

JV football bashes St. Patrick in 51-12 win

By Jonathan Comeaux

Piedmont’s Junior Varsity football team won big against St. Patrick in Vallejo on Friday, October 21. The 51-12 win was one-sided affair by halftime, led by running back and linebacker Tommy Ashton, running back Brandon Dicke, and quarterback Vincent Arbit who threw two touchdowns passes and rushed for one.

“We just got back to basics on offense,” said coach Jordan Seiden. “Tommy ran for about 150 yards in the first half. We were up a lot by halftime so people who hadn’t played much saw some action.

It was a good response to the team’s 22-14 loss to Bishop O’Dowd on October 14 following their multiple week stoppage after the varsity team canceled the rest of its season.

“It was a good game for us to have after having had so much time off and no one was happy with how the O’Dowd game ended,” said Seiden.

The defense had a positive day with multiple turnovers and sacks by Brandon Dicke, Arman Kazemi, and Ashton.

“Defensively, we had three interceptions, a fumble recovery, and around 4-5 sacks. We lost containment on a couple of plays for touchdowns, but other than that, the guys came to play,” said Seiden.

Seiden indicated that he was able to get all of the players some time on the field against St. Patrick.

“Brandon was all over the place making tackles. Dash played well, Adrian K played well as a freshman as an offensive and defensive linemen. We got everybody on the team time on the field and everyone contributed,” said Seiden.

Seiden also had praise for freshman Albert Bellingrath for



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Miguel Long had a big game as a receiver and defensive back.

his contributions at tight end after originally being listed as an offensive and defensive lineman.

“Albert Bellingrath had a couple of nice catches after never really playing tight end before. He made good catches and did well in blocking,” said Seiden.

At quarterback Arbit didn’t commit any turnovers and was part of three touchdowns

“Vince Arbit had a good game. He took care of the ball really well, and didn’t make any mistakes,” said Seiden.

Touchdowns were scored by Worthen, Dicke, Ashton, Jason Shum, Arbit. Interceptions were recorded by Miles Silver and Miguel Long, who also had a big day as a receiver.

“Miguel was going crazy. He had a couple of nice receptions on fade balls and also had a big interception. It was a fun to see him play, it’s such a confidence booster when you see kids apply what they do in practice in games,” said Seiden.

NEXT UP

Piedmont’s JV team (2-3) heads to Tennyson in Hayward on Thursday, October 27 for a 4:30 p.m. game.



Tommy Ashton ran for over 150 yards and multiple touchdowns in Piedmont’s JV football victory over St. Patrick, team’s 51-12.



Dash Waters Worthen also had a strong day on the ground for Piedmont.

Four PHS student-athletes commit to colleges

By Jonathan Comeaux

It’s an exciting time for Piedmont High athletes who are officially committing to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Emily Fitzgerald will continue playing soccer at UC San Diego, basketball star A.J. Harris will travel to Georgia to play for Emory University, Eden Lorin will continue playing volleyball at Bates College, while Eleanor Lavin will play lacrosse at Oberlin College in Ohio.



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Emily Fitzgerald, a four-year starter on the soccer team, is set to join UC San Diego next year.

Emily Fitzgerald, UC San Diego

Emily Fitzgerald is a four-year starter as a forward and mid-fielder in Dan Chubbock’s soccer program. Last season, she helped Piedmont receive the No. 6 seed in the Division 4 NCS playoffs and was the key player in the Highlanders’ 4-0 win over No. 11 College Prep on February 26 when she scored all four goals.

Fitzgerald’s set to join a Division 1 program at UC San Diego in the Big West Conference where she plans to. Major in biology.

“One of the big things was how good the academics are. I want to be in the medical field, so going to a school with a strong biology and medicine field was really important to me,” said Fitzgerald.

“I’m going to apply to their Sixth College, which is science and arts. I feel like it’s a great fit for me,” said Fitzgerald.



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A.J. Harris, who is set to join Piedmont’s 1,000 point club, will join Emory College.

A.J. Harris, Emory University

A.J. Harris is heading into this year’s winter season as the focal point of Ben Spencer’s boys’ basketball team. He was among the team leaders in all categories last season and is set to join the

school’s illustrious 1,000 point club. He earned first-team All-League honors last season, helping the team finish with a 17-11 overall record, 9-3 in league, and nearly upsetting No. 2 Branson in the Div. 3 NCS Semifinals where they lost 57-55. Harris finished that game with 27 points to lead the team.

Harris plans to attend Emory University in Atlanta, among the strongest Division 3 programs in the country. The Eagles have had four straight 20-win seasons and have qualified for nine consecutive D3 NCAA Tournaments, the longest active streak among NCAA’s Division 3 schools.

“For me, it was a really long process. They began recruiting me at the start of my junior year and I feel like the coaching staff has always been all-in on me. They reached out over email and then over the phone a week later to offer me a spot on the team. They have called and texted me every week. Their success was definitely a strong factor; anywhere I go, I want to compete at the highest level,” said Harris.

“I’m going to study business. For Division 3 basketball, the strong majority of colleges are more focused on liberal arts. I think Emory having a business school was another drawing point,” said Harris.



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Eden Lorin will play volleyball at Bates College next year.
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Eden Lorin, Bates College

Eden Lorin is a key player on Piedmont’s volleyball team. She

started the season as a libero and has progressed to outside hitter. She’ll continue playing libero at Bates College in Maine. She explains what drew her to the East Coast college.

“They ticked all my boxes. I want to play volleyball in Div. 3 on the East Coast and it’s a Liberal Arts school. When I got there for a visit, I just got the feeling it was the right place; I loved the campus, the trees are beautiful and I also met the coach and players on the team,” said Lorin

Lorin is interested in exploring English and Creative Writing as a possible major.

“I’m definitely interested in something English related, maybe Creative Writing,” she said.



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Eleanor Lavin earned an honorable mention for All-League last spring and will sign with Oberlin College in Ohio.

Eleanor Lavin, Oberlin College

Eleanor Lavin heads onto the PHS lacrosse team next spring after earning an honorable mention for All-League as a junior. She helped Piedmont go 9-10 last season and scored twice in their NCS playoff appearance.

Lavin plans to attend Oberlin College’s lacrosse program in Oberlin, Ohio.

“I chose Oberlin because it’s a
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