

JV football team falls 16-12 to Skyline

Scots getting closer to breaking into win column

By Jason Shum, Colby Hong and Layth Haddawy

Piedmont’s JV football team played a tight neck-and-neck game at Skyline High in Oakland on Friday, September 15. In spite of the loss, the score represented a marked improvement.

Quarterback Cash Panico had a big day, helping lead the offense to an early touchdown on a quarterback sneak. During the Titans’ ensuing drive, Skyline’s center airmailed his snap over the quarterback allowing Piedmont to recover. However, the Highlanders didn’t make the most of the turnover, and allowed Skyline to bounce back with a touchdown and two-point conversion go ahead 8-6. Both teams traded possessions in the remainder of the first half, and at halftime the score remained 8-6.

Piedmont opened the second half and looked like it was about to break the game open when freshman running back Rehan Mumtaz made an impressive 61-yard run for a touchdown. It

was nullified due to a holding penalty, but despite the call, Panico helped get PHS back on the board with multiple scrambles and a pivotal pass to Marius Arno before tossing a 25-yard touchdown pass to running back Ryan Riddel, for a 12-8 lead.

In the fourth quarter, Piedmont’s offense stalled and was forced to punt, and that’s when disaster struck. On the punt attempt, PHS snapped the ball too high, allowing the Titans to block Riddel’s kick and giving Skyline excellent field position.

With nine seconds left, Skyline ran down the middle for a touchdown and a 14-12 lead. On Skyline’s two-point conversion, Panico at linebacker and Jason Shum at free safety met the Titans’ quarterback near the goal line, but Skyline was awarded 2-point conversion.

NEXT UP

The JV team (0-3) travels to Arroyo in San Lorenzo on Saturday, September 23 for an 11:30 a.m. game.



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Cash Panico had 2 touchdowns on a run and a pass reception.



Ryan Riddel scored a receiving touchdown against Skyline.



Piedmont looks ahead to Arroyo on Saturday, September 23.

READ IT IN THE POST

Piedmont falls to Alameda in inaugural flag football opener

By Jonathan Comeaux

Thursday, September 14 marked a historic day for Piedmont High girls’ sports with the flag football team playing its inaugural season-opening game. Although the Highlanders lost 13-0 to the Alameda Hornets at Thompson Field on the island, Piedmont walked out with heads held high knowing they just made school history as the first official flag football team to wear the Purple and White.

“It’s an historic day. There were a lot of women and former Piedmont students who were in those stands thinking, ‘I never got the chance to play.’ These girls got to experience that today, and that’s bigger than a win or a loss right now,” said coach Beth Black.

“But now we want to win,” she added.

It was back-and-forth action for both teams until Alameda broke the deadlock midway through the second half with 10:06 left in the game. Piedmont’s offense came close to scoring on a couple of series, and its defense was solid until conceding two second half scores.

“It had the first-game feeling. We noticed in the WACC Jam-boree that we got really hyped and then had to adjust. Today we came out similarly but adjusted quicker. I cannot say enough about our defense. There are things to correct, but they played a great game,” said Black.

Defensive back Dahlia Osman had a big day, making two interceptions and being among the leading tacklers. One of her interceptions was a takeaway in Piedmont’s end zone to prevent a Hornets’ touchdown.

“When the quarterback throws long, it tends to give me time to adjust and get in front of who I’m defending, and I just caught it. The second one was similar. I had time to see where it was going, so I jumped off of my original player to get it,” said Osman.

Offensively, Miya Fujimoto made her presence felt with her speed out of the receiver position, often out running defenders to the wings. She’s a two-sport athlete with softball in the spring and was named the Post’s’ Freshman of the Year last year.

“Miya is a weapon. It was nice to see her have some big runs. She’s running hard and putting it all out there,” said Black.

The Highlanders are scheduled to play Mt. Eden in Hayward tomorrow, Thursday, September 21 for another Western Alameda County Conference match.

Game Recap

After forcing Alameda to turnover on downs in the game’s first possession, PHS retained at its own 25-yard line on the 80-yard field, but tossed an interception on their second play to put the Hornets at Piedmont’s 10 yard line. On first down, Alameda attempted a pass to the end zone, but Osman nabbed an interception.

Piedmont drove to the AHS 35-yard line, but the Hornets picked off another pass. Alameda then drove down to PHS’ one-yard line, but failed on 4th-and-1 with an incomplete pass with 1:29 left in the first half. Teams, notably, cannot call run-plays on



Staff Photos

Dahlia Osman leaps to grab one of her two interceptions against Alameda.



Miya Fujimoto, who lines up at running back, was Piedmont’s leading receiver.



Mia Leggett looks for a pass against Alameda.

third- or fourth-downs.

After Osman intercepted another pass with 15 seconds left in the half at their own 35, quarterback Friedie Schickendanz connected with Dorothy Nemeth, who broke past a group of defenders to run to the Alameda 5-yard line as time expired.

In the second half, PHS had a nine-play series that came nar-

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9:34 a.m. Highland Ave. Person comes to police station to drop off cash they found.

10:49 a.m. Scenic Ave. **Residential Burglary.** Report of packages stolen from home during the weekend; unknown loss.

11:03 a.m. Kingston Ave. **ALPR** triggered by white 2018 Kia Rio.

11:20 a.m. Crest Rd. Report of gas-powered leaf blower.

12:30 p.m. Winsor Ave. **ALPR** triggered by gray 2019 Hyundai Veloster.

2:52 p.m. Cambrian Way. Report of man knocking on door asking for money, then asking to use the bathroom. Officer advises man and a 2nd person of city ordinance forbidding soliciting without a permit.

2:57 p.m. Warfield Ave. **ALPR** triggered by white 2020 Kia Rio. Officer locates vehicle with 3 people wearing ski masks. He activates lights, but suspects fail to yield and enter Oakland.

3:43 p.m. Oakland Ave. **ALPR** triggered by white Hyundai Tucson. Officers pulls vehicle over. Driver is owner and unaware vehicle plates had been switched. All clear.

4:07 p.m. Oak Rd. **Auto Burglary. Arrest.** Report of toolbox stolen from contractor's truck in last 15 minutes. Neighbor's surveillance video ID's van involved, a white 2006 Chevrolet Express with man in straw hat. Officer finds van, which was stolen. Suspect resists arrest. \$300 Tool box, 2 stolen packages, stolen mail, and narcotic found. Suspect arrested for theft, possession, resisting arrest and probation violation and sent to Santa Rita Jail.

10:58 p.m. Oakland Ave. **ALPR** triggered by unidentified vehicle; takes off at high speed into Oakland.

Tuesday, September 12

3:22 a.m. Nace Ave. Report of a large amount of water in street. EBMUD notified; on scene in 20 min. Water main break.

11:27 a.m. Trestle Glen Rd. **ALPR** triggered by white Audi Q5.

12:56 p.m. Estates Dr. **ALPR** triggered by white 2019 Acura MDX. Vehicle fails to yield & races out of city onto Park Blvd.

6:13 p.m. Highland Ave. **Auto Theft.** Report of white Hyundai Santa Fe stolen in last 45 minutes.

6:44 p.m. Cambridge Way. Report of suspects pulling up in black Kia SUV without license plates and trying to enter or steal resident's vehicle in driveway. Neighbor scares off suspect.

Wednesday, September 13

5:57 a.m. Calvert Ct. Report of suspicious red Ford F-250 pickup truck driving slowly with person walking behind. Officer attempts to pull it over, but it fails to yield and enters Oakland. .

8:19 a.m. Mountain Ave. **Auto Burglary.** Report of license plate stolen overnight.

8:49 a.m. Olive Ave. **Auto Burglary.** Report of rear license plate stolen.

5:09 p.m. Moraga Ave. **ALPR** triggered by silver Audi Q5.

5:31 p.m. Boulevard Way. **ALPR** triggered by silver 2015 Lexus GS 350. Officer locates car, but it runs a red light and flees into Oakland.

6:42 p.m. Highland Ave. **Robbery.** Report of strong-arm robbery by 3 men wearing facemasks. Suspects knock a couple down in Community Center parking lot. Man is punched, woman is knocked down and purse is stolen. Injuries described as minor to

moderate. Their phone is later recovered. Suspects flee in black Volkswagen Golf.

11:27 p.m. Moraga Ave. **ALPR** triggered twice by silver Audi Q5.

Thursday, September 14

3:34 p.m. Kingston Ave. **ALPR** triggered by 2015 Infiniti QX7. Officer locates but it flees at high speed out of town. No pursuit.

5:07 a.m. Kingston Ave. Report of suspicious blue minivan driving slowly and stopping frequently. Report of someone getting out of vehicle and looking into parked car window.

5:24 a.m. Moraga Ave. **Auto Burglary.** Report of window smashed; unknown loss.

5:58 a.m. Sunnyside Ave. **Arrest. Auto Burglary.** Report of suspicious vehicle in the alley. Officer locates green Plymouth Voyager and 2 people nearby. Driver on probation for theft; passenger admits to possessing of methamphetamine and glass pipe. Passenger cited for possession of drug paraphernalia. Driver arrested.

9:02 a.m. Mesa Ave. **Hit & Run.** Report of gold Lexus sideswiping a parked vehicle.

4:46 p.m. Warfield Ave. **ALPR** triggered by blue 1988 Chevy truck.

Friday, September 15

12:52 a.m. Nova Ave. **Arrest.** During traffic stop, driver found to have \$125,000 outstanding felony warrant for domestic violence in San Leandro. Suspect arrested and taken to Santa Rita Jail.

2:13 a.m. Winsor Ave. **ALPR** triggered twice by white 2014 Infiniti QX6.

6:19 a.m. Ranleigh Way. **Auto Burglary.** Suspect in white newer sedan smashes window and rifles through glove box.

Hiking with Jon

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The dirt path will take you toward another landmark, Cowell Ranch Beach, the most secluded of the beaches thus far. But past the beach, continuing on the Cowell-Purisima portion of the

Coastal Trail is a 3-mile stretch of untouched beachfront and nature preserves alongside coastline and farmlands. You won't spot a footprint in the sand.

The walk gives you a glimpse

of a marine preserve, Eel Rock, toward the Cowell-Purisima trail's end at the Seal Rock overlook.

The farmlands are currently lush with Brussels sprouts with another pumpkin field next to it. For bird watchers, the entire hike will be widespread with birds. You'll often spot red-tailed hawks, northern harriers, pelicans from the ocean, and if you're lucky enough—and barn owl or great horned owl. This writer was fortunate enough to spot one on a tree line of the Wavecrest Open Space portion of the trail.

For a shorter walk, you can cut off half the distance by parking at the Cowell Ranch Beach lot, which would bypass the Ritz golf course and Wavecrest Open Space, but be the most secluded and remote area of the coastal trail.

It'd be wise to bring an extra layer given the marine layer of fog can quickly overtake the land.

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Beyond the golf course is a stretch of farmlands, where the Brussels sprouts thrive.

Football

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28-0 with 7:15 before halftime.

The Jets converted an impressive 46-yard field goal to make it 28-3, but Piedmont retained possession at its own 47 after a botched kickoff by Encinal with 45 seconds on the clock. After driving to the 21-yard line, Lagios found Shelby for another touchdown with 13 seconds left, and a 34-3 lead at halftime.

In the third quarter, Maxwell scored his 28-yard touchdown run, shrugging off two tacklers on the way to the end zone with 2:16 on the clock for the game's final score.

Final stats: Lagios completed 9

for 13 passes for 170 yards, three touchdowns, to go along with 45 rushing yards and one touchdown. Shelby had five receptions for 139 yards and two touchdowns, to go along with 48 rushing yards and one interception. Maxwell had 13 rushing attempts for 97 yards and one touchdown. Ashton had 74 rushing yards and one touchdown.

NEXT UP

Piedmont (2-2) heads to San Lorenzo for a game with Arroyo on Saturday, September 23 at 2:00 p.m. for its first league match of the season.

Tennis

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Noelle Chen of Head=Royce, 7-5, 7-6 (7-5). Chen reached last year's D2 NCS Semifinals, similar to Kononova. Romanczuk won 6-1, 6-4 at No. 3, while Kortum won 6-4, 6-1 at No. 4. Jumper lost at No. 2, 6-4, 6-2.

Piedmont swept the doubles against the Jayhawks. Cecilia DeFazio and Emma Eisemon won 7-5, 6-4 at No. 1, Tran and Huynh

won 6-4, 6-2 at No. 2, and Mehta and Broscow won in three sets, 6-1, 4-6, 10-8.

NEXT UP

Piedmont (4-4) travels to Justin Sienna in Napa today, September 20 for a 3:30 p.m. match. They play Castro Valley at home on Friday, September 22 at the same time.



Samantha Huynh and Maddie Tran (back) have become a mainstay in Jim Landes' doubles order.

Volleyball

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Bauer Peterson had one kill and two aces.

3-1 to Castro Valley

Two sets went into extra points in Piedmont's four-set loss to Castro Valley by scores of 28-26, 25-21, 24-26, 25-16. Town led the way with a season-high 12 kills, Wagener had four kills and an ace, Mullin had two kills, Sachs had one kill.

Tuesday vs. Alameda

Piedmont traveled to Alameda on Tuesday, September 19 for another league match. See next week's Post for game details.

NEXT UP

Piedmont (3-7 overall, 0-1 league) hosts Head-Royce today, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. They also host San Leandro on Friday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m.

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rowly close of scoring the school's first touchdown. It featured Schickendanz connecting with Fujimoto for a 13-yard completion to convert a 4th-and-7 situation, while #28 had a big 16-yard grab to convert a 3rd-and-10, while #8 received a 13-yard pass from Schickendanz to the two-yard line. But on 2nd-and-goal from the two, the Hornets intercepted a pass at the 14:20 mark.

Alameda drove to set up a 1st-and-goal from Piedmont's 20-yard-line, scoring on a perfectly executed hook-and-lad-

der, where the initial Hornets' receiver tossed a lateral to the AHS running back who sprinted down the right side and into the end zone with 10:06 on the clock. After back-and-forth possessions, Alameda drove to Piedmont's seven before scoring on a pass with 1:03 remaining.

Final stats were not provided.

NEXT UP

Piedmont (0-1) travels to Mt. Eden in Hayward on Thursday, September 21 for a 4:30 p.m. game.

SUDOKU SOLUTION

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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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