

JV team loses 21-14 to St. Mary's



Ethan Alering scored on a 70-yard kickoff return in Piedmont's 20-14 loss to St. Mary's.

By Sophie Hess

Piedmont's Junior Varsity football team lost a neck-and-neck game with the St. Mary's Panthers 20-14, on Friday, September 23, at Witter Field. Piedmont put together several great drives throughout the game but suffered from a series of turnovers.

In a post-game interview, JV coach Bradley Smet detailed how turnovers impacted the game and how the team could improve going forward.

"The one thing that really hurt us this week was turnovers. We turned the ball over three times, two fumbles and an interception. We were having a lot of momentum when we turned the ball over. We're going to work on taking care of the ball to try and avoid that," said Smet.

After St. Mary's scored its second touchdown in the third quarter, the Highlanders answered

within 15 seconds with their biggest play of the game. Wide receiver Ethan Alering tore down the field for a 70-yard kickoff return to score Piedmont's first touchdown.

In the fourth quarter, Piedmont went on the offensive when running back Cash Panico broke into the end zone with four minutes left on the clock. Miles Silver then made it 21-14 with a two point conversion. The Highlanders got close to tying the game on their final drive, but St. Mary's defense came out on top by thwarting the PHS offense on fourth down.

NEXT UP

Piedmont's JV team, currently 1-3, had its Homecoming game with DeAnza this Friday canceled due to a depleted roster and injuries. See story on Page 12.

Sophie Hess is a sophomore at Piedmont High School.



Dash Water Worthen with a carry against St. Mary's.

Girls Volleyball falls to Alameda 3-1

By Jonathan Comeaux

Piedmont's volleyball team took a 3-1 loss to Alameda on Monday, September 26 at Binks Rawlings Gym by scores of 25-11, 22-25, 25-14, 25-19.

"They worked hard and we tried. We mixed up some rotations based on injuries. We struggled in serve and receive, they had great servers and we just couldn't keep up all the way," said coach Mariah Cardenas following the loss to Alameda.

Piedmont also played in a one-day tournament on Saturday, September 24 at El Cerrito, winning two of four games by defeating El Cerrito and Granada, but losing to Head-Royce and Tamalpais. Official stats were not recorded.

Finding consistency was the main issue for Piedmont against the Hornets, notably conceding the opening six points in the first set by way of unforced errors. PHS were hitting their marks in the second-set 25-22 victory and led 19-13 in the fourth set, but then the momentum turned against them and allowed 12 straight points to the Hornets.

"A lot of unforced errors; way too many hitting errors and service errors. When we're out of the system, that's where we struggle. I think we get nervous and when we get out of system, we lose our fundamentals. It's just trying to figure out how to be successful whenever the ball is out of system for us to swing on the ball," explained Cardenas.

Game Recap

In the first set, PHS fell behind 6-0 and struggled to find consistency. Following a timeout, Piedmont narrowed the gap to 7-3 but AHS responded by taking the next five of six points, 12-4. From there, PHS clawed away until the score was 18-9 but the Hornets took the next seven of 10 opportunities.

PHS' second-set 25-22 win began much cleaner with the two sides trading points until the Highlanders trailed 15-10. At that point, Piedmont scored five straight to tie at 15-15. Alameda then led 18-16, which was the turning point of the set. After that, Piedmont scored seven straight points to jump ahead 23-18 with help of two kills by Sadie Town. Piedmont's final two points came from a kill by #12 and an Alameda service error for the winning point.

But Piedmont's momentum only briefly continued in the third set. The teams exchanged points until Piedmont led 8-7, but the



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Sadie Town had nine kills and three aces against the Hornets.

Hornets went on a 5-0 scoring run to go ahead 12-8 and never relinquished the lead onto its 25-14 win.

The Highlanders began finding their way in the fourth set and the match seemed to be headed to a fifth and deciding set. But leading 19-13, the tide turned.

Piedmont had opened with a 6-1 lead. The Hornets slowly closed the score to 9-8, then the home team scored seven of the next eight to lead 16-9 with three aces by Town and a block by DeYoung. PHS added kills by Cavanaugh, and a block make it

19-13, but then the Hornets blew the roof off with 12 straight points including seven kills and two aces.

Final stats: Town had nine kills and three aces. Eden Lorin had nine kills and an ace. Cavanaugh had five kills and two blocks. DeYoung had three blocks and an ace.

NEXT UP

Piedmont (8-10 overall, 2-4 league) heads to San Leandro tonight, Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m. They also play on Monday, October 3 at Berkeley at 7:00 p.m.



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Shelby Cavanaugh had five kills and two blocks versus Alameda.

PIEDMONT SPORTS SCHEDULE

Some events subject to change. (Revised - 9/28/22)

Date	Day	Sport	Opponent	Loc.	Var.	JV.
Sep. 28	Wed.	GOLF	Bishop O'Dowd, Berkeley	A	3:30	-----
		TEN	at Sequoyah CC, Oakland	H/A	4:00	4:00
Sep. 29	Thurs.	WP-B	Alameda	A	6:15	7:15
		WP-G	Encinal (Alameda)	A	4:15	5:15
Sep. 30	Fri.	VB	Encinal	H	6:30	5:00
		FB	San Leandro	H	-----	-----
Oct. 1	Sat.	XC	De Anza (canceled)	A	11:00	9:00
Oct. 4	Tues.	WP-G	G.O.A.T. Invitational at Pinole	A	6:30	-----
		WP-B	American (Fremont)	A	-----	-----
			Lick Wilmerding (San Francisco)	A	5:00	-----
Oct. 5	Wed.	TEN	at City College of SF	A	4:00	-----
			Marin Academy (San Rafael)	A	-----	-----

KEY:

H = Home

FB = Football

TEN = Girls' Tennis

WP-B = Boys' Water Polo

A = Away

GOLF = Girls Golf

VB = Girls' Volleyball

WP-G = Girls' Water Polo

XC = Cross Country

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