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Piedmont dropped its season-opener 33-21 on the road at Pierce High School in Arbuckle. They look ahead to Miramonte on Friday, September 1.

Highlanders fall 33-21 in season-opener at Pierce

By Jonathan Comeaux

Piedmont’s varsity football team traveled 100 miles to Pierce High School in Arbuckle (Colusa County) for its season-opener on Friday, August 25, losing 33-21. The Highlanders outgained Pierce 373 yards to 283 offensively, but committed three turnovers and failed to convert on three fourth-down situations.

Piedmont opened the first drive with a touchdown on a long series that resulted in a one-yard burst across the goal line by running back Tommy Ashton for a 7-0 lead. However, the Highlanders wouldn’t get back on the scoreboard until early in the fourth quarter.

“It felt like a classic example of letting one get away. We were up 7-0 and then had some turnovers and gave them a short-field. We were driving the ball well and they really couldn’t stop what we were doing offensively,” said coach Jordan Seiden. “We just couldn’t finish drives and turned the ball over too often.”

The Bears tied the game on a 68-yard pass and run to end the first-quarter tied at 7-7, Pierce



Receiver Sam Shelby finished with seven receptions, 102 yards, and scored one touchdown.

put up three more touchdowns to score 28 unanswered points, including touchdown runs of four-, one-, and 12-yards. Pierce stayed with its ground game and gained 191 rushing yards on 35 attempts, while only completing four passes,

Seiden thinks defensive alignment played a factor in Piedmont’s miscues. Pierce has a roster of 50 players, about double the size of Piedmont’s team, allowing it to rotate players to take advantage of tired linemen.

“I don’t think it was the talent of Pierce’s defensive line as much as it was their depth. They were able to come in waves,” said Seiden. “Depth is always going to be an issue for us – until it’s not an issue.”

The Highlanders entered the fourth quarter trailing 27-7 but rallied to score 14 points in the final going. With 11 minutes left in the game, receiver Sam Shelby took a crossing route 52-yards to the house, starting at the right sideline and cutting it back across the field to score at the left end zone pylon. It was an impressive run by the junior wide out.

“Sam played well. He probably could have had a couple more scores. He nearly scored on a kickoff return and just missed on a couple of fades to him,” said Seiden.

Pierce scored on a six-yard carry to make it 33-13, but PHS scored the final touchdown of the game on a series capped off

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Quarterback Markos Lagios had 305 yards of total offense.

Football team hires Perenon as offensive coordinator

By Jonathan Comeaux

Piedmont football head coach Jordan Seiden called this year’s coaching staff the best in his 30 years of coaching. There’s a wealth of experience in Seiden’s second year at the school, bringing together a veteran staff that includes former longtime Bishop O’Dowd and Mt. Eden coach Paul Perenon as offensive coordinator. It also includes former Fremont of Oakland line coaches Isaac and Pauhila Tauaho. Former coordinator Mike Dixon remains an offensive assistant, while defensive coordinator Kerry Griffin and running backs coach DeMario Glenn enter their second year.

Local football aficionados will know Perenon. He spent 25-years as Bishop O’Dowd’s coach from 1985-2009, then coached at Mt. Eden from 2010-2022. Seiden was an assistant and junior varsity coach at O’Dowd under Perenon.

“Jordan coached our JV football team back in 2001 or 2002. I’ve just followed his career and we have kept in touch over the years. He was going to be on our staff in Mt. Eden in the fall of 2019 but some family issues precluded him being able to become our defensive coordinator. And then he got the job at Piedmont,” said Perenon.

After spending 13 years as Mt. Eden’s head coach, Perenon made the decision to step down from the job due to a lack of necessary support from the Hayward school in aiding his student-athletes academically. He remains a PE teacher at Mt. Eden.

“I had already set up the schedule at Mt. Eden and had full intention of continuing there, but circumstances changed,” Perenon said. “I talked with Jordan in June and he asked me how retirement was going. I told him I’m not retired, I’m just not coaching at Mt. Eden and I’d take the right situation if it came up. Jordan then invited me to their summer workouts,” said Perenon.

Seiden told him that his coaching staff, including former coordinator and current offensive assistant Mike Dixon, wanted Perenon to run the offense. Perenon attended one of Piedmont’s 7-on-7 practices in June and decided to join the Highlanders soon after.

Perenon enters a similar situation in Piedmont to when he joined Mt. Eden in 2010 and Bishop O’Dowd in 1985, both programs that were rebuilding. He took O’Dowd to three NCS titles in 1997, 1998 and 2004. He can take credit for helping send countless players to play in college, including Langston Walker, Burl Toler, Kirk Morrisson, and Piedmont-native Eric Bjornson, all of whom went to play in the NFL.

When starting at Mt. Eden, Perenon took a severely underfunded public school football team that went winless in the two previous years and turned them



Staff Photo

Former longtime Bishop O’Dowd coach Paul Perenon will be Piedmont football team’s new offensive coordinator.

into structured and respected team.

Coming to Piedmont, he is once again working with team that is rebuilding after two years effectively without a varsity program.

“Rebuilding projects are in my DNA. I got the O’Dowd job back in 1985; the program was in the shadow of basketball. By the fifth-year, we went to 10-0 and an NCS playoff berth for the first-time in O’Dowd’s history. We had Eric Bjornson, who went to Piedmont Middle School and played in the flag program. There was a tough animosity when he decided to come to O’Dowd. We added a freshman team during my time there and started winning championships. I started teaching at Mt. Eden in 2011 and that program was on life support when we got there. It just wasn’t healthy. We put it back together and made it competitive,” said Perenon.

Through his early-days with the Piedmont football team, Perenon has been mightily encouraged by seeing the “spark” switch on for players. For Piedmont to succeed in 2023, they’ll have to find ways to stay healthy with a modest roster of around 25 players

“My experience with low-number teams is you have to be in great shape, so you can’t compromise conditioning. The kids have to be ready for a 48-minute game; I tip my hat to Jordan for being able to condition them,” said Perenon.

The Highlanders dropped their season-opener 33-21 to Pierce last weekend but look ahead to Miramonte in Orinda this Friday, September 1. The Highlanders then have a tantalizing matchup at Mt. Eden on September 8, when Perenon will get his first look at his former team.



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Consideration of Amendments to Piedmont City Code and to Piedmont Design Guidelines to Implement Multifamily Objective Design Standards and Accessory Dwelling Unit Incentives

Notice is hereby given that the City of Piedmont City Council will conduct a public hearing at a regular meeting at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 in Council Chambers, 120 Vista Avenue, Piedmont, CA, to consider the following actions: (1) consideration of an ordinance amending the Piedmont City Code to add a Pre-approved Plans incentive for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), implement Multifamily Objective Design Standards (MODS), add ministerial review procedures, and make other conforming changes; and (2) consideration of amendments to the City of Piedmont Design Guidelines.

The proposed amendments to the Piedmont City Code include amendments to Division 17.38, Accessory Dwelling Units, of Chapter 17, Planning and Land Use, including new incentives for rent-restricted ADUs for applicants using new City-approved plans for ADUs. The proposed amendments to the Piedmont City Code also include the establishment of a new Division 17.67, of Chapter 17, Planning and Land Use to establish procedures and standards for ministerial review of multifamily and mixed-use building types, and other conforming changes.

Proposed amendments to the City of Piedmont Design Guidelines include: (1) new objective standards for architectural elements to be used by City staff to review development applications for multifamily and mixed-use building types; (2) pre-approved plans for accessory dwelling units (ADUs); (3) renaming the City of Piedmont Design Guidelines as to “Piedmont Design Standards and Guidelines”; and (4) other conforming changes.

The proposed amendments to the City Code and Design Guidelines are exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The amendments to address pre-approved architectural plans for ADUs are statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.17 and CEQA Guidelines section 15282(h) which exempts adoption of ordinances to implement Government Code section 65852.2 regarding accessory dwelling units. These amendments are also exempt under CEQA Guidelines, 14 Cal. Code of Regs. Section 15301 and 15303. The amendments related to Multifamily Objective Design Standards (MODS) are exempt because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of MODS may have a significant effect on the environment. (Public Resources Code section 21065; CEQA Guidelines, 14 Cal. Code of Regs. Sections 15061(b)(3), 15378.) Further, these amendments are exempt under CEQA Guidelines, 14 Cal. Code of Regs. Section 15301 and 15303.

On August 14, 2023, the Planning Commission recommended City Council adoption of the amendments to the City Code and to the City of Piedmont Design Guidelines. The proposed amendments to the City Code and Design Guidelines are available for public review on the City’s webpage at <https://piedmont.ca.gov> as well as <https://piedmontishome.org>. They are also available at City Hall located at 120 Vista Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

INTERESTED PERSONS MAY be heard at the public hearing, and written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing(s). Written comments will be made a part of the public record. If you challenge this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing, described in this noticed, or in written correspondence, delivered to the City of Piedmont at or prior to the public hearing. You may choose to write your opinion and address the response to the Piedmont City Council via email at citycouncil@piedmont.ca.gov or via U.S. Mail at Piedmont City Council, 120 Vista Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611.

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QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES regarding this matter, or to review information for the project described above, can be directed to:

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Tuesday, August 22

12:49 a.m. Hampton Rd. **Auto Theft**. Gray 2020 Toyota Tacoma stolen 22 hours prior.

1:20 a.m. Somerset Rd. **ALPR** triggered by white 2019 Hyundai Elantra.

6:29 a.m. Moraga Ave. **ALPR** triggered by red 2015 Hyundai Sonata.

8:41 a.m. Grand Ave. **ALPR** triggered by stolen white Volkswagen Jetta.

9:07 a.m. St. James Dr. **ALPR** triggered by white 2014 Kia Soul.

10:41 a.m. Moraga Ave. **ALPR** triggered by dark colored Porsche Cayenne.

11:08 a.m. Broadway, Oakland. Piedmont officer pulls over Chevy van without plates in Rockridge Safe-way lot. Van searched, nothing found.

3:20 p.m. Harvard Rd. **ALPR** triggered by 2022 gray Kia Sorrento.

3:30 p.m. Grand Ave. **ALPR** triggered by black 2021 Toyota Camry.

4:30 p.m. Trestle Glen Rd. **ALPR** triggered by gray 2021 Hyundai Elantra.

4:56 p.m. Ramona Ave. **Vandalism**. Report of car window smashed in last few hours.

7:16 p.m. Highland Ave. **Burglary**. Report of Chromebook stolen from son’s backpack that afternoon.

Wednesday, August 23

11:15 a.m. Harrison St., Oakland. **Arrest**. Officers pull over 1998 Acura CL for multiple vehicle code violations. Driver has outstanding bench warrant and \$50,000 bail for burglary. Driver has 8 grams of fentanyl and 2 unspent rifle rounds. Passenger is clear, vehicle released to her. Driver arrested and taken to Santa Rita Jail.

3:00 p.m. Maxwelton Ave. **ALPR** triggered by stolen red 2015 Hyundai Sonata.

6:00 p.m. Wildwood Ave. **ALPR** triggered by silver 2013 Hyundai Sonata, which races away at high speed.

Thursday, August 24

11:41 a.m. Oak Rd. **Auto Burglary**. Report of license plate stolen.

12:34 p.m. Grand Ave. **ALPR** triggered by 2012 blue Audi Q5.

1:17 p.m. Highland Ave. Firearms turned into Police Department for destruction.

2:12 p.m. Oakland Ave. **ALPR** triggered by 1999 forest green Honda Civic. Officer locates car on Hampton Rd. but driver refuses to yield on way out of city.

2:28 p.m. Estates Dr. **ALPR** triggered by white 2012 Ford Econoline van.

3:41 p.m. Kingston Ave. **Auto Theft**. Report of Amazon delivery truck stolen while driver left engine running during delivery. Vehicle found an hour later in Oakland.

3:58 p.m. Moraga Ave. **ALPR** triggered by white 2018 Hyundai Elantra.

5:12 p.m. Blair Ave. **Auto Burglary**. Report of truck broken into by suspect in black sedan. Unknown loss.

5:14 p.m. Highland Ave. **Auto Burglary**. Report of trunk of Audi rifled through by suspect in black BMW; unknown loss.

6:12 p.m. Moraga Ave. Report of white SUV speeding and passing cars on wrong side of road.

7:21 p.m. Moraga Ave. **ALPR** triggered by gray 2005 GMC Sierra.

8:38 p.m. Grand Ave. **ALPR** triggered by blue 2012 Audi Q5.

9:33 p.m. Lexford Rd. Resident arrives home to find front door ajar. Officers check home before she enters; all clear.

Friday, August 25

8:43 a.m. Ricardo Ave. **Auto Burglary**. Report of rear window broken and vehicle rifled through.

9:05 a.m. Oakland Ave. **ALPR** triggered by unidentified stolen vehicle.

10:07 a.m. Boulevard Way. **Auto Burglary**. Report of damage to car door lock.

down. Ashton had 20 rushing attempts for 49 yards and one touchdown. Shelby had seven receptions for 102 yards and a touchdown. Cash Elmquist had three receptions for 23 yards, along with an interception as a defensive back. Miguel Long recorded an interception.

NEXT UP

Piedmont (0-1 overall) heads to Miramonte in Orinda on Friday, September 1 at 7:00 p.m.

that’s what makes us what we are today. Hopefully we’ll keep seeing success in the years going forward,” said Stein.

The team will participates in the Labor Day Bash tournament hosted at Newark Memorial on Friday and Saturday this weekend, September 1-2. Their official season starts on September 14 on a match at Lick-Wilmerding on September 14 at City College of San Francisco.

side Stevens and Maddy Mullins in front of the net. New varsity athletes like sophomores Stella Wilk and Mira Sachs will fill in as role players.

NEXT UP

Piedmont’s (2-2 overall) next match is Thursday, August 31 at Skyline in Oakland at 7:00 p.m.. They’ll play again at San Rafael on Tuesday, September 5, also at 7:00 p.m.

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by a one-yard carry by quarterback Markos Lagios. Despite the loss, Lagios had a good outing, with 160 passing yards and 145 rushing yards – 305 yards of total offense, along with a passing and rushing touchdown.

PHS now looks ahead to another tough task at Miramonte, an eight-time NCS champion, this Friday at 7:00 p.m. in Orinda.

“We need to come out and play. We’re never going to see a team with fewer players than us. We can look over there and lament or we can fight. We just have to focus on our jobs,” said Seiden.

Final stats: Lagios completed 16/29 passes for 160 yards and one touchdown, to go along with 145 rushing yards and one touch-

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our goalie anymore, so we’re prepared for it. We’re good enough to where we can adapt to being without him,” said PHS senior Peter Krumins.

Stein, who is also a three-year varsity letterman, describes how he was able to take defensive information from Kashani and earlier teammates. He notably played

alongside some recent Piedmont star-players, Max Wagener (2021) and Antonio Rivera (2022).

“Because we have such a big senior class this year, we have a lot of experience in the pool. Everyone is comfortable. I’ve taken defensive tips from Dariush and everyone has honed the knowledge from past classes,

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very strong, smart, and coachable, which is awesome,” said Cardenas.

Bauer Peterson is also taking the step up as the team’s primary setter.

“Bauer is our setter and another senior. She’s another four-year varsity player. She’s going to be our sixth rotation

player and will play in the back row, and also hit front row. We’ll be running a unique rotation, but I think it’ll be successful,” said Cardenas.

Departing as a middle hitter from 2022 is former All-League recipient Bree DeYoung. Replacing her is her younger sister Juliana DeYoung along-

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