Piedmont blanks CV & Arroyo, falls to Lick

Staff Photos

Samantha Huynh, part of Piedmont's No. 1 doubles team, won matches against Castro Valley and Lick-Wilmerding.

By Jonathan Comeaux

Piedmont's girls' tennis team won two of its last three matches in successive days. The Highlanders shut out Arroyo 7-0 at home on Tuesday, September 17, and lost 6-1 to Lick-Wilmerding in San Francisco the next day. They blanked Castro Valley 7-0 on the Trojans' home court on Thursday, September 19.

The Highlanders won all of its singles matches against both Castro Valley and Arroyo for the first match of the league schedule in the Western Alameda County Conference' Foothill Division.

"We won all 14 sets against Castro Valley and Arroyo teams and most of them were pretty one sided. We played the top of our lineup against CV and we lost a total of 17 games in the seven matches against Arroyo," coach Jim Landes said.

PHS has two matches at home at the Corey Reich Tennis Center this week. They host Division 2 North Coast Section opponent Marin Academy today, September 25, then bring in WACC foe Alameda tomorrow, September 26.

Shutting out Castro Valley

At singles, Carolina Romanczuk double-bageled her opponent in a 6-0, 6-0 sweep at the No. 1 spot. Kate Jumper played at No. 2, winning 7-5, 6-2. Arianna Kortum won 6-4, 6-2 at No. 3, while Faith Chin won 6-2, 6-1 at No. 4.

At doubles, Samantha Huynh and Maddie Tran and played as the No. 1 pairing, winning 6-1, 6-1. At No. 2 was Inara Mehta and Abigail Call, winning 6-1, 7-5. Alina Shahid and Ella Thompson won 6-4, 7-5 at No. 3.

6-1 to Lick-Wilmerding

Piedmont lost its four singles matches and two of three matches at doubles. PHS' only win on the afternoon came at No. 1 doubles, where Emma Eisemon and Huynh won in three sets including a very close 10-point tiebreaker for the third set, 4-6, 6-2, 10-8.

"Our new number one doubles team, Emma E and Sam, lost an up and down first set, much like the match against University. They found their rhythm and won a quick second set. Things tightened up in the ten point tiebreaker, but their experience and solid tactics prevailed 10-8," assistant coach Corey Reich described.

At singles, Romanczuk lost 6-3, 6-3 at No. 1, Jumper fell 6-2, 6-0 at No. 2, Kortum lost 7-5, 6-0 at No. 3, while Chin lost 6-3, 6-0 at No. 4.

Maddie Tran was paired at No. 1 doubles with Samantha Huynh for the win against Castro Valley.

At doubles, Tran and Emma Chan lost 6-3, 6-3 at the No. 2 spot. Mehta and Amelia Addington had a three-set loss at No. 3, where the third-set tiebreaker went an extra point. Their final score was 7-5, 2-6, 11-9.

7-0 over Arroyo

In singles, Kortum appeared in the No. 1 spot, winning 6-2, 6-2. Chin played No. 2, winning in a 6-0, 6-0 shutout. Lila Rosen appeared at No. 3, winning 6-4, 6-2. Hallie Burden rounded things out at No. 4, winning 6-1, 6-1.

The doubles duo of Chan and Mehta at No. 1 won 6-2, 6-0. Shahid and Amelia Addington won 6-0, 6-3 at the No. 2 spot, while Chiara Silvo and Thompson won 6-0, 6-1 at No. 3.

NEXT UP

Piedmont (6-6 overall, 1-0 league) hosts Marin Academy today, September 25, at 3:30 p.m. PHS then hosts Alameda tomorrow, September 26, at the same time.

Kate Jumper at No. 1 singles won against Castro Valley.

Piedmont falls to defending champs Alameda

Piedmont lost 20-0 to defending WACC champion Alameda. Staff Photos

By Jonathan Comeaux

Piedmont's flag football team traveled to Alameda High's Thompson Field on Thursday, September 19 to take on the defending Western Alameda County Conference champions, losing 20-0. Despite the score, PHS had some bright moments on defense.

"They are the defending champions., but we're continuing to make progress," said coach Beth Black. "We saw our defense locked in and them playing as a team. Instead of getting down on themselves, they are recognizing specific areas to improve."

Miya Fujimoto returning to action after recovering from an ankle injury sustained in a preseason game. She lined up both offensively and defensively after playing on offense only last season.

"It's nice to have Miya back. It's great having her play both sides of the ball; she didn't play defense last year. We can see her abilities translate to the defensive side," Black said.

PHS looks ahead to a pair of games against WACC competition this week, traveling to Hayward tomorrow, September 26, before taking on Berkeley on Monday, September 30. Hayward is 2-0, but the Yellowjackets are 2-8, including a 33-6 loss to Alameda.

Dorothy Nemeth reels in a reception.

Game Recap

Piedmont trailed 13-0 by halftime and allowed one more touchdown in the second half.

After a three-and-out, Alameda scored on a six-play drive with 17:28 left in the half. During the series, Piedmont's Lily Colbert recorded a sack on 1st-and-Goal at the 11 yard line. However, Alameda scored on a third-down pass.

On Piedmont's ensuing possession, Dorothy Nemeth had a 15-yard reception to nearly convert a first-down, but Piedmont punted after being a few yards short. Alameda scored on its next drive, including converting a 3rd-and-21 situation, followed by a 40-yard touchdown pass—making it 13-0 with 11:54 before halftime.

Piedmont's offense couldn't muster a first down conversion in the opening 24 minutes, but held Alameda without another score in the remaining minutes of the first half. Making their mark was Ella Yasar and Dahlia Osman recording pass defenses, while Fujimoto had a five-yard tackle for loss.

Alameda scored the game's final touchdown in its first possession of the second half, scoring after nearly six minutes on a 10 play drive. PHS had a chance to force a turnover on downs, but AHS converted a 4th-and-4 on a five-yard pass.

Final stats were not recorded.

Miya Fujimoto is making an impact on both offense and defense.

NEXT UP

Piedmont (1-5 overall, 0-2 league) travels to Hayward tomorrow, September 26, for a 5:30 p.m. game. On Monday, September 30, Piedmont travels to Berkeley. The game time has not been confirmed.

PIEDMONT SPORTS SCHEDULE

Some events subject to change. (Revised - 9/25/24)

Date	Day	Sport	Opponent	Loc.	Var.	JV.
Sep. 25	Wed.	XC	WACC Center Meet #1	A	3:30	3:30
			Point Pinole Regional Park, Richmond			
		VB	Alameda	A	6:30	4:30
Sep. 26	Thurs.	FF	Hayward	A	5:30	4:00
Sep. 30	Mon.	FF	Berkeley	A	TBD	TBD
Oct. 1	Tues.	WP-B	San Leandro	A	5:00	7:00
		WP-G	San Leandro	A	4:00	6:00
		VB	Encinal	H	6:30	4:30
Oct. 2	Wed.	XC	WACC Center Meet #2, Point Pinole	A	3:30	3:30
		FF	Mt. Eden (Hayward)	A	4:30	------

KEY: H = Home; A = Away; FB = Football; FF = Girls' Flag Football.; WP-B = Boys' Water Polo; WP-G = Girls' Water Polo; XC = Cross Country; VB = Girls' Volleyball; TEN = Girls' Tennis