

IT WAS A TEAM EFFORT

After the dust cleared and the crowds filtered out of the stands, the lights at Witter Field were shut off for the final time. A very frustrated team of Piedmont football players sat in the locker room. Nothing could have been more perplexing than defeating the three top-rated teams in the ESAL early in the season, and then losing the last three games to the lowest-rated teams in the league.

The season started off with a bang on September 7 when an inspired defense was fired by the enthusiasm of the Cal-Berkeley Straw Hat Band. The Highlanders jumped to a six-point lead and held the Acalanes Dons to a meager 53 yards of total offense. The team was able to savor victory only momentarily because of a heartbreaking 17 to 14 loss the next week to Miramonte.

When the league season began at home against Richmond, trouble was brewing for Piedmont who watched in disbelief as Richmond jumped to a 14-

point lead in the first quarter. When Richmond finally thought they controlled the game, they saw the roof cave in as Piedmont scored three second-half touchdowns to come from behind and win 18 to 14. No one summed up the win better than Dr. James Saunders who said, "I think the guys started their season once the second half began." And start the season they did, by embarrassing Kennedy at their own home field and shutting out Bishop O'Dowd 12 to 0. A 27 to 7 thrashing of traditional rival St. Mary's was also registered for this year's Homecoming. In these three decisive victories, Piedmont held each team to under 150 yards in total offense, and gave up only one touchdown in fifteen quarters of play.

Even though the season ended on losses (to Alameda, Encinal, and Albany) which shattered Piedmont's playoff hopes, there had been flashes of brilliance throughout the year from a team of players, not a group of individuals.



Senior cornerback Justin Burden drops into coverage in the Albany game (above). Defensive backs were often called upon to play strong roles in each game this year. (photo by N. Chim)

The Varsity Football Team:
(top row) C. Bond, S. Young, N. Jacobs, M. Kliszewski, J. DeFeo, M. Rossi; (row 2) M. Canty, B. Nicholson, P. Scott, M. Blagden, W. Hong, J. Lamour, J. Burden; (row 3) T. Winton, D. Hume, M. Revelli, Z. Free, K. Yamazaki, A. Richter; (row 4) J. Saunders, D. Marshall, J. Hannah, S. Beyrle, K. Bryan, J. Hege, J. Richmond; (kneeling) E. Gorham, J. Jenkins, R. Meima, G. Brown, J. Gardere, M. Palamontain; (sitting) E. Sullivan, D. Lockhart, M. Malan, P. Pogue, A. Schwartz. (photo by Yary)





Alan Schwartz, junior running back extraordinaire, explores through the line. This kind of dynamic performance and heart boosted the team's spirits during low points in the game. (photo by YBA)



Seniors Mike Blagden and Chris Bond move in for a tackle against one of the Albany Cougars (above). Numbers 47 and

57 were a pair of linebackers that no running back wanted to meet head on. (photo by N. Chim)



This year's team played with a lot of pride, and at the end we were close, but no cigar. — Matt Revell

VARSITY FOOTBALL STANDINGS

SCRIMMAGE

Piedmont vs Las Lomas

DRAW

NON-LEAGUE

Piedmont vs Acalanes

WIN

Piedmont vs Miramonte

LOSS

Piedmont vs Dublin

LOSS

LEAGUE

Piedmont vs Richmond

WIN

Piedmont vs Kennedy

WIN

Piedmont vs Bishop O'Dowd

WIN

Piedmont vs St. Mary's

WIN

Piedmont vs Alameda

LOSS

Piedmont vs Encinal

LOSS

Piedmont vs Albany

LOSS

SEASONS TO REMEMBER

Piedmont High School was in the unusual position of fielding both excellent Junior Varsity and Freshman football teams. The J.V.'s finished the year with a 5-5 record overall, defeating league rivals Bishop O'Dowd. The team was lucky enough to receive two Varsity players who wanted to play on the J.V. level, quarterback John Jenkins and running back Joe Gardere, both having excellent seasons. Having former Piedmont football star Adam Ebner coaching the receivers was another high point for the J.V.'s.

The J.V. team had many excellent ball players this season. One of the offensive stars was tailback Chris Traverso, who showed doubters that he was a tough runner. Many of his carries included spectacular moves and a lot of broken tackles. Another great player from this team was tight end and outside linebacker Justin Alevisos, who displayed his great hands by catching several touchdown passes. Alevisos also displayed his toughness on the defensive side by his smashing hits he put on the opposing ball carriers. The only major problem this ball team experienced was the many injuries that occurred this

season. "Our many injuries hurt us but we overcame them and ended up having a good season," said cornerback Scott Carlson.

Defensively the team leader was Wyatt Hall, who was on the verge of being one of the league's leading inside linebackers. In the second to last game against Encinal, Wyatt fractured his wrist and was forced to miss the final game against Albany.

The Frosh team was even better than the J.V. team, finishing in second place with a record of 5-2. Their only loss in league play was to St. Mary's of Berkeley. Once again Coach Mike Humphries was very hard on his team. "We did a lot of running during double days, but as you can tell, it paid off in the end," said Frosh player Mike Morris. The team's practices consisted of four warm-up laps and stretching, followed by 50 push-ups and 50 sit-ups. They then broke up into their positions to review plays. It was after practice that the tough conditioning began. One day the Frosh team would do fifty yard sprints and another day they would run "the hill," the most difficult activity ever experienced by a freshman football player.



Wide receiver Zach Chan (82) finds open field after receiving a long pass (above). Zach's many receptions helped the J.V. team stay competitive within the league. (Photo by YBA)

Looking on in disgust, Ben Fendel (21) doesn't like where the referee spots the ball. Matt Eggert (64) and Josh Castro (75) are on their way back to the huddle. (Photo by A. Burke)





The J.V. Football Team: Top row: R. Strom, A. Filian, K. Kendall, J. Alevisos, D. Essner, S. Daley (top left). Second from top: H. Raffie, S. Carlson, C. Brooker, S. Pewther, W. Hall. Third from top: S. Mora, S. Chan, Coach R. Ramirez, Coach A. Kelley, B. Feinberg, A. Stein. Second from bottom: M. Jones, D. Jin, C. Traverso, J. Souza, Z. Chan, J. Rogin, D. McClain. Front row: M. Gorham, M. LaFrenz, G. Yu, E. Gomez, S. Schwartz, A. Chen. Not pictured: Coach A. Ebner. (Photo by Yary)

The Frosh Football Team: Front row: B. Dare, R. Wulf, S. Young, B. Fendel, T. Carter, R. Nolan, D. Kersch (below). Second row: Coach M. Kliwzewski, K. Behn, J. Lima, F. Gazor, J. Castro, A. Harper, M. Johnson, B. Keller, Coach M. Humphries. Top row: J. Eliassen, T. Blumberg, A. Rubin, J. C. Ynostroza, S. Penwell, M. Morris, J. Bond, R. Revelli, M. Eggert. Not pictured: Coach L. Jackson. (Photo by Anne Burke)



"TOP THAT!"
JV Coach,
Adam Ebner

Frosh (5-2)

Opponent	us	them
Campolindo	20	21
Richmond	35	16
Alameda	35	0
O'Dowd	24	21
St. Mary's	6	64
Alameda	24	14
Encinal	26	0

J.V. (5-5)

Opponent	us	them
Acalanes	10	8
Miramonte	7	12
Dublin	28	14
Richmond	3	6
Kennedy	6	14
O'Dowd	23	22
St. Mary's	8	21
Alameda	12	21
Encinal	18	14
Albany	26	0

Checking all of his options, quarterback John Jenkins (15) sets up to launch a pass downfield (bottom left). Runningback Matt Gorham (21) gets ready to block the defenders. (Photo by YBA)