals and five assists in Piedmont's win over Lick-Wilmerding



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