

JV Highlanders lose 27-14 to Middletown

By Jonah Cha-Foster

Piedmont's JV football team suffered its first loss of the season on Friday, September 6 at Witter Field, falling 27-14 to the visiting Middletown Mustangs after committing four turnovers on the afternoon. PHS tied Salesian the previous week in its season-opener.

This week's captains were sophomore Henry Brennan, and freshmen Jimmy Lagios, Joaquin Fierro, and George Saunders.

Brennan was called up to varsity last week against Salesian.

The Highlanders received the opening kickoff but threw an interception on the third play of the game. Middletown drove toward the goal line, and although the PHS' defense got three straight stops inside the five-yard line, the Mustangs punched the ball across on the fourth down.

Piedmont's offense came out looking to change the momentum. Starting at their own 45 yard

line, Lagios tossed a screen pass to receiver Diego Hurwitz on the first play, taking it 55yards to the end zone for a 7-7 tie.

After multiple trades of possession, Piedmont defensive back Owen Curran intercepted a Mustangs pass on a deep pass down the sideline. Unfortunately, the Highlanders couldn't capitalize and both sides went into halftime knotted up at 7-7.

Middletown opened with possession in the third quarter, but Piedmont's defense forced a punt. On the ensuing possession, Lagios and Hurwitz connected for another big play to get the Highlanders into the red zone. Hurwitz then scored on an end-around for his second touchdown of the game, putting PHS up 14-7.

However, the Highlanders' joy was short-lived after the Mustangs answered with a touchdown of their own on the next possession. But on the ensuing kickoff Piedmont relinquishing a crucial fumble to Middletown, giving them great field position. The Mustangs ran the ball through the Highlander defense to score a go-ahead touchdown, 21-14.

On the Highlanders' next possession, Middletown nabbed an interception to take it all the way to the end zone increasing the deficit to 27-14 with two minutes to go.

The Highlanders look to bounce back this Friday against Mt. Eden of Hayward.

NEXT UP

Piedmont (0-1-1) hosts Mt. Eden on Friday, September 13 for a 4:00 p.m. game.



Photos by JC Curran

Piedmont's JV football team suffered a 27-14 loss to Middletown. They look to regroup against Mt. Eden this Friday.

Athletes of the Week: Sam Shelby & Emma Eisemon

By Jonathan Comeaux

We're bringing back our Athlete of the Week award this week. We've named Sam Shelby of the football team and tennis player Emma Eisemon as our Athletes of the Week.

Although he didn't get into the end zone, he was a huge part of Piedmont taking control of Friday's game with Middletown in its 42-21 win on September 6 at Witter Field. He finished with 149 all-purpose yards with seven receptions for 118 yards, to go

along with four rushing attempts for 31 yards. Perhaps his marquee play was a huge 34-yard reception when he switched from one side of the field to another for a big gain.

Eisemon appeared twice in the Golden State Classic doubles tournament the weekend of September 5-6 in Mountain View. She paired with Carolina Romanczuk at No. 1 doubles to win in three sets over Gunn HS by scores of 6-3, 4-6, 10-7. Earlier in the tournament, Eisemon won alongside Samantha Huyhn in a 6-3, 6-4 win over Foothill.



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Football player Sam Shelby finished with 149 all-purpose yards in Piedmont's big win against Middletown.



Emma Eisemon was named female Athlete of the Week after winning two matches at the Golden State Classic doubles tournament.



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