

the year of the ROAD WARRIORS

The 1996 Highlanders were faced with huge challenges from all sides. With the unavailability of a home field, this year's Scots were forced to practice just about anywhere they could. They were usually bussed to the College of

Alameda, but could be found practicing in the gym, at Havens Elementary School, and even in Piedmont Park! The Scots had a rocky season, but could be counted on never to give up.

This year's offense was lead

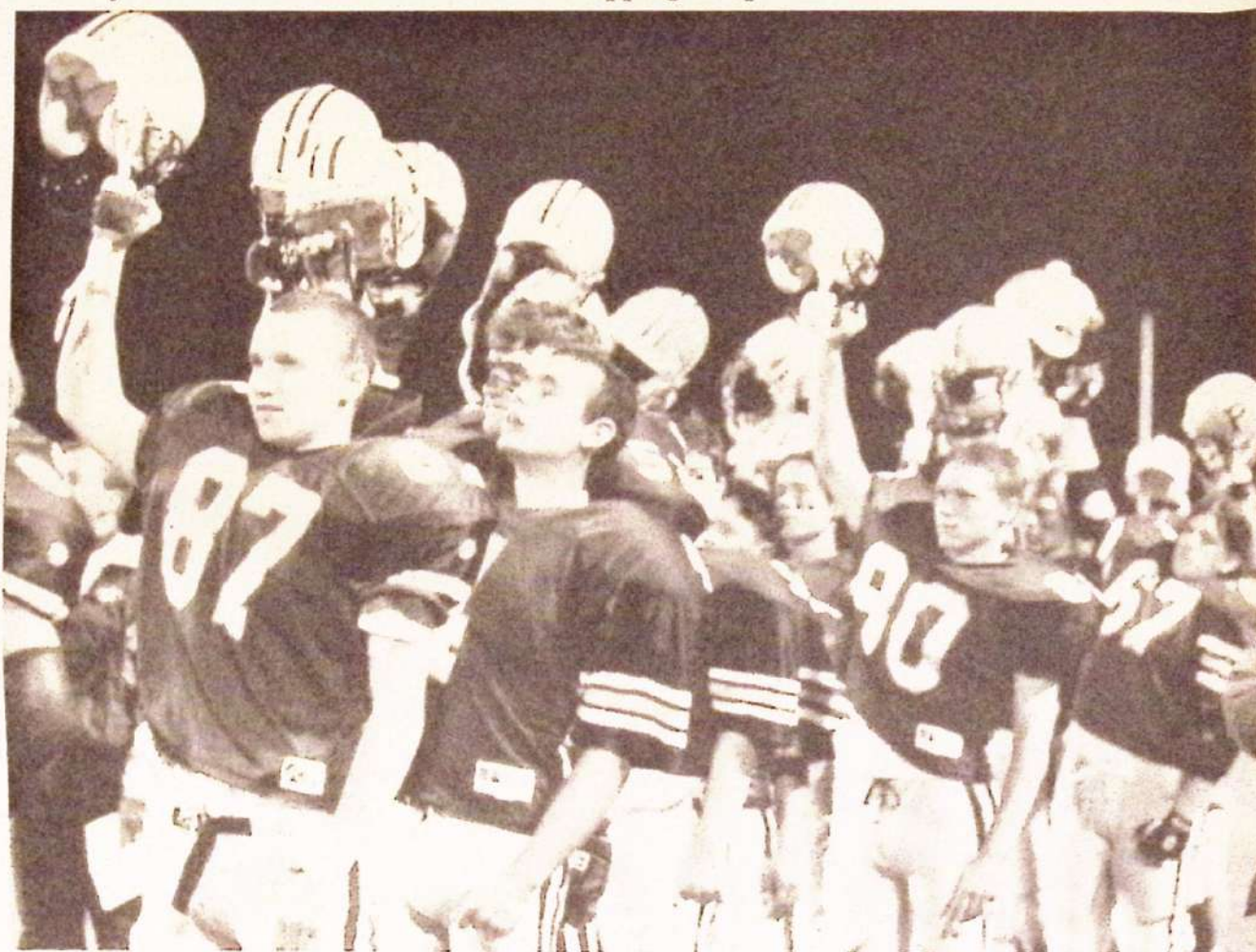
by seniors Asher Harley, Andrew Koch, Brian Washburn, and Coji Watanabe. Watanabe and Washburn provided the team with a huge amount of yards rushing, while Koch and Harley provided the crowds with showstopping receptions

supplied by quarterback Mike Adams. The defense was a team effort with all eleven players flying to the ball every play.

This year's team showed great stamina throughout the season, and leaves behind a great legacy.

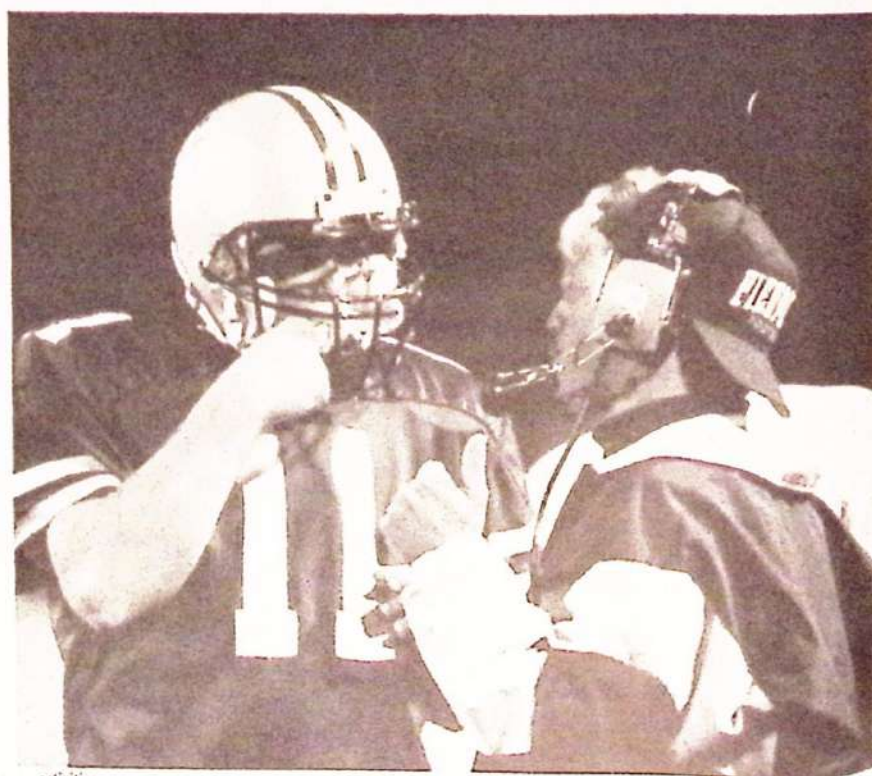
The 1996 Piedmont Highlanders (right) hold up their helmets for the national anthem. This pre-game tradition always got the players juiced.

Senior Andrew Koch (below) jogs back to the sidelines after clutching a much needed reception. Koch's skills as a receiver were vital to the team.

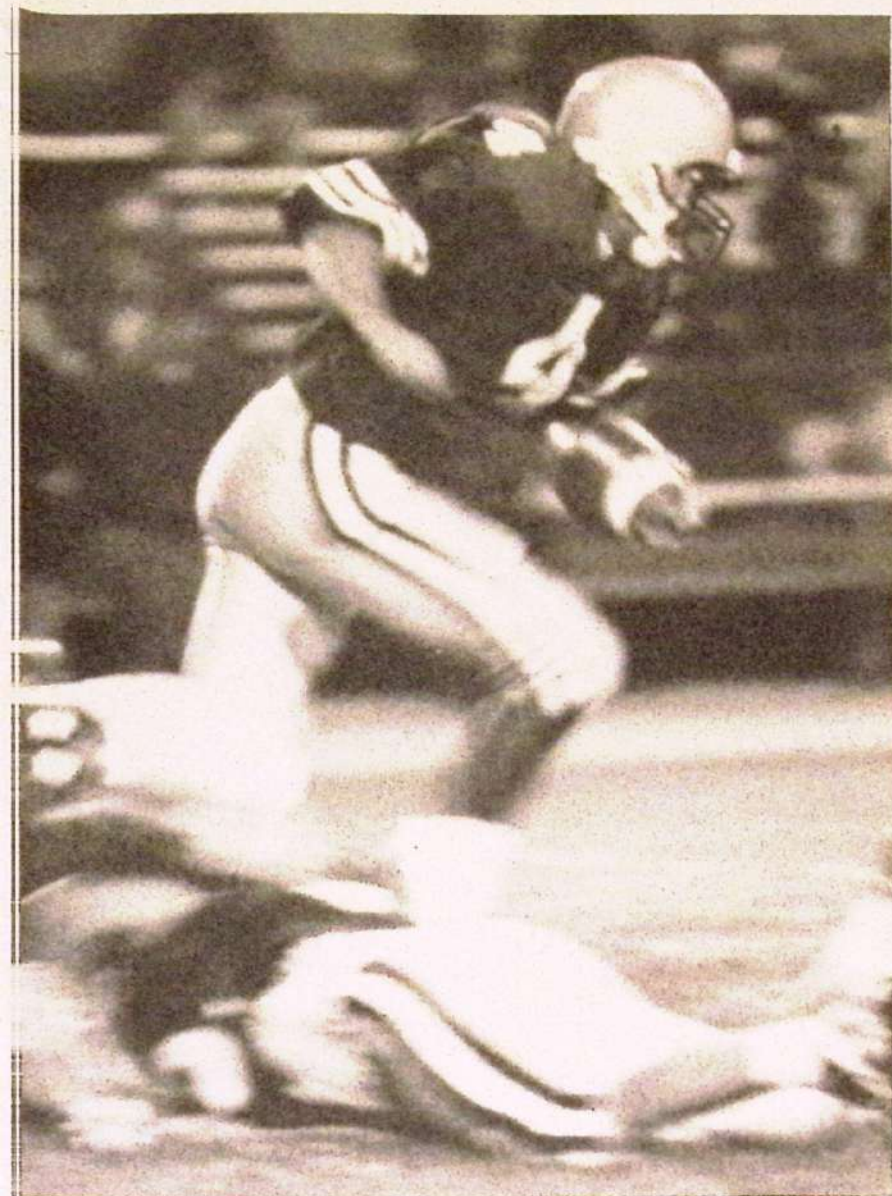


Piedmont's defense (above) lines up for De Anza's play. A strong defense was the difference between success and failure.

"Yes Coach, I'll brush my teeth as soon as the game is over," says senior Mike Adams (right) to Varsity coach Kurt Bryan. As starting quarterback, Adams conferred with Coach Bryan quite frequently.



"I dance like a butterfly and sting like a bee," is a motto that applies to senior runningback **Brian Washburn** (below). Washburn proved this by avoiding two of De Anza's players and rushing for extra yards.



the 1996 team



Varsity Football Team (above) (from top left to right): Dan Leahy, Zack Linford, Ari Leiderman, Ward MacDonald, Mike Gray, Jamal Brown, Jon Blustein, Tony Traback, Coji Watanabe, Dylan Dougherty, Asher Harley, Mike Adams, Brian Washburn, Coach Greg Fox, Trainer Lance Myers, Coach Kurt Bryan, Coach Ben Dare, Coach Pete Johansson, Coach Dave Marshall, Andrew Koch, Walker Sullivan, Mike Christensen, Zach Rissel, Jason Debonis, Matt Bell, Yuki Yamazaki, Jon Hilton, Jeff Batavia, Mike Herman, Adam Leicher, Garrett Lee, and Tres Rutzen.



The Varsity Road Warriors (left) go shopping for a new look at the Harley Davidson novelty store. With this style and attitude, the men were pumped up for their games.

"Hmm.. maybe I should have waited for the other guys," ponders senior Matt Bell (above) as he realizes he is the only player on the field. Players were often overly anxious to get back into the game after halftime.

the teams



(Top to bottom, l-r) John Wertz, Derek Stadtmiller, Ted Zacher, Paddy Holland, Ted Helmet, Josh Hollaway, Adam Chetkowski, Zach Dorman, Matt Sherman, Mark Santana, Evan Mohagan, Mike Herskowitz, Jack Lyons, Matt Nelson, Geoff Wallis, Peter Van Boven, Nick Zeitlin, Patrick Free, Spencer Whang, Nic Bureau, Ben Nadler, Coach Crinnion, Coach George, Coach Johnson, Joel Woods, David Hilton, Eric Shen, Stephen Baer, Andrew Steers, Jody Kramer, Ben Winograd, Youxi Woo, Eli Kersh, Miguel Lima, Arcelia Rodriguez, Andy Eggert, and David Guterman.



(Top to bottom, l-r) Thayer Cutler, Patrick Coyne, Danny Rubenstein, Alex Kreman, David White, Nick Danoff, David Ernst, John Walsh, Coach Kliszewski, Jessie Miller, Eric Peterson, Collin McKnight, Alex Skeels, Mike Gordan, Mark Muholland, Brandon Bercovich, Coach Humphries, Terry Kohn, Brendan Nakahara, Stuart Brush, Chad Himilton, Charlie Stebbins, Maureen Washburn, Tim Cho, Eric Rachesky, Sammy Caplane, Alex Kohn, Alex Digiorgio, David Epstein, Joel Digiorgio, Peter Traverso, Joe Free, Gary Jones, Matt Peterson.



Coach Fetherston (above) fires up his defensive unit during a time out. Great support helped the freshman hold El Cerrito for a well-deserved win.

Junior Youxi Woo (right) outruns a Hornet defensive back on his way to the end zone. Youxi was a vital part of the Piedmont running game this year.

Freshman Thayer Cutler (below) jogs off the field after a tough defensive series. Thayer always showed intense concentration at his position.



perfection

JUNIOR VARSITY & FROSH UNDEFEATED

This year, the fighting Highlanders took to the road due to the construction at Witter Field. Playing all games on other fields was a true test of spirit. The freshman proved they were up to the challenge by dominating their league on the way to an undefeated season. They

were the first Freshman team since 1982 to go undefeated. In a similar fashion, the JV team, under the command of coach Pat George, stormed into opponents stadiums and tore them apart. Led by a swarming defense anchored by linebackers Zach Dorman, Matt

Sherman, Mark Santana, Spencer Whang and free safety Pat Free, they allowed only thirty-one points and had six shut-outs. Complimented by a powerful offense led by quarterback Geoff Wallis, the strong running of Eli Kersh and the reliable hands of receivers Ben

Nadler, Mike Herskowitz, Nick Zeitlin and Miguel Lima the offense scored three hundred-forty points in ten games capturing first place in ACCAL and stepping into the history books.

Juniors Matt Sherman and Matt Nelson, and sophomore Evan Mohagen (left) put the crunch on a De Anza running back. The junior varsity defense was impenetrable this year.

Sophomore quarterback Geoff Wallis (below) rolls out looking for receivers. The offensive line provided Geoff with great protection on this play.



Freshman Colin McKnight (left) looks to the ref for the call at the goal line. After making a great catch in traffic, Colin was rewarded with a call in his favor.

The heart of the JV defense Zach Dorman, Pat Free, Matt Sherman, and Mark Santana (above) pose for a picture after beating Encinal. These four looked unbeatable in their gear.