

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Score
09/07	Las Lomas	15-35
09/21	Ft. Bragg	34-13
09/28	Salesian	49-20
10/05	McClymonds	14-52
10/12	Albany	35-7
10/19	John Swett	35-9
10/26	St. Patrick's	41-20
11/02	Kennedy	26-19
11/09	St. Mary's	15-20
Date	Acalanes	20-35

Final Record 6-4

Varsity Blues

The lengthening shadows of autumn sunsets, deserted hillside streets, and falling leaves can only mean one thing in Piedmont: It's football season! Every Friday until late November the only place to be in town was Witter Field. Piedmont's own gladiator coliseum played host to games of strength and skill whenever the "Purple People Eaters" took the field.

With an ambitious coaching staff, and new Head Coach Rusty Rob, the Highlanders began their 2001 campaign like an army on the road to war. Business was not as

usual, as Coach Rob and his assistants Coach Gehrke, Coach Crinnion, and Coach Ruffolo, gave more autonomy to team captains during practices by giving their players more control when it came to running drills and designing plays.

The 2001 Highlanders had high hopes for their season, despite losing key players to graduation. According to junior Mac Conn, "We should make the playoffs again and go undefeated in the BSAL." Conn's prediction, sadly, did not prove to be true. On the fateful night of November 9th, 2001, the Highlanders fell to a strong St. Mary's team 28 to 15. "We played out hearts out in the game but when you have six starters out due to injuries and ineligibilities, basically all the important parts of our team; it makes it difficult to beat a team like St. Mary's," commented senior Josh Boltuch.

Down but not out, the Highlanders still got the chance to make a run at the NCS championships, but eventually lost to the Acalanes Dons.

"We have a chance to play like gods for the next half of football."

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Junior running back Mark Jones (above) hurdles down the green, blocking any opposition in his way. This behemoth powered through linebackers like a bowling ball through pins.

Senior Zack Holloway (left) gets in to make sure the guy with the ball doesn't move one inch further. This style of gang tackling is called the "dog-pile", and was particularly brutal whenever Holloway got involved.



Staring down the opposition, the "wrecking crew" defense (above) invasions the damage they are about to unleash upon their enemies. This unit always combined power with speed to shut down any attempt to move the ball into their territory.



Senior wide receiver Josh Boltuch (left) prepares to break free from the Las Lomas defensive back. This was Boltuch's forte, for he frequently found ways to shake-off defenders and pull in the passes that came his way.

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Throwing ace senior **Drew Olson** (left) drops back to let a bullet fly to one of his fellow teammates. Olson was considered one of, if not the most valuable player on the squad, but this player knew in his heart that it took a whole team to win games.

Furiously charging downfield, senior runningback **Mark Loper** (below) goes for the score while fending off vicious tacklers. With the assistance of his teammates, Loper easily made it through defenses with his untouchable speed and agility.



Top defenders senior **Ryan Tovani** and sophomore **Eric Shuster** (left) take down a Las Lomas player trying to make way to the goal line. These two were perfect examples of how cohesive the Highlanders were; always working together to get the job done.

Eying their prey, the Piedmont defensive line (above) prepares to pounce while the opposing side anticipates retreat. Having one of the largest lines in the BSAL, the Highlanders repeatedly struck fear into the hearts of their opponents with their ferocious stature and intimidating gaze.



2001 Piedmont High School Varsity Football Squad

(Top to bottom, left to right). Top row: Teddy Sweet, Josh Goldstein, Peter Boyle, Mac Conn, Alex Danoff, Alex Barnes, Grant Reddy, Ben Pavlik, Drew Olson, Adam Kirkorian. Next row: Andrew Sowell, Scott Peterson, Coach Hu, Coach Ruffolo, Coach Crinnion, Coach Robb, Coach Ghrke, Trainer Meyer, Justin Neville, Pat Wallis. Next row: Henry Bowling, Eric Shuster, Ryan Tovani, Brian Trowbridge, Pat Castles, Charlie Nelson, Pat Sullivan, An Teng. Bottom row: Danny Rossi, Josh Boltuch, Kevin Parks, Nick Klein, Mike Kim, Evan Brizendine, Willie Brown, Mark Loper. (Not pictured: Zack Holloway, Taylor Nelson).

JUNIOR VARSITY STATS

Date	Opponent	Score
8/31	Northgate	scrim.
9/7	Las Lomas	12-19
9/14	Encinal	cancel.
9/21	Ft Bragg	6-21
9/28	Salesian	21-6
10/5	McClymonds	0-28
10/12	Albany	21-14
10/19	John Swett	26-24
10/26	St Patrick	8-22
11/3	Kennedy	40-14
11/9	St. Mary's	7-30

Final BSAL Record: 4-5

Little Giants

Small in size but high in spirit, our "Little Giants" took the field by storm and proved that they had the right stuff on and off the field. Wearing their purple "game pants", they practiced hard daily. These frosh fighters were led by veteran coach Mike Humphries, a field general with more than 30 years of experience under his belt. Despite a steely exterior, he had a particular soft spot for his freshmen football players who were new to the tackling game. Conditioning and teamwork showed on the field

in their performance. The frosh outran, outpassed, and outscored their many opponents during the season. Superfast

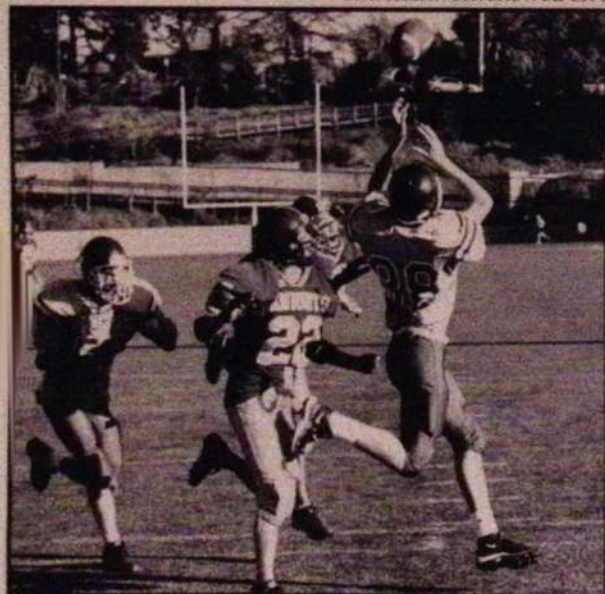
players Jonathan Ko, Toby Rowe, Dan Pescetti, Jon Cox, Michael Haralambides, and others

racked up yards by the hundreds, putting their track skills to use. "I think that this year's team really came in with the reputation as an underdog and has come a long way for a great season," mused Coach Humphries. This season's Junior Varsity Highlander team was brimming with experienced players and multi-tasking

sophomores. The JV's defense was one of their strong points. Key defensive players, such as sophomore Daniel Cohen and junior Tom Walsh had as many as eight tackles a game. A strong defense and incredible teamwork helped lead the team to an impressive record.

"Coach, what's my time?"
"Sorry, son. I don't have a sundial. You'll thank me tomorrow."

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Freshman Mike White (above) has his sights set on the ball despite two red jerseys bearing down on him at full speed. Young players quickly learned that in order to go that extra yard, they had to learn how to catch passes in traffic.



Freshman Kevin Melia-Tevan (left) takes a break from running sprint drills on the soft-ball field to fix his pads and tie his shoes. Quick breaks provided brief periods of relief in-between rigorous drills at practices.



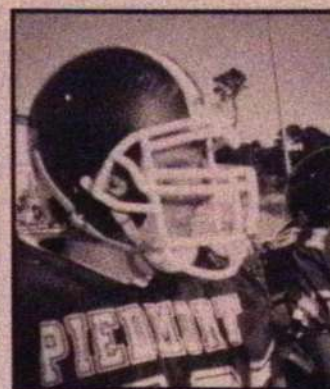
The JV offense takes a stance for Albany defense before sophomore quarterback Eddie Newland (#1, above) gets the ball. These boys treated each game like their last, and played like champions every time they stepped out on the field.



The two Junior Varsity linebackers, number 53 and 15 (left), stare at the opposing linemen in the eyes, hoping to intimidate the quarterback into making a mistake. Piedmont football players did whatever they needed to defeat the opposing team, choosing between their mental or physical attributes.

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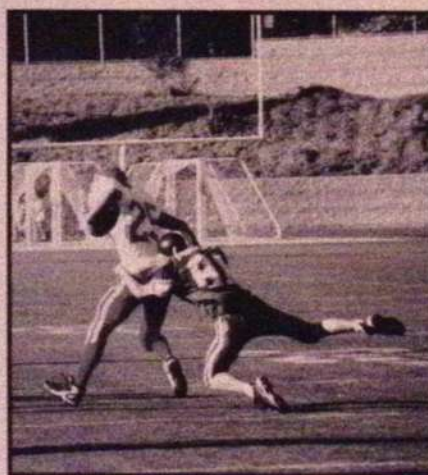
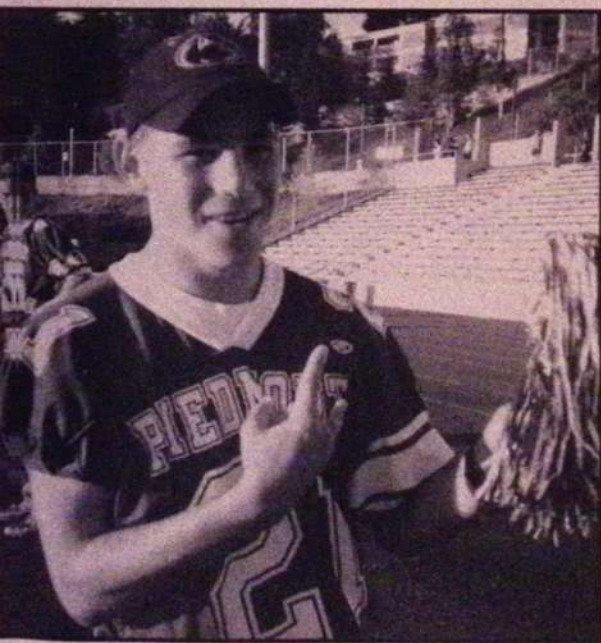


Making a run for the end zone on a 4th down, freshman **Jon Cox** (left) sprints and escapes a charging enemy Knight. The fresh team's speed was one of their best attributes, and Cox often led the offense on the field with his athletic agility.

FRESHMEN STATS

Date	Opponent	Score
8/31	North Gate	(scrmg.)
9/6	Las Lomas	0-20
9/13	Tamalpais	7-0
9/28	Terra Nova	33-7
10/4	San Marin	27-15
10/11	Drake	33-14
10/18	Sacred Heart	27-7
10/21	Irvington	28-0
10/25	Redwood	7-24
11/1	Terra Linda	10-7
11/8	St. Mary's	28-30

Final BSAL Record: 6-3



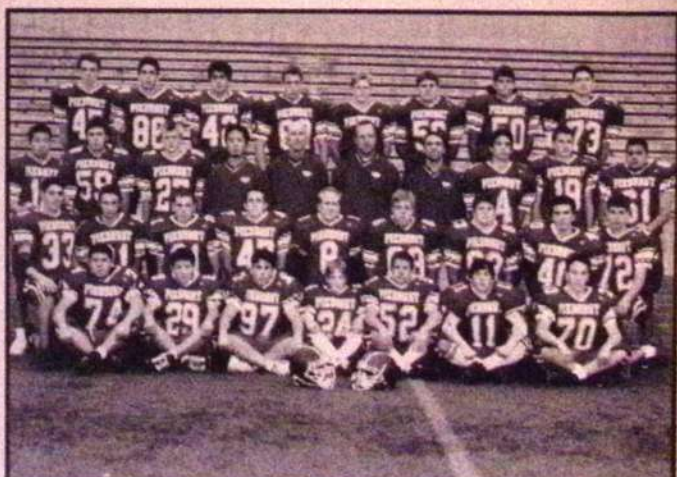
Junior **Ben Shartsis** (above left) tries to analyze the other team's offensive game as he peers into the line of scrimmage from the sideline. Shartsis was well respected on defense for his ability to spot plays and know when to go for the interception.

Flying to defend Piedmont's defensive reputation only 45 seconds into the game, sophomore **Joe Forderer** (left) brings down a McClymonds wide receiver in midair. Although most of the points were scored in the second half, the junior varsity defense wasted no time in tackling and racking up safeties.

JV Co-Captain sophomore **Evan Lindenmayer** (left) becomes a temporary cheerleader because of a twice dislocated shoulder. **Lindenmayer** and other injured stars such as **Jeremy Forseith** and **Mike Hess** helped encourage their team on the sidelines while rooting and cheering for "Big Purple".



2001 Freshman Team: Mike White, Sean Guiney, Austin Pugh, Ryan Pollard, Sam McRey, Matt Kellogg, Kevin Melia-Teevan. Next Row: Matt Fisher, Jon Cox, [unclear]



2001 Junior Varsity Team: T. Walsh, D. Cohen, D. Tovani, A. Bush, E. Newland, B. Shartsis, E. Peterson, M. Hess. Next row: A. Yoo, B. White, S. Lyons, Coach Hu.