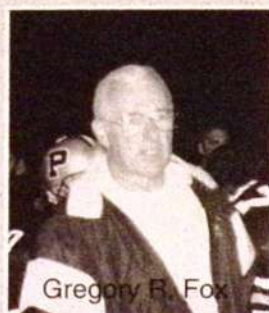


TEARING UP THE TURF

Piedmont Varsity 2000-2001 Football Team comes together again and rips up another exhilarating season.

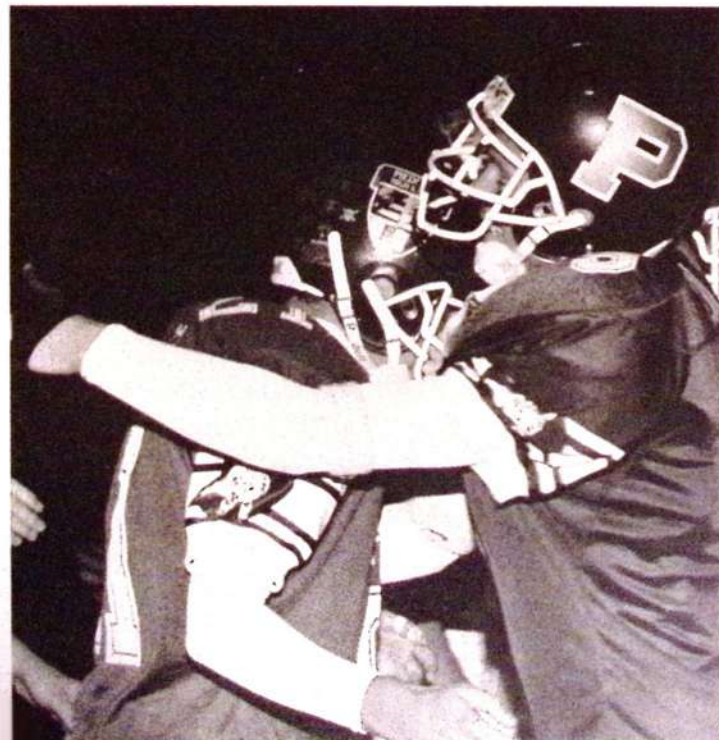
Starting the season off in uncharted territory, Piedmont's Varsity football team showed that they wouldn't be intimidated by opponents who they had never played before. Walking onto the field it was clear that Piedmont players were ready to defeat any team that stood in their way. Seniors Peter Schneider, Ben Rubke, Andrew Winer and junior Drew Olson were key in leading the team to a season of victory by scoring touchdowns whenever needed. Through their perseverance and hard work, both emotionally and physically, these two helped the team come together and play as one. United not only in body but also in mind, the team bonded together in the locker room by flipping off the lights and sitting in the dark rallying together as Highlanders to destroy the the field



Gregory R. Fox

"You know you have given it your all when you wake up on Saturday, look yourself in the mirror and know you gave it all you could," were the words Coach Fox lived by. Assistant Varsity football coach **Greg Fox** was a man of dedication and leadership. Fox helped every football player at Piedmont get through every game, good or bad. Coach Fox passed away on September 20, 2000 after his two-year fight with cancer. "We will all miss him deeply," says senior **Andrew Winer**. "He will always be in our hearts."

opposing team. As offense left they shouted to teammates, "Do your job and get us back on the field!" as the defense charged into the game. From thrilling victories to heartbreaking defeats these strong armed boys caught, ran, flew, and tackled their ways through the season. If it were not for the outstanding defense from seniors **Justin Lindenmayer**, **Ben Kremen**, **Jack Dresnick** and **Matt Deutsch**, our team wouldn't have gone as far as it did. These two led the defense to many strong blocks and prevented opponents from gaining much yardage. The fighting clansmen treated Piedmont to a spectacular display of strength, agility, and teamwork which led to an amazing win against St. Patrick's in this year's Homecoming Game. The season culminated in an amazing finish in the NCS semi finals.



After an impressive run, senior Ben Rubke (above) maintains Piedmont's possession of the ball. Keeping their hands on the ball was one of the many things Piedmont players were known for throughout the season.

Anxiously waiting to go back in, senior Peter Schneider (top right) watches his fellow teammates. Even if the players were on the sideline, they didn't take their eyes off the game.

Senior Matt Deutsch and sophomore Mac Conn (left) congratulate each other enthusiastically after winning their first Homecoming Game in three years. The Highlanders played to the best of their efforts and came out on top.



Sprinting through a victory, Piedmont varsity players (above) run through a sign saying "Fire it up Piedmont." "Running through that banner gets us pumped because we know that all of Piedmont is there cheering us on," stated senior Kyle Mohagen. Traditions like this one always kept the boys in high spirits.

"Football is easily one of the greatest sports in America." - Kevin Parks '02



After a turnover, senior Billy Betts (above) leaps for joy as his teammate senior Ryan Odell holds possession of the ball. Players could not control their excitement after awesome plays.



Senior Chris Flores dodges past a St. Pat's player narrowly keeping the pass from being intercepted. Flores was vital to the team, being one of the best running backs of the season.

Taking his opponent down with a thrust of his hand, senior Brian Cowan shows his fans just how big he is. Players often took their aggression out on the field by tackling other players strongly and forcefully.



Varsity Football

	Us	Them
Las Lomas	17	21
Encinal	36	6
Ft. Bragg	42	14
Tennyson	21	6
McClymonds	27	7
John Swett	43	0
St. Patrick's	54	31
Kennedy	41	6
Albany	38	8
St. Mary's	32	7
Alhambra	39	24
Las Lomas	24	14

(NCS games in italics)

2000 Stats

What motivated you to go to the Varsity Football games this year?



Veronica Horn
freshman

I go to see my favorite football player, senior Ben Rubke.



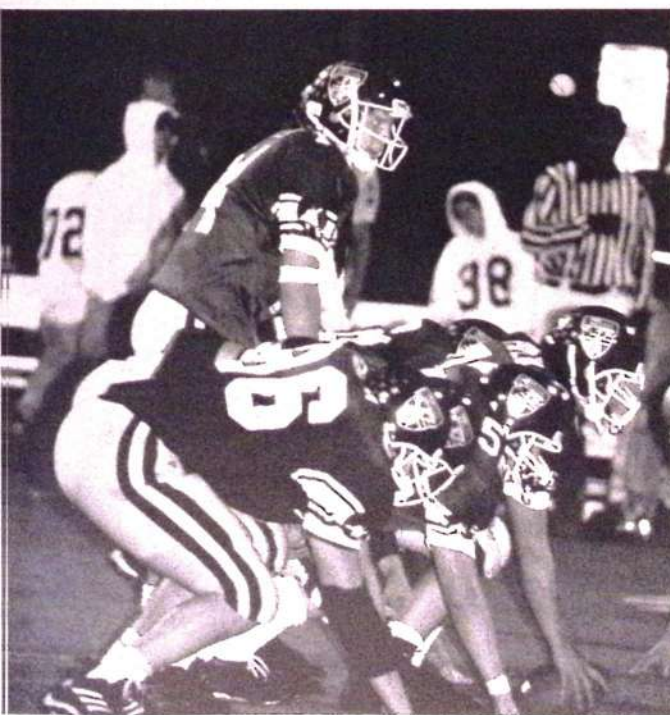
M. Linzer, M. Wooster,
K. Kirby
sophomores

Because it is a fun place to hang out and see all our friends!



Mollie Schane
junior

I go for the hotdogs and the nice buns...you know, the ones they sell at the snack shack.



Setting up for the play, junior Ben Pavlik (above) prepares to hike the ball to junior quarterback Drew Olson. Pavlik and Olson were an indispensable duo when they got on the field with Pavlik anchoring the offensive team and Olsen leading the offense.



(From top left to top right) Z. Holloway, B. Binder, D. Olson, Z. Felson, A. Sowell, B. Pavlik, R. Odell, T. Nelson, B. Kuhn, J. Dresnick, L. Myers, Coach Johanson, Coach Krashana, Coach George, Coach Bruel, Coach Pedemonte, M. Conn, B. Gutterman, P. Sullivan, J. Bell, M. Deutsch, R. Holland, M. Nebel, R. Tovani, B. Kremen, B. Rubke, B. Betts, W. Brown, P. Schneider, D. Rossi, N. Klein, B. Debonis, J. Lindenmayer, B. Cowan, K. Mohegan, K. Parks, A. Winer, A. Kirkorian, C. Flores, B. Lorencz, J. Arnaud. (Not pictured, G. Reddy).

"If there was only one sport to play, let it be football." - Matt Nebel '01



2000 Junior Varsity Team (top to bottom, left to right) A. Dannoff, S. Peterson, P. Castles, A. Teng, J. Forsyth, S. Campodonico-Lugwig, Coach Bruel, T. Walsh, A. Bush, B. Trowbridge, H. Sim, B. White, P. Wallis, B. Shartsis, Trainer Lance, D. Reid, N. Provda, D. Chan, S. Teshima-McCormick, E. Brizendine, R. Tsang, D. Pescetti, M. Verne, A. You, N. Abrams, K. Joseph, T. Sweet, A. Chasen, G. Johnson.



2000 Freshman Team (top to bottom, left to right) D. Cohen, N. Block, D. Tovani, C. Nelson, E. Shuster, M. Hess, E. Newland, Coach Humphries, Coach Klipheskey, Coach Drazan, Coach Meyers, N. Petersen, H. Bowling, J. Forderer, E. Lindenmayer, C. Bunzel, S. Gutterman, K. Mou, C. Reich, G. Blustein, T. McWilliams, S. Moya-Smith, K. Davis, A. Klug, D. Bowen, C. Steady, P. Gee, B. Tuller, J. Albers, N. Goldstein, J. Sanford, T. Tai, D. Lempert.

How do you intimidate the other team?



Kyle Joseph, JV
I flex my leg muscles to show them my strength and speed. They're also pretty intimidated by my size.



Charlie Nelson, Frosh
Intimidate them? We have purple pants! I just talk smack and wear my lucky socks.



Teddy Sweet, JV
We paint our faces like madmen, and then we go out and hit 'em hard.

In preparation for the hard-hitting practice ahead, freshmen **Eric Shuster** and **Evan Lindenmayer** (below) stretch out to prevent dangerous neck injuries during the game. This interesting looking stretch concocted by Coach Humphries was actually one of the best for the team.



Sophomore **An Teng** and the Piedmont defense (above) close in on the McClymond's quarterback, forcing our opponents into another safety. It was not unheard of for the JV defense to outscore the offense in some situations.

2000 Stats



Junior Varsity

	Us	Them
Las Lomas	6	24
Encinal	2	0
Ft. Bragg	9	13
Tennyson	29	0
McClymond's	8	0
John Swett	0	20
St. Patrick's	21	6
Albany	16	12
St. Mary's	0	16

Freshmen

	Us	Them
Las Lomas	0	40
Drake	12	14
Redwood	0	38
Ygnacio Valley	28	50
San Lorenzo	12	13
Terra Nova	6	41
Moreau	20	0
St. Mary's	13	6
American	13	9



Freshman **David Tovani** (above) closes in on the elusive endzone with a Drake defender close on his heels. Tovani was a clutch player when the game was on the line, getting the ball into the endzone when Piedmont needed it most.

"In football, especially on offense, you need to work as a unit to defeat your opponents."
- Evan Brizendine '03

BREAKING THE STREAK

Breaking bones, backs, and helmets just couldn't lead them to a fourth undefeated season



ROOKIES- Just as if the unfamiliar pressure of high school work wasn't enough, this year's freshman football team had to work extra hard to try and continue the three year winning streak of the past seasons and prove their worth as high school athletes. Though they came close, apparently the speed and strength of these games bore no resemblance to pulling off flags in middle school. "We're no match for the huge schools," frosh running back **Eric Shuster** admitted. "But we're strong!" he added proudly, holding up and kissing a bicep, not visible through layers of pads. Sometimes finding worthy adversaries was a hard thing to do and had these young men driving all around northern California in a desperate hunt for teams to play. If anything, the team only grew closer on the long bus rides and the tough games that followed, and everyone wished them the best of luck for the



Easily one of the most recognizable and loved teachers at PHS, **Coach Mike Humphries** has had the extra responsibility for 32 years of turning the school's young athletes into Varsity champions. Everyone appreciates that Coach Humphries has put his heart and soul into his work since day one.

future. VETS- The JV'ers of Piedmont High's football team like to act like they own the place when practicing at the same time as the frosh. Next year, most of them hope to make Varsity, but they need to gain a few pounds first. When practicing with Varsity, they threw out their chests and ran extra hard. Running liners, doing push-ups and working on their tackling skills, the boys strengthened themselves with hard work and dedication. With excellent determination, the JV team tried to repeat the glory of last year's undefeated record. It wasn't as easy as they had expected. The teams were bigger, stronger, and more numerous than the ones they had seen their freshman year, and their best effort was needed to pull out a victory. Starting practice in the middle of August for double days and having it every day the entire season, regardless of the weather or exhaustion, Coach Bruel worked these men to the ground.

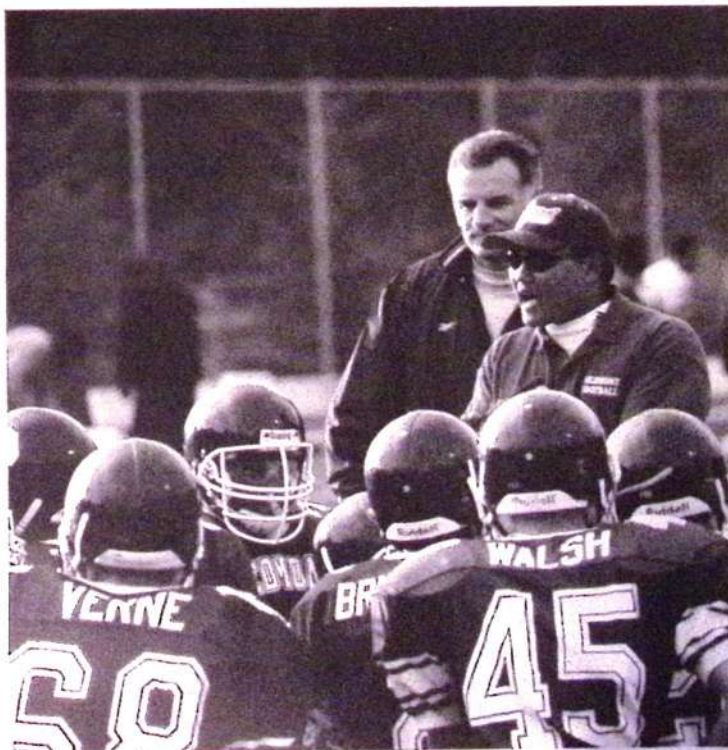
Inspecting the perfect sit-ups of his players, **Coach Humphries** (top) lectures on the importance of teamwork. He had the well-respected reputation to bring young freshmen teams together and building them into victorious Varsity seniors.

Cutting it close to the edge, junior **Scott Peterson** (above) flies for a pass. Peterson was key to the JV team's offensive success with his constant hustling for every loose ball.

In desperate need for a halftime pep talk, hopeful winners **Michael Verne, Evan Brizendine, Tom Walsh,** and **Brian Trowbridge** (right) gather around Coach Bruel to hear any helpful words he might have for them. Coach knew exactly what to say when the team needed encouragement and was generous with his expertise.



Sophomores **Ben Shartsis** and **Jeremy Forsyth** (above) converge on the McClymond's quarterback, performing a spectacular defensive play and making it impossible for a complete pass to be made. The JV defense could always be trusted to make the big play, grabbing hold and not letting go.



"I'm so glad my mom let me play!" - Daniel Cohen '04

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