

Tennis team posts undefeated league season

By Jonathan Comeaux

Piedmont's girls' tennis team return to its tradition of winning every match every year.

Last week it defeated Berkeley 4-3 at home on Tuesday, October 25, and rolled over Bishop O'Dowd 6-1 at Merritt College on Thursday, October 27. It was the team's first league title since 2018. In the process, the Highlanders were a perfect 12-0 against WACC schools, something they achieved for 19 consecutive years between 2000-2018.

It was the third win of the season against O'Dowd after defeating the Dragons 4-3 on October 11 and 5-2 at the California Tennis Classic in Fresno in September. This time, BOD was without two players, which forced them to pack their No. 1 doubles team with their usual top-two singles starters.

Piedmont's clinching fourth victory on match day was at No. 2 doubles with Cecilia DeFazio and Emma Eisemon winning 6-4, 6-2.

"To be honest, I was kind of expecting us to win the title. We've beaten O'Dowd before and I knew we could do it again. Our



Photo by Jacque Jumper

Piedmont honored its five seniors on the roster on October 25 against Berkeley. Pictured are: Sophia Kalamas (left), Anne Jumper, Mara LaForte, Talia Blumberg, and Michaela Bini.

team is really strong this year," said DeFazio, a junior. She and Eisemon were a breakout doubles team last year, and this year they are even better.

"As a doubles partner, I feel like we're a lot closer now. I think we have a better mentality this season and we come back stronger. Because we're so close as a team and we're so eager to win, it pushes us through our wins. With the title, it proves that we earned everything we worked towards," said sophomore teammate Emma Eisemon.

Piedmont the WACC Individ-

ual Tournament on Friday and Saturday, November 4-5, where they will compete with two singles starters and two doubles teams.

6-1 win over O'Dowd

Against Bishop O'Dowd, Anne Jumper at No. 2 singles was the first win on the day, cruising to a 6-1, 6-3 victory. Quickly following was Carolina Romanczuk winning easily 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 singles.

No. 1 doubles Mara LaForte and Michaela Bini lost 6-4, 6-2 as the third match to close on the day, but soon after, Kate Jumper and Arianna Kortum at No. 3 doubles won 6-4, 6-1. Eisemon and DeFazio then reeled in the clinching victory at No. 2 doubles, 6-4, 6-2.

Finishing the day was Anika Gilliland winning in three sets at No. 4 singles 6-4, 3-6, 10-8, while No. 1 singles starter Tanya Kononova won comfortably 6-3, 6-0.

4-3 win over Berkeley

Piedmont defeated Berkeley 4-3 on October 25 and took time to honor their five seniors: LaForte, Bini, Anne Jumper, Sophia Kalamas, and Talia Blumberg. PHS won all three doubles matches and the No.1. singles match.

Playing in her usual spot as No. 1 singles, Kononova won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 1. Anne Jumper lost in three sets at No. 2, 6-2, 4-6, 10-3. Romanczuk fell 6-2, 6-3 at No. 3, and Gilliland lost in three sets at No. 4, 6-3, 6-7 (8-6), 6-2.

In doubles, LaForte and Bini won 6-3, 7-5 at No. 1. Eisemon and DeFazio cruised 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2. Kate Jumper and Kortum won 6-1, 6-2 at No. 3.

NEXT UP

Piedmont (16-3 overall, 12-0 league) play in the WACC Individual Tournament (Singles and Doubles) on Friday and Saturday, November 4-5 at Chabot College in Hayward. Matches start at 10:30 a.m. The Highlanders will also compete in the Division 2 NCS Team Championships, starting Tuesday, November 8.



Staff Photo

Arianna Kortum was all smiles in a 6-4, 6-1 win with Kate Jumper at No. 3 doubles.



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JV Football was victorious 34-0 over Tennyson. They look ahead to this week on Thursday, November 3 versus Kennedy.

JV football team shuts out Tennyson 34-0

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Piedmont High football fans got a preview on Thursday, October 27 of what they can expect in the future from Piedmont's football program after its Junior Varsity team routed Tennyson 34-0 in Hayward. It was the second consecutive decisive win for Piedmont's JV team after thrashing St. Patrick 41-12 on October 21.

Tennyson got the first possession of the game and the Lancers drove all the way to Piedmont's 30-yard line. However, a costly penalty helped the Highlanders force a turnover on downs. Although the first quarter ended scoreless, Piedmont drove downfield with a mix of runs by sophomores Tommy Ashton, Brandon Dickie and Miles Silver, and freshman Cash Panico, to go along with sophomore quarterback Vince Arbit completing a pass to receiver Sam Shelby.

Ashton put Piedmont on the scoreboard with a one yard touchdown run to break the deadlock and a 6-0 lead. PHS missed the extra point attempt.

On Tennyson's next possession, sophomore linebacker Cash Elmquist made a sensational one-handed interception and took it all the way to the end zone for a pick-six. Ashton made the two-point conversion for a 14-0 lead.

Freshman Marius Arno recovered a Lancer fumble on its next possession deep on Tennyson's side of the field. Shortly after, Ashton sprang loose for a 17-yard TD run. Freshman Ryan Riddell converted the extra point attempt for 21-0 to end the first half.

The second half started with a bang when sophomore receiver and defensive back Miguel Long took the opening kickoff all the way to the Tennyson 35-yard line. Sophomore quarterback Markos Lagios followed with a 17- yard touchdown pass to freshman Dash Waters Worthen and a 27-0 lead.

In the fourth quarter, Tennyson drove to the Piedmont 20-yard line, but the defense



Tommy Ashton had a pair of touchdown carries against the Lancers.

made a big stop with help from sophomores Jordan Aleman, Nick King, and Logan McGilloy, as well as freshmen Adan Sotelo, Adrian Kondakov, George Bishop, and Jason Shum.

Not finished for the night, the Highlanders started another drive with a 25-yard run by Ashton, and then back-to-back completions from Lagios to freshman tight end Albert capped by a 21-yard touchdown pass on a post route to make it 34-0.

The winning streak gives Piedmont momentum going into the season finale on Thursday, November 3 against Kennedy of Richmond at Witter Field at 6:00 p.m. Prior to the game, PHS will honor the nine seniors on the varsity team, Jack Nelson, Ryan McConathy, Matteo and Bautista Costa, Liam Campbell, Marcos Filho, Luka Rivas Cate, Bailey Cain, and Aidan Hickman.

NEXT UP

Piedmont (3-3) hosts Kennedy at Witter Field on Thursday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m. with senior night festivities starting at 5:30 p.m.



Markos Lagios (4) had two touchdown passes on Tennyson.



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Emma Eisemon (front) and Cecilia DeFazio captured the clinching win against Bishop O'Dowd to solidify Piedmont's undefeated league championship season.

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