

The Varsity team (top) goes through their pre game warm-up. Making sure they knew their plays was key to their success on the field.

Senior Justin Chow (middle) breaks down as he tackles a Justin Sienna wide receiver to prevent the opponet from gaining yardage.

Senior Phillip Brown (below) tracks down the ball as he prepares to make a first down. First downs are critical for advancing down the field.



PRIDE, HONOR, AND TRADITION

Had fun relaxing in Mexico all summer? Not the Varsity Football players. Though the team's first game wasn't until September 9, the team worked hard all summer long. New Head Coach Doug Mandigo had his team getting into shape way before the season started.

Since Mandigo has previously coached at such schools as Middlebury College, his expectations were high. During the player's "vacation," they were hard at work lifting weights and running three times a week. The practices were more challenging with a slew of new ideas and plays. "Queen right hap 18 boss seal" is a toss to the outside, and "Pro left 82 jet Seattle" is a passing play. Also introduced was "zone blocking," which is where the lineman blocks an area instead of an opponent.

Piedmont's Varsity team was also sporting new uniforms. Sophomore Shane Skov exclaimed, "they're hecka tight, better than last year's, and they're unique!" New black home jerseys had embroidered names emblazoned across the back. For both returning Varsity players and the players moving up from JV, a new Head Coach, bold uniforms, and a smart new game plan helped the team enjoy a year of new ideas. Junior David Molmen summed up the team's goals for the year: "stay healthy and to do better than last year."



Sophomore Shane Skov (top) puts on his game face right before kickoff. Whether it was listening to music or eating a pregame snack, each player has their own routine before competing.

Junior Brendan Newland (middle) catches a punt. Having quick feet and good eyes are the two essentials to returning a punt.

Senior Justin Sherman (bottom) gets open to receive a pass. Receivers need to run flawless routes in order to become open for a pass.



Senior Trent Miller (above left) tackles the opposing teams running back. Trent was a huge part of the Piedmont defense, accumulating over 25 tackles.



Senior Clark Lammers (left) throws the ball to a receiver. Throwing good balls was the key to the team's offense.

The Piedmont team (above) walks towards the field before the game.



How To: Call a Huddle



1. The center calls for the team seven yards behind the ball.
2. The quarterback enters and calls the play.
3. He repeats the play, making sure everyone hears it.
4. He then says "Ready?" and everyone says "Break!" while clapping once.
5. The huddle breaks and everyone runs to the line of scrimmage.

Junior Will Conn (left) gets ready to throw a ball to a receiver. Conn's passes were the best on the team, gaining him the starting position.

Senior Daniel Trowbridge (below) sprints by his opponent to get open for a pass. Having phenomenal speed was common on the team.

The 2005 Piedmont Varsity Football team (below) Left to Right, Top to Bottom: B. James, P. Brown, W. Street, K. Nelson, B. Fusco, D. Preston, A. Frasco, A. Menke, J. Sherman, W. Conn, L. Yoder, Coaches: Friesen, Kail, Mandigo, Humphries, Jacobis, & Binder A. Chan, W. Kendrick, B. Newland, L. Nims, A. Yao, C. Lammers, P. Modera, D. Molemen & B. Newland.



The JV team picture (top to bottom, left to right): Leif Simonson, Hudson Olander, Jorden Remer, Bryce Chu, Russell Thompson, Chase Smiegl, Melvin Harrison, Coach Benz, Coach Jacobis, Matt Zarbo, Riely White, Mike Ruby, Daniel Fineman, Jared Klickstein, Keith Reed, Matt Fineman, Joe Crittenden, Jin Min, Elliot Wainess, Ryan Lipkin, and Kieran Cragie.

Sophomore Joe Crittenden (middle) jumps high trying to block the field goal.

Junior Alex Lim (bottom) takes down a Justin Sienna football player.



PHOOT- BALL

As summer comes to an end, the JV and Frosh football players begin practicing twice a day, in what are known famously as Double Days. Witter Field becomes crowded with returning JV stars as well as freshmen still struggling to learn the game. The freshmen have to work extra hard since the coaches cut them no slack. "Conditioning is no fun, but watching other people being tortured too lightens it up a little," remarks freshmen Isaac Yoder. Coach Humphries still prefers the young guns, heading the Frosh team: "I chose this group of kids, because I believe in teaching the basic skills first; this is a learning experience." After 30-something years of coaching, Humphries' enthusiasm still remains strong. Coach Benz, the head JV coach, took the older players this year. He helped create a worthy team, getting the players excited about Football. The JV team took off in the beginning of the season, leaving no prisoners behind. With grueling practices four to five days a week, their enthusiasm for the game lingered with every play. "We are definitely the underdogs this season, but that's the most exciting thing," remarked Coach Humphries. While working hard in practices may be burden to some, it is all worth it when the players put on the purple and white jerseys and take the field.



Freshman Laurence Davis (top) protects the ball from a Alameda player

JV players (middle) take a break from their fast-paced match in order to be replenished with a drink of water and rest.

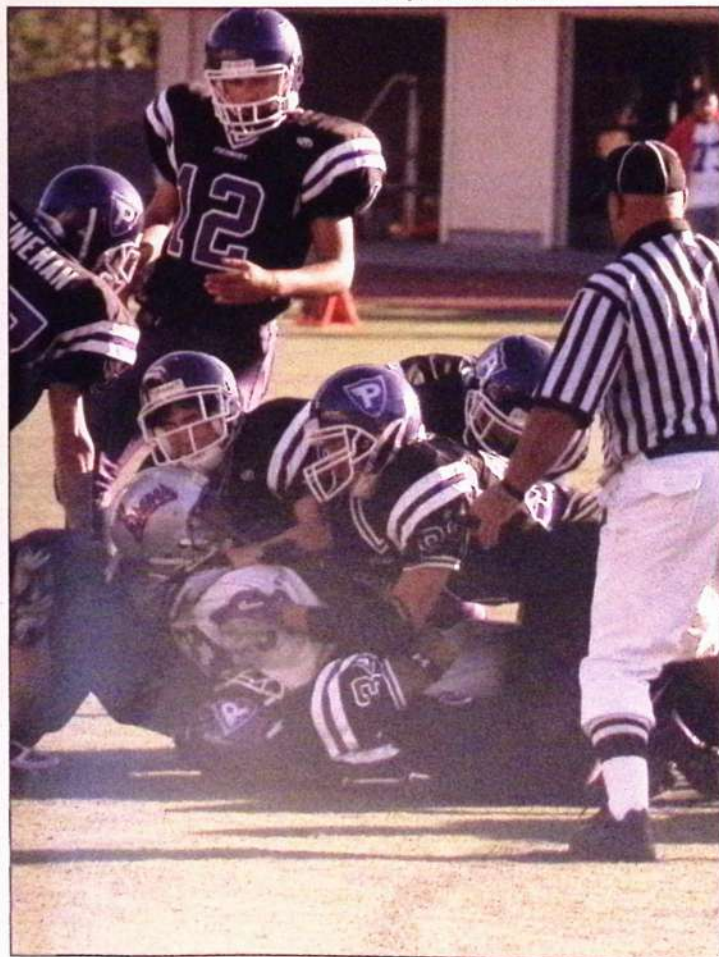
Tony Navarro (bottom) takes down a Alameda player with a key play.



Freshman Devin Brown (above) runs like the wind to grab a fumble.

Freshman Will Pritchett (above right) warms up for a game against Northgate.

Sophomore Alex Menke (right) makes an amazing run downfield, leaving everyone in his dust.



Piedmont Highlanders 1921

Brick Johnson, the 2nd ever Head Coach of Piedmont was a tough Scot who wore a kilt and played the bagpipe. Piedmont won the League Championship in 1934, and with Co-Coach Jimmy Hole, won the ACAL four straight years (1939-43). The Highlanders drew national attention by winning 36 consecutive games and were invited to play in the Orange Bowl in Miami.

Piedmont JV team (left) takes the other team into the ground.

The Freshmen Team picture (top to bottom, left to right): Keaton Arden, Matt Bocks, Milton Lee, Alex Dobbs, Trevor Flesham, Lawrence Davis, Nick Zarbo, Isaac Yoder, Sam Jordan, Peter Lahaderne, Tony Navarro, Devin Brown, Alex Goussen, Scott Bradsby, Jordan "R-Diddy" Peden, Alex Steady, Micheal Gomez, Charlie Sweeney, Coach Humphries, Coach Miller, Coach Kliszewski, Parker Tuan, Joey Holland, Jack Bassett, Peter Andreoni, Alex Chetkowski, Freddy Tsang, Max Grossman, Jeremy George, Mitchell Manburg, Truman Braslaw, Chris Mating, Max Bendes.

Freshman Quarterback Trevor Flesham gets down low to receive a handoff.

