

JV team loses to Del Norte



Piedmont's JV football team lost 35-2 to visiting Del Norte on September 2.

Photos by Sophie Hess

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Piedmont's Junior Varsity football team was knocked down by Del Norte 35-2 at Witter Field in the second game of the season on Friday, September 2. Del Norte, from Crescent City in far northern California, dominated early and often with four touchdowns in the first half

Athletic Director Bradley Smet, who has taken over as JV coach, commented that Piedmont needed to show more physicality in tackles and blocks to prevent mistakes.

"One of the things that we really need to work on next week is our overall physicality and staying lower. Our guys were staying straight up and down and not able to block and tackle properly. That's why we saw they missed so many tackles," he said.

Piedmont's defense showed some spirit by preventing a touchdown in the third quarter by tracking down a Del Norte running back after he had sprinted 60 yards downfield. In the fourth quarter, Piedmont's offense found some success when quarterback Brandon Dicke threw a 32-yard pass to receiver Vincent Arbit.



Dash Water Worthen turns a reception upfield.

However, PHS was eventually stopped when Del Norte intercepted the ball on the one-yard line.

Piedmont's only points came near the end of game when Albert Bellingrath sacked the Del Norte quarterback in the end zone for a safety.

"We didn't have a whole lot of success in the first half," said Smet. "It was really good to see

our kids coming back when we were already down by 28 points, still fighting, still trying to work hard. Not giving up was definitely good to see."

NEXT UP

Piedmont (1-1) goes on the road this weekend to Tahoe City to take on North Tahoe High School on Saturday, September 10 in Tahoe City at 10:00 a.m.



The Scots' offense struggled with consistency against an aggressive Del Norte defense.

Post seeking intern for JV sports

The *Piedmont Post* is seeking interns to cover Junior Varsity football and water polo for the fall semester. The position offers budding sports journalists professional experience in covering events and learning the trade.

Interns will work remotely with the *Post*'s sports reporter, Jonathan Comeaux, who will advise and provide feedback to interns wanting to publish their articles. Playing experience is not a requirement, only an eagerness to learn and have stories published in a timely manner.

Jonathan will give young writers tips on how to cover sporting events, including interviewing and writing profiles of players.

Parents or PHS students may reach out to news@piedmontpost.org, or JonathanCX525@gmail.com.

Girls Golf teams tees up for 2022 season

By Jonathan Comeaux

Piedmont's girls' golf team begins its season this week, playing a tri-match with Castro Valley and San Leandro at Redwood Canyon Golf Course in Castro Valley on Thursday, September 8.

"Our women's varsity golf team is back in action. The team began practicing in mid-August. We're focused on building a program that empowers our players to take personal responsibility for their growth both on and off the course," said Piedmont coach Howard Oliver.

Piedmont returns after going 8-4 overall last season, finishing third in the Western Alameda County Conference tournament at the Metro Links Golf Course.

Returning to the team are seniors Aryana Fisher, Rahimeen Shah, Krysta Tsukahara, and Eva Wagg. Also returning are sophomores Mei Assalian and Mackenzie Seto-Ngyuen. New players who will be battling for a place in the starting six on the roster are juniors Henley Lorin, Stella Izakson, and Lily Caldwell.

The WACC is still dominated by Alameda which has won 17 consecutive league championships – much like the dominance of Piedmont's girls' tennis team. Bishop O'Dowd placed second to Alameda in last year's tournament.

"Looking around the league, Alameda and Bishop O'Dowd are still among the top teams, and this season we're looking to close the gap," said Oliver.

Of Piedmont's starters, Fisher was the team's low-medalist in the WACC tournament after shooting an 87 on the 18-hole course. Assailian proved herself as a freshman last season by firing a 92 in the WACC Finals and will be looking to improve. Shah, meanwhile, shot a 99 in the league tournament and Tsukahara rounded out Piedmont's scoring with a 101.

Oliver named Assailian a team captain and pointed out that the standout sophomore recently scored a hole-in-one in a practice round in Alameda.

"Mei Assailian achieved the rare feat [of a hole-in-one] in practice on the 8th hole at Corica Park. She joins the boys' team's senior captain Max Schleuning as a player to join the "hole-in-one club," said Oliver.

Following Piedmont's sea-



Aryana Fisher returns as a senior after shooting an 87 at last year's WACC Tournament.



Sophomore Mei Assailian was declared a team captain this season.



Rahimeen Shah is another senior returner.

son-opener on September 8, they'll play again at Monarch Bay in San Leandro on Monday, September 12 against Alameda, Berkeley, and San Leandro.



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