

Varsity

Alia Creasey, Marie Morrow, Maureen Washburn, and Ali Loeb (below) were this year's 1997 Varsity statisticians (missing: Christina Wong). These statisticians provided the necessary information so that students could apply for scholarships and receive all-league titles.



Team members (top to bottom, left to right): J. Brown, T. Helwick, D. Hilton, E. Mohagen, J. Wertz, J. Holloway, T. Traback, M. Nelson, G. Wallis, M. Herskowitz, P. Holland, (Trainer) Lance Meyers, Coach Robb, Coach Krashna, Head Coach George, Coach Johanson, Coach Fox, B. Nadler, A. Chetkowski, Z. Dorman, P. Free, J. De Bonis, M. Sherman, Y. Yamazaki, C. Mcknight, T. Cutler, M. Lima, A. Streets, S. Whang, M. Santana, A. Steers, E. Kersh-Oliva, Y. Woo, N. Bureau, S. Baer, A. Leicher, G. Lee.



The offensive line sets up against the Encinal Jets in a tense overtime game. Many teams were intimidated by Piedmont's stellar offense.

Junior Eli Kersh-Oliva (right) dodges a tackle with his fancy footwork. Kersh-Oliva was the number one rusher in the ACCAL and OAL leagues and the first ACCAL player in five years to rush for over 1,000 yards.



THE FIGHTING CLANSMEN

Varsity Football



Varsity football made a huge comeback this year under the helm of head coach Pat George. Although the Highlanders had a very small team and went into the ACCAL as the underdogs, they came out with an amazing 5-4-1 record. One of the most memorable games was against powerhouse Encinal Jets in a heroic Homecoming battle. They were up against the wall and pulled off an incredible drive to win in overtime. Senior Mark Santana summed up the season best when he said, "Although the seniors never got to see the lights of Witter, we still came to play."



Senior Zach Dorman (above) tackles one of the El Cerrito Gaucho's star players. Dorman was known for his dynamite skills on defense.

Senior Garrett Lee (top left) sprints to tackle an Encinal Jet running back. Lee was one of the many seniors who will be missed when he graduates.

"'Pride, honor, tradition' has been our motto for the whole season."

-Coach Pat George

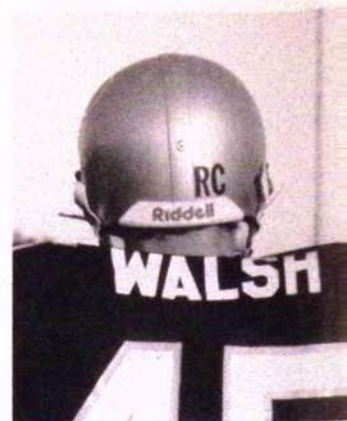


Senior Jason DeBonis (above) practices his defensive stance, while junior Adam Leicher watches in amazement. Although practices were long and tough, they were rewarding in the end.

SONS OF THE CLAYMORE

Frosh/Junior Varsity Football

The Frosh and Junior Varsity teams had a spectacular season this year. Both teams were first in the league. Frosh had a perfect record of 9-0, and JV was 6-1 in League. With the completion of Witter not quite finished for this year's football season, the freshmen continued the two year tradition of walking to practice at Coaches Field, while the JV team was still bussed to their practices at the College of Alameda. Mike Humphries continued as head coach of the freshmen, as he has for the past 28 years, and JV was under new leadership of head coach James Crinnion.



"This was the most dominating team I have ever had!"
-Coach Mike Humphries



Junior David Gutterman (above) makes a slanted run towards the end zone. Gutterman was very helpful on both offense and defense for the JV team this year.



Sophomore John Walsh (top right) displays one of the many "RC" helmets worn by the JV team in remembrance of fellow classmate Ryan Costello. Although Costello was gone, he was still in everyone's mind.

Sophomore quarterback Danny Rubenstein (above) slaps Joel Digiorgio a high-five after an excellent run. Players were always there to congratulate each other after tough plays.

Frosh

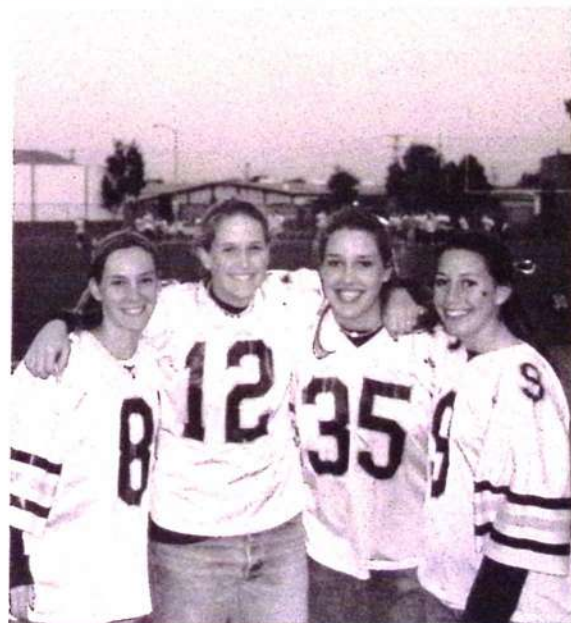
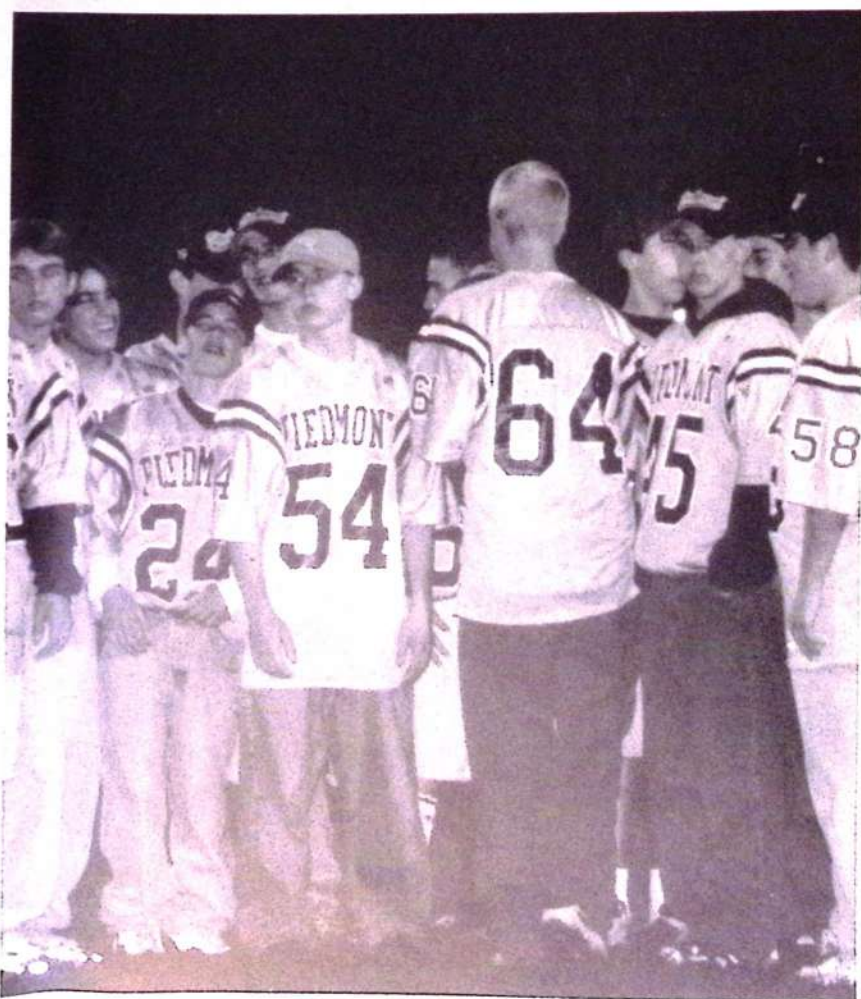


Frosh (left to right, top to bottom): Coach M. Humphries, J. Young, B. Betts, N. Bogie, Z. Felson, B. Binder, B. Kuhn, S. Gault, M. James, J. May, B. De Bonis, G. Righellis, J. Lindenmayer, J. Arnaud, A. Winer, W. Sanford, K. Mohagen, B. Cohen, J. Dresnick, Coach M. Kliszewski, J. Bell, M. Tuller, B. Guttermann, M. Porier, M. Nebel, G. Driscoll, B. Webster, D. Watson, R. Holland, M. Deutsch, B. Rubke, T. Winchester, P. Schneider, C. Flores, T. Kay, B. Lorencz.

Junior Varsity



JV (left to right, top to bottom): P. Coyne-Balzan, D. Rubenstein, M. Gordon, J. Walsh, A. Kremen, D. White, Trainer L. Meyer, Coach R. Earle, Head Coach J. Crinnion, Coach M. Rossi, Coach J. De Feo, A. Kohn, E. Shen, D. Guttermann, J. Kramer, J. Noble, T. Kohn, B. Bercovich, J. Woods, T. Cho, J. Free, M. Peterson, B. Barzin, G. Jones, A. Digiorgio, P. Traverso, J. Digiorgio, and M. Stinetorf.



1997 JV Statisticians Carly Scott, Ashley Machette, Samie Cebers, and Lisa Revelli (above) helped the team keep track of their big plays. This year's stat keepers always came ready with clipboards, pencils, and spirited attire.

Freshmen football players (left) circle up in the middle of the football field before the Homecoming game. The freshmen were recognized for their undefeated season by the varsity football team.