

Victory Over Kennedy Ends Season On High Note

LOTS OF HEART

Everybody knows Piedmont isn't known for spectacular skills and hulking size, but this year's Varsity team had two things no other team had — a lot of smarts and a ton of heart, which they showed in their 29-28 defeat of Kennedy on Nov. 11.

Led by Rusty Robb, the leading tackler, and Steve Grimsrud, star running back, the team got off to a rocky start but peaked by the end of the season.

The defensive line, simply known as "the pigs," included Matt Schaefer, Matt Freedman, and Cris "The Fridge" Rogers. The defense held opponent running backs to under 100 yards a game. The linebackers, led by senior Tim Cutler, averaged 3.5 tackles a game and caused important defensive plays. George Romweber, Rob McPhee, and Brooke Heller helped stop offensive drives. The backfield, intercepted 11 balls, 5 of them by Drew Mickel. This was only a small part played by Brad Harper, Drew Mickel, Ken Youn, and Alfred

Arnaud in ruining opponents' nights.

On offense Piedmont was crippled early by injuries to Brian Hebert, Steve Grimsrud, and Matt Igelhart. The offensive line was led by senior Jason Ebner and assisted by juniors Tim Moy, Matt Igelhart, John Cox, and sophomore Josh DeFeo. David Austin, Steve Grimsrud and blocking back Mike Sanford rushed for a total of 811 yards on the season. In Piedmont's crushing 44-7 victory over Sunset of Hayward the team was hot. Dynamic receivers like Todd Carter, Adam Ebner, and Doug Clarnier made seemingly impossible catches for junior quarterback Richie Watts.

The special teams, led by kamikaze players Andrew Frierson, Greg McClain and sophomore Spencer Young, delivered the mean hits to the opposing teams. "What this football team did, they did by themselves," said Coach Steve Beyrle. "We coaches were just there to teach and supervise."



Nice and Clean. Senior noseguard Matt Freedman shows how a player really looks after a night of hard

Forward Motion. All League running back Steve Grimsrud finds a gap in the Kennedy defense for a 15-yard gain (right).



A Smashing Hit. Senior linebacker Tim Cutler delivers a solid tackle which stops an Alameda receiver right where he started (above).

Master of the Game. Master of the special teams, Andrew Frierson receives special instructions.



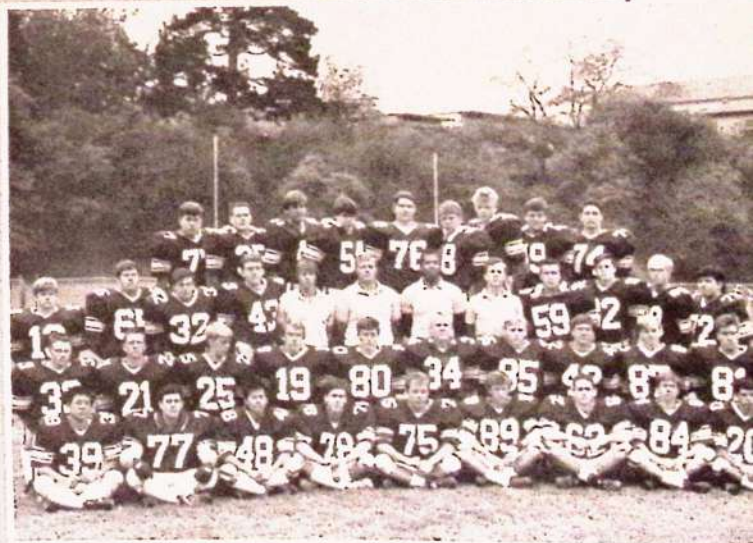
MORE THAN THE SCORE

Piedmont	44	Sunset	07	Home
Piedmont	12	Miramonte	21	Away
Piedmont	0	Monterey	55	Away
Piedmont	23	O' Dowd	20	Home
Piedmont	15	Alameda	12	Away
Piedmont	0	St. Marys	07	Home
Piedmont	7	Encinal	17	Home
Piedmont	26	Albany	06	Away
Piedmont	29	Richmond	13	Home
Piedmont	29	Kennedy	28	Away

Final record 6-4 overall

When you look at all the injuries and hardships this club had to overcome, I think we can all look back and be proud of the '88 season. — Coach Steve Beryle

Coming into the 1988 season, we as a team were unsure of ourselves. But through hard work, dedication, and a lot of "L and L," we were able to grow as a team and become competitors. It is an experience none of us would be willing to give up. All in all, November 11, the day we beat Kennedy, was a great day to be a Highlander. — George Romweber



Varsity Football

Front row: Ken Youn, Matt Freedman, Yeong Yei Han, Brian Kelly, Matt Igellhart, Todd Carter, Tim Moy, Alfred Arnaud, Tiago Figueira. Second row: Mike Sanford, Adam Ebner, Doug Clanner, Rich Watts, Andrew Frierson, Steve Grimsrud, Jeff Foster, Drew Mickel, Eric Johnson, Tim Cutler. Third

row: David Austin, Cris Rogers, Brian Hebert, Brooke Heller, Coaches Steve Beryle, John Hege, Arnald Kelly, Kurt Bryan, Jason Ebner, Rob McPhee, Vince Saunders, Marc Jensen. Top row: Ian Epstein, Rusty Robb, Brad Harper, Josh DeFeo, Matt Schaefer, Trey Kemp, George Romweber, Spencer Young, John Cox.

MORE THAN JUST A CONTACT SPORT

Football players must be willing to practice daily, risk injuries, and work hard for a unified team effort. For a school with an enrollment of under 600, it is rather amazing that 26 sophomores and juniors are willing to make those commitments necessary to play JV football. Also, 23 freshmen are playing high school football for the first time.

To be ready for the season, the JV team started practicing two weeks before school began, and the freshmen completed five "double day" practices. All JV and Frosh knew the importance of these first practices. Sophomore Greg Brown said, "Those summer practices were necessary because our first game came so early, on September 9."

Giving up vacation time was a small personal sacrifice compared to the many hours that players spend practicing. The teams practice over two hours each day preparing to meet their opponents. For freshman Darren McClain, "Football is really draining. It's hard to do homework after long practices." Junior Darren Matsudo does believe the time is well spent:

"Our win against O'Dowd makes all the hard work worth it."

Although football is a team effort, several individuals stood out. Two returning JV team members played significant roles in the team's success: Phillip Ross helped the running game and Mike Foley played excellently at strong safety until his season-ending knee injury. Sophomore Jamie Saunders did an excellent job at the important position of quarterback. Other key offensive players for the JV's included halfback David Lockhart and wide receiver Rolle Hogan. The strong defense was led by inside backs Mike Blagden and Josh Lamour. The team played better than their record would indicate, since they faced such fierce opponents as St. Mary's, Kennedy, and especially Monterey.

Although the freshmen had an easier schedule, they still faced two unusually strong teams, St. Mary's and Livermore. Quarterback Mike Ramseyer led a strong offensive attack. Runningbacks Omar Ivy and Alan Schwartz led the team in rushing while Matt Kliszewski led the team in receiving.



A Quick Getaway. Knowing that breaks in the defense last only a few seconds, David Lockhart (20) grabs the handoff from Jamie Saunders (11) and darts through a hole for a first down against St. Mary's (below).

Protecting the Quarterback. The offensive line gives sophomore Quarterback Jamie Saunders (11) enough time to wait in the pocket, spot the open receiver, and complete a 16-yard pass against St. Mary's. (above) To make the pass, Jamie eludes A tackler from behind.



MORE THAN THE SCORE



Down and Dirty. Sandwiched between Piedmont linebackers Josh Lamour (31) and Mike Foley (barely visible on left) is a St. Mary's running back who is stopped after gaining several yards (top).

Ready to Block. The Frosh offensive line gets set as Quarterback Mike Ramseyer calls out the signals (middle).

Eyes Tell All. Freshman running back Omar Ivy (27) runs towards the sidelines as he decides how to fake out his Bishop O'Dowd opponent. The play went for a good gain (above).

JV Football Schedule 1988 Record: 4-6

Piedmont	42	Sunset	0
Piedmont	12	Miramonte	20
Piedmont	16	Monterey	33
Piedmont	14	Bishop O'Dowd	7
Piedmont	7	St. Mary's	26
Piedmont	0	Alameda	20
Piedmont	30	Encinal	6
Piedmont	6	Albany	11
Piedmont	36	Richmond	0
Piedmont	7	Kennedy	14

Frosh Football Schedule 1988 Final Record: 5-3

Piedmont	35	Miramonte	0
Piedmont	22	Drake	8
Piedmont	16	Bishop O'Dowd	30
Piedmont	28	St. Mary's	32
Piedmont	34	Alameda	0
Piedmont	44	Encinal	0
Piedmont	14	Livermore	32
Piedmont	44	Encinal	22

"Although football takes up a lot of time and is a lot of hard work, it's rewarding after winning games." — Darren Matsuda



Piedmont Junior Varsity Football Team: (top row) Doug Aiken, Alex Richter, Chris Bond, Brad Draper, Josh Lamour, Mark Rossi, Justin Burden, Mike Blagden; (middle row) Matt Revelli, Mike Foley, Paul Fischer, Coach Matt Hill, Coach Dave Marshall, Coach Arnie Kelly, Kevin Hack, Jamie Saunders, Greg Brown; (bottom row) Eric Gorham, Tropher Johnston, Mike Switkes, Rolle Hogan, Robbie Earle, Ivan Wu; (sitting) Phil Ross, David Lockhart, Darren Matsuda, Mike Malan, Jason Jordano.

Piedmont Freshman Football Team: (top row) Coach Jon Defeo, Nick Jacobs, David Hume, Matt Kliszewski, Dan Roll, Mike Canty, Mike Ramseyer, Peter Scott, Coach Mike Humphries; (middle row) Walter Hong, Robbie Strom, John Jenkins, Colin Kemp, Alan Schwartz, Ethan Sullivan, Kosei Yamazaki, Sebastian Timar, Isaac Carter; (sitting) Chris Burnham, Rami Richards, Omar Ivy, Jeremy Richmond, Darren McClain, Zack Free, Sean Pewther, Dan Zimmerman.