

# PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL

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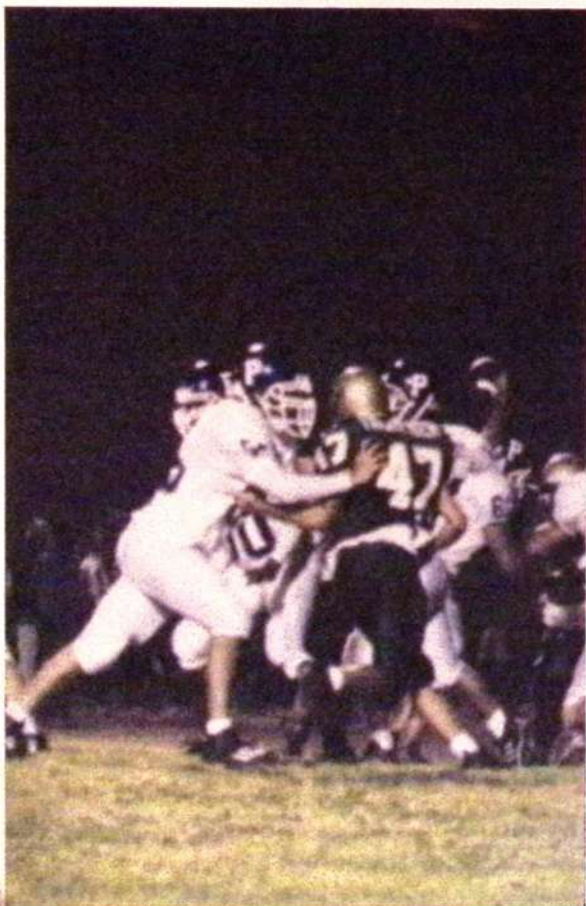
4:00 JV

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(VOLLEYBALL)



The Highlanders (above) charge onto their home field before their game while the announcer read their names over the loudspeaker.



20 VARSITY FOOTBALL

On Friday nights in the fall, PHS students come to Witter Field to watch the Varsity Football team take the gridiron and grind out each game with the pride of the purple and white. Piedmonters love to cheer on this local team and support them in every endeavour. These nights are lasting traditions that continue to bring the city together. Over the past two years, the Highlanders have lost star quarterbacks, Drew Olson, a starter for UCLA, and last year Brian Trowbridge. This year, **Corey Steady** leads the 2003 Campaign.

That's not all that's new this year; the Highlanders have acquired new jerseys and helmets. This year's new brand of helmet is designed for players at high-impact posi-

tions. They give these players an advantage with stonger material and a lighter feel. The new jerseys feature a classic, all-purple look.

Coach Russ Robb turned these boys into men even before their grueling season, since they had double-day intense practices. Many



returning players were pleased with last year's season, but they want more, and with hard work and dedication, they can get there. With consistent practice and output of 110% every day after school, these players work hard for their much earned fame. Cap-

tains **Charlie Nelson** and **Eric Shuster** provide the intensity on the sideline and the field that has been the key to success so far. Go Highlanders!



Senior **Corey Steady** (#12, above) sets up behind his linemen in anticipation of the snap. This was Corey's first year as starting quarter back.

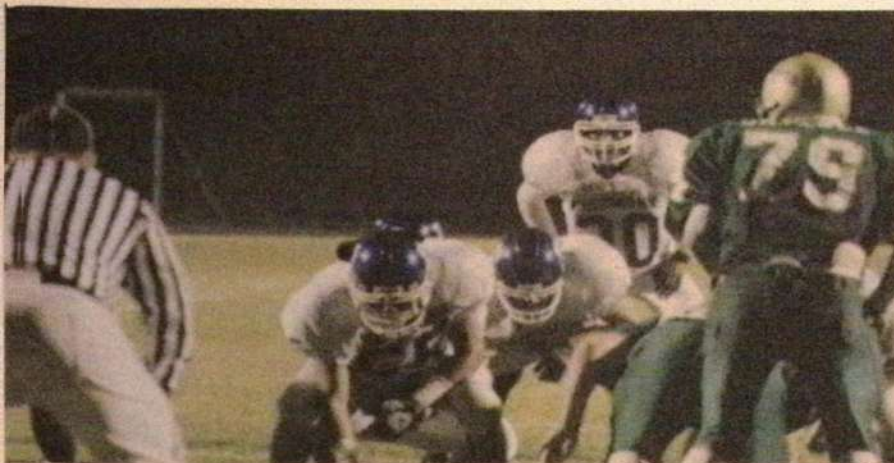


Senior **Eric Shuster** (#44, left) takes the hand-off up the middle with strength and precision.

## VARSITY STATS

| Opponent                | H  | V  |
|-------------------------|----|----|
| vs. Tennyson            | 32 | 06 |
| at Encinal              | 14 | 14 |
| vs. Will C. Wood        | 20 | 06 |
| vs. Salesian            | 10 | 06 |
| at St. Patrick's        | 12 | 39 |
| at Kennedy              | 06 | 40 |
| vs. Albany (homecoming) | 42 | 14 |
| at John Swett           | 14 | 22 |
| vs. St. Mary's          | 21 | 24 |

Piedmont's talented offensive linemen (left), including seniors **Mike Hess**, **Tyler Hirabayashi**, **Nic Petersen**, **Joel Albers**, and **Trent Tai**, gave the quarter back plenty of time in the pocket, with brilliant pass protection through out the season.



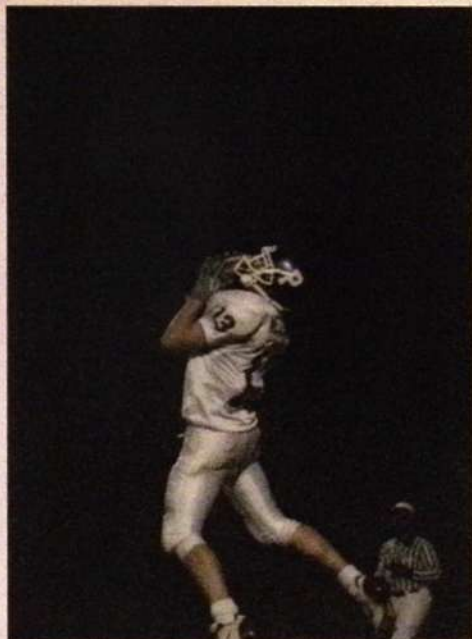
Sophomore AJ Chan (#55, left) sets up in I-formation and waits for the call from senior Corey Steady (12) to snap the ball. AJ was one of two sophomores on the Varsity team this year, along with sophomore Phil Estrada (32).



"Practicing everyday is hard work, but it's all worth it on Friday nights when we win our games. Every guy on our team works really hard and no one ever quits."

-Eric Shuster, 12th

Senior Charlie Nelson (#13, right) makes a spectacular basket catch for the touchdown.

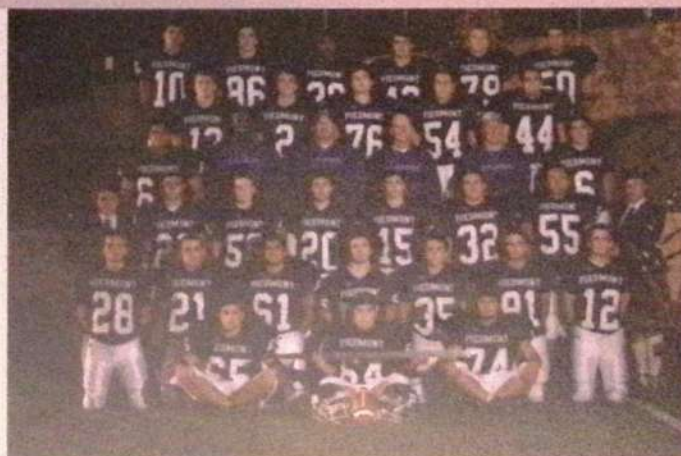


Coach Robb (below) lectures his team during halftime to ensure a win in the second half. Piedmont had a demanding lead at halftime against St. Patricks.



"I think it's a great experience to be at the highest level of high school football as a sophomore."

-AJ Chan, 10th



Varsity Football Team: Left to right, top to bottom. Phil Brown, Daniel Cohen, Brandon Paris, David Tovani, Alex White, Nic Petersen, Charlie Nelson, Henry Bowling, Michael Hess, Austin Pugh, Eric Shuster, Ryan Pollard, (Coaches), Ryan Teshima McCormick, Bryan Silver, Jack Sanford, Remington Atcheson, Tommi Carson, Phil Estrada, A.J. Chan, Teddy McWilliams, Evan Lindenmayer, Andy Klug, Brian Sommers, Toby Rowe, Joe Forderer, Corey Steady, Joel Albers, Tyler Hirabayashi, and Trent Tai.



Senior Brandon Paris (#30, above) busts through a hole and picks up the first down. Brandon had a career day rushing for 269 yards on 31 carries against St. Patricks.



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**HOME FOOTBALL**  
**JV 430 V 7 00**  
**VS SALESIAN**

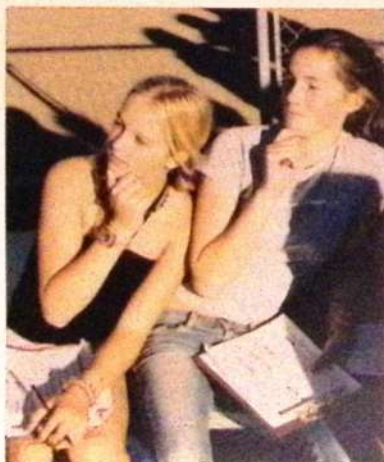


Freshman Peter Modera (#20 above) darts right for a first down, running through and around the defense as his blockers clear a pathway.



Sophomore Chris Swenson (#26 above) sprints down the field with the help of excellent blockers, leading the team closer to the end zone.

Freshmen Katherine Gulney and Sophie Coysh (right), two of the Frosh stat girls, pensively watch the game, recording the boys' paces and gained yards.



At the start of the Frosh and JV football season, practices were held before school had even begun. The JV team was seeing old faces from the past season, while the freshmen were beginning to find out just how tough these "Double Day" practices were going to be. Coach Humphries, head coach of the Frosh team for 35 years now, has always been able to make bonds with each of the individual players starting on day one. After watching 35 years of teams of players interact, Humphries is able to get the boys to work as a team right away.

Coming together as a team, the boys bond during practice, games, and the traditional pre-game dinner, creating strong friendship ties over the season. The players find themselves learning about each other between drills or while watching the game from the sidelines. Although

this talk probably isn't about their school work or childhood, they learn each other's opinions of different plays and styles of playing; these conversations help toward building a better and stronger team. The traditional team dinners are on the night before each game, hosted at a different player's house each week. All thirty-some players crowd into one house and chow down together, while talking about the next night's game play and strategy.

Both the Frosh and JV teams came out with strong records and many skills either learned or perfected in hope for playing on the Varsity team in a succeeding year. With some boys new to the sport, the level of skill which was taught varied. This helped the players to work together, help each other, and grow as a team to move toward victory.



Coach Benz calls a timeout to give the JV boys some water and a few tips about the upcoming plays.



After gaining a first down, sophomore Trent Miller (#36 above) is tackled just past the twenty yard line by the rival team, Tennyson.

## FROSH STATS

| Opponent             | H  | V  |
|----------------------|----|----|
| at - San Marin       | 13 | 14 |
| vs. Sacred Heart     | 0  | 26 |
| at - Will C. Wood    | 11 | 29 |
| vs. St. Elizabeth JV | 19 | 00 |
| at - Alameda         | 30 | 22 |
| vs. St. Elizabeth JV | 14 | 00 |
| at - Napa            | 62 | 07 |
| vs. Tamalpais        | 21 | 14 |
| vs. Vintage          | 30 | 14 |



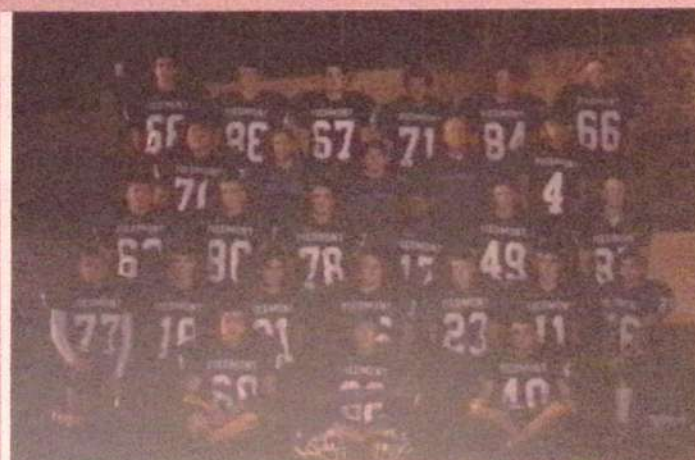
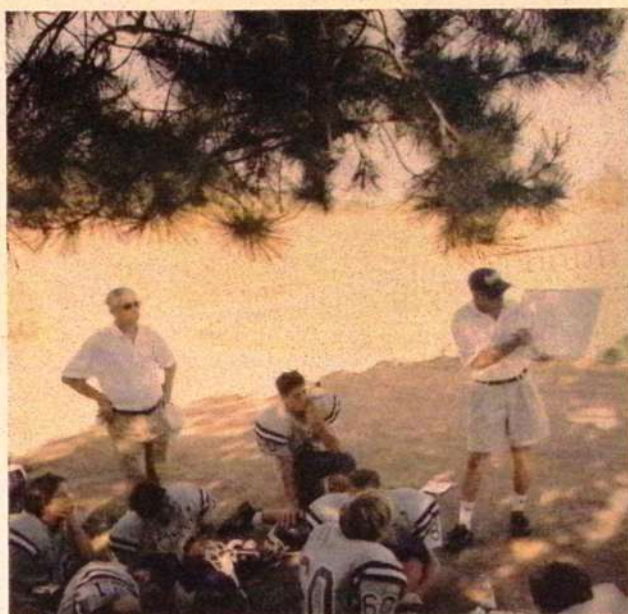
The Frosh team's offense (above) lines up, hoping their next play will bring them closer to a touchdown.

Freshman Will Conn (#9 right) makes a nice tackle to stop the opposing team from gaining any more yards.



Taking a break to rest and cool off, the JV boys (above) watch the kick from the sideline in hope that their teammates receive the ball and are able to move closer toward the endzone.

Frosh Coach Humphries (below) uses the half-time break to go over a few plays with his team, strategizing to win the game.



Junior Varsity Football Team: Left to right, top to bottom, Nathan Scullion, Mike White, Drew Preston, Sam Fishman, Daniel Trowbridge, Ben James, Eric Yao, Michael Bendrowski, Cameron Nelson, Max Gardener, Dallas Crudup, Alex Schofield, Ben Schenone, Clark Lammers, Kevin Modera, Trent Miller, Russell Flato, Trevor Parry, Chris Swenson, Willis Yu, Justin Chow, and Jeff Sweet.



Frosh Football Team: Left to right, top to bottom, Doug Jordan, John Fullerton, Adrian Frason, Will Conn, Chris Ochota, Reight, Zack Hintze, Winston Street, Nick Neguse, Nick Keller, Syd Heller, David Molmen, Ben Fisher, Garrett Leidy, Chase Smiegiel, Michael Saenz, Ryan Barbieri, Mike Rowe, (coaches) Will Kendrick, Alex Smith, Adam Price, Taylor Ferris, Peter Modera, Adam Davis, Brenden Newland, Zack Sieben, Chris Kohne, Jin Min, Josh Wolf, Jarred Kickstein, Elihan Nagler, Geoff Zovickian, Reid Smiegiel, Robert Davis, Tom Ralton, Josh You, Brian LaBar, Andrew Joseph, Justin Bryant, Andy Maravilla.