Tennis team splits opening two matches

Highlanders sweep Arroyo 7-0, lose 8-1 to Miramonte

By Jonathan Comeaux

Piedmont High's girls' tennis team split its opening two matches of the season, losing 8-1 to non-league opponent Miramonte in Orinda on Tuesday, August 30, and shutting out league opponent arroyo 7-0 the following day.

"We lost to Miramonte. They always have a strong team. "We lost to them 7-2 last year," said PHS coach Jim Landes. 'Then we swept Arroyo 7-0. The match was very one- sided with all of our matches won in decisive, straight sets."

7-0 win over Arroyo

Carolina Romanczuk started the day with a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 3 singles. Asha Byers and Abigail Call followed with a 6-2, 6-1 win at No. 3 doubles. The freshman combination Arianna Kortum and Kate Jumper won handily at No. 2 doubles, 6-0, 6-4, while Talia Blumberg won 6-2, 6-1 at No. 4 singles.

At No. 1 singles was Anne Jumper, won easily, 6-0, 6-1. Annika Gilliland won by the same score at No. 2 singles, and seniors Mara LaForte and Sophia Kalamas, in their first time as doubles partners, won at No. 1 doubles, 6-2, 6-1.

"It was nice to have Talia Blumberg who hadn't seen any action yet, winning at singles. Anika Gilliland started regaining her form as well. Our doubles saw the good playing and debut as a team of two of our seniors: Mara LaForte and Sophia Kalamas. They won handily," said Landes.

8-1 loss to Miramonte

Piedmont played nine matches with the Matadors, a Division 1 school. The only win on the afternoon was Romanczuk at No. 6 singles in a heated three-set match, 7-5, 2-6, 13-11.

Piedmont's No. 1 starter Tanya Kononova lost a razor-thin match in three sets, 6-3, 3-6, 11-9. Anne Jumper at No. 2 lost 6-2, 6-0. At No. 3, LaForte, lost in two sets, 6-0, 6-3. Michaela Bini at No. 4 and No. 5 Gilliland both lost by the same score.

In doubles, Cecilia DeFazio and Emma Eisemon lost 7-6 (6-4), 6-2, Kortum and Kate



Staff Photos Anne Jumper played at No. 1 singles against Arroyo, winning 6-0, 6-1.



Carolina Romanczuk is currently undefeated with wins over Miramonte and Arroyo.

Jumper lost 6-3, 6-0 at No. 2, and Kalamas and Ellie Broscow lost 6-4, 6-3 at No. 3.

"Carolina Romanczuk got our sole victory winning 13-11 in the tiebreak. She pulled it out against a good opponent and a tough crowd. Our doubles teams all played well but lost in straight sets against some very good teams," said Landes.

Tuesday vs. San Leandro

Piedmont played at San Leandro yesterday, Tuesday, September 6. See next week's Post for match details.

NEXT UP

Piedmont (1-1) will compete in the annual two-day California Tennis Classic in Fresno on Friday and Saturday, September 9-10.



Freshmen Arianna Kortum (front) and Kate Jumper (back) made their PHS debut against Miramonte and Arroyo.

Piedmont shut out by Del Norte, 42-0

By Jonathan Comeaux

Piedmont's varsity football team suffered a 42-0 shutout loss to the visiting Del Norte Warriors last Friday, September 2 at Witter Field. Del Norte from Crescent City is currently among the topranked Division 4 teams in the North Coast Section after reaching last year's NCS Finals as a Div. 5 (small enrollment) team.

Piedmont will also play as a Div. 5 team in non-conference play this year.

"Everything is a learning experience," said first=year coach Jordan Seiden. "A loss is a loss, but I just hope we learn and grow. We have to work a little bit harder and a little bit more every time," said

The lopsided loss provided Piedmont with a look at a top team. Del Norte's roster includes 17 seniors and 11 juniors. PHS has only 22 players – nine seniors, five juniors, and eight sophomores.

"We're a young team and we have to learn to win like that. They were a senior heavy team and we're a sophomore-heavy team. In a couple more years, we'll be in a similar position with experience. I don't think they are 42 points better, and I still think we're a very athletic team. We have to keep a high amount of effort in every single play," said Seiden.

Piedmont will dust itself off and look ahead to playing on the road 200 miles away at North Tahoe High School in Tahoe City. North Tahoe is coming off a 26-14 loss to Quincy on August 26.

Game Recap

Del Norte scored in the first two minutes after Piedmont's onside kick attempt failed. Piedmont's offense struggled to find



Photo by Sophie Hess

Piedmont looks ahead to a game with North Tahoe this Saturday afternoon in Tahoe City.

consistency while playing without starting quarterback Markos Lagios, using running back and receiver Sam Shelby as the fill-in signal-caller. Del Norte scored with five minutes left in the first period and boosted the score to 21-0 after recovering a fumbled.

The Warriors pulled ahead 28-0 with 9:48 left in the first half and score again 4:47 before halftime. Del Norte scored its last touchdown 3:34 before half after nabbing an interception at the Piedmont 15-yard line.

Piedmont played better in the

second, allowing no scores and forcing a couple of turnovers. Cornerback Dom Alexander picking off a Del Norte pass at Piedmont's 16- yard line, and Emmett Maxwell made a fumble recovery the PHS 42-yard line. Jack Nelson had two tackles for loss.

Official stats were not provided

NEXT UP

Piedmont (0-2) travels to North Tahoe HS on Saturday, September 10 for a 1:00 p.m. game.



Staff Photo

Dom Alexander runs downfield after intercepting a Del Norte pass.



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Emmett Maxwell made a fumble recovery against Del Norte.

PIEDMONT SPORTS SCHEDULE Some events subject to change. (Revised - 9/7/22) Day **Sport Opponent** Loc. <u>Date</u> VBSkyline (Oakland) 4:30 Sep. 7 Wed. 6:30 **GOLF** Castro Valley & San Leandro Sep. 8 Thurs. at Redwood Canyon (Castro Valley) 3:30 Α WP-G Pinole Valley (Newark Memorial Tourn.) Sep. 9 Fri. 4:55 California Tennis Classic (Fresno) **TEN TBD** Sep. 10 North Tahoe (Tahoe City) 10:00 Sat. 1:00 FB WP-G Newark Memorial Tournament **TBD** Lowell Invitational (Golden Gate Park) 9:00 XC 1:00 **TEN** California Tennis Classic (Fresno) **TBD** Α Berkeley Sep. 12 Mon. VB 5:30 **GOLF** Alameda, San Leandro, Berkeley at Monarch Bay (San Leandro) Α 3:30 Sep. 13 Tues. TEN Bentley H/A 3:30 Bishop O'Dowd Sep. 14 Wed. VB 6:30 5:00 H = HomeKEY: A = AwayFB = FootballGOLF = Girls Golf TEN = Girls' Tennis VB = Girls' Volleyball WP-B = Boys' Water Polo WP-G = Girls' Water Polo XC = Cross Country