



OWN THE MOMENT

1. Playing against Richmond High on October 5th, Michael Tam (12) battles his way through the defense by throwing out a stiff arm. Tam said, "After the first few moments of the game when we were up a few scores already, we knew we had this game in the bag. This allowed us to make proper substitutions to make sure everyone could play." Tam, who has had a season long shoulder injury, was able to contribute a few carries before getting reinjured. 2. With a big kick, Andrew Strauch (11) sends the ball flying through the uprights to tack on the extra point. Due to a 150-acre bush fire in Livermore and high winds, the weather conditions on October 4th, the originally scheduled game day, were too poor to play in. The game had to be postponed to the following day, giving the team some extra time to discuss plays and prepare mentally. Before the game, the coaches pumped up the players by encouraging aggression, doing individual jobs, and playing for each other. Hunter Abel (11) said, "I felt so great and accomplished because we completely leveled Richmond. I made six tackles on defense and really put pressure on their quarterback." 3. After the Saturday evening event, Connor Garrett and Fiachra Collins (11) chest bump to celebrate their victory, beating the Oilers 49-0. During the game, Garrett, in running back, scored a touchdown while outrunning several people with good blocking. He later broke four tackles during a 25 yard run before scoring his fourth touchdown of the night. Collins contributed to the win by keeping Richmond's offense from scoring and making several fourth down stops. When asked how he felt when the game was first canceled, Collins said, "I was really frustrated because we were all ready for battle and last minute it all got canceled." After the game Collins said, "I felt like it was a successful win because they did not score even though the game was delayed and [some] people were more unprepared."



PRACTICING FOR SUCCESS

1. During an afternoon walk-through practice on September 19th, Jacob Zimmerman (12) outruns his opponent during a drill. Zimmerman said, "Walk-through gives me the chance to make sure I am doing everything right so that in the game I can play to the highest of my abilities." 2. Spencer Kim (12) receives a pass from Michael Tam (12) between drills. Walk-through practice focused on kicking, kickoff, kick returns and plays for the away game against Healdsburg. 3. Between drills Joe Cumbelich (11) comes to the sideline for a water break. Towards the end of practice, the coach had the players do push-ups in order to get them refocused. 4. Kneeling by the team bench, Jason Duecker (12) fixes his helmet. Practice was followed by a POW-WOW in the locker room during which players and coaches discussed the upcoming game, got focused, and pumped each other up.

V. FOOTBALL



Gabriel Watson (10)



A SEASON TO REMEMBER

Finishing the season with a 5-5 record, the team moved on to NCS in early November. **Hunter Abel** (11) and **Joseph Mirante** (12) battle for the ball during the first round NCS game against Moreau Catholic on November 16th. In the beginning of the game, the team had a difficult time stopping their opponent's offense, but on the first pass Moreau threw, **Atu Ohuafi** (12) made an interception and ran it back for a touchdown. The team beat Moreau 54-50, advancing them to the next round of the CIF North Coast Section Playoffs. During the second away game of NCS on November 22nd, **Gabriel Watson** (10) makes a break away against Fortuna. In the last play of this game, **Joseph Mirante** (12) got to run the ball for the first time all season after continuously asking the coach. Although the team lost the second game 21-48, they made Highlander history by advancing to the semifinals for the first time since 1997.

HOMECOMING BATTLE

1. During the game against Tennyson on October 25th, Chad Finkel (12) sprints for the ball after a fumble. Finkel said, "On one particular drive Gabe had a long run, Tulu had a long screen and a large gain, and Spencer flung the ball up to me for a big pass. It showed that we were not going to quit." 2. Ryan Nakamura (12) hikes the ball back to his quarterback. 3. While looking for a pass, Cole Gruendl (11) sprints down field. 4. Scoring on the second possession of the game **Atu Ohuafi** (12) runs the ball forward after a 74 yard pass from **Spencer Kim** (12), cutting Tennyson's lead. Although the team lost their third league game, 45-21.

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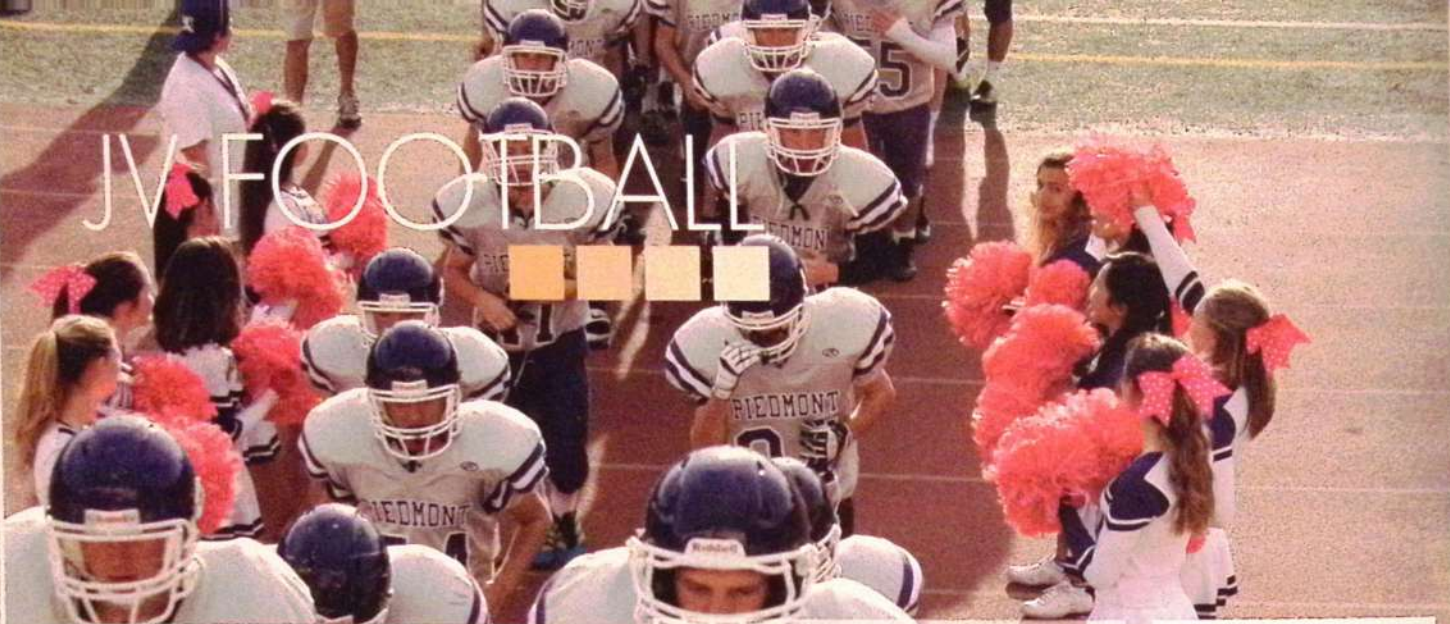


PIEDMONT REDEFINED

"Homecoming Week somehow turned me into Harry Potter and I was able to cast spells on people all week."
-Spencer Dean (9)

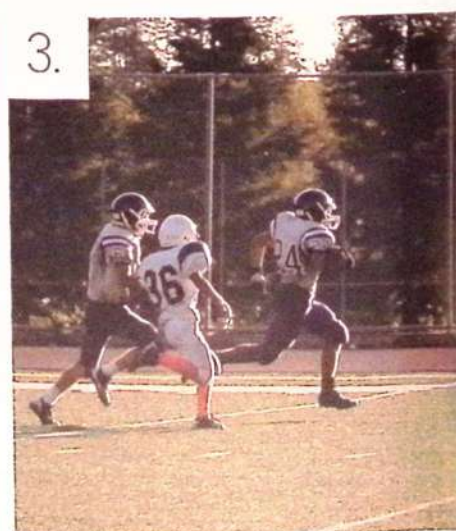


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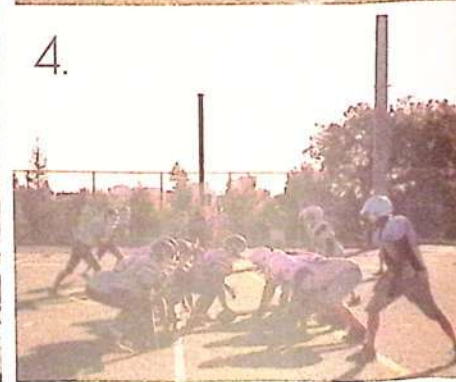
HOMECOMING VICTORS

On Friday, October 25th, with an energetic crowd, the team defeated Tennyson, 28-15. Piedmont started well, forcing the visiting Lancers to punt. Immediately following, the quarterback Miles Kim (10) ran 18 yards, followed by a run by Jacob Watson (9) to the three yard line. Watson then pushed for a touchdown, giving Piedmont an early lead of 7-0. In the second quarter, Nick Pacult (9) scored a 73-yard touchdown with just one minute left on the clock. Pacult scored again in the third quarter with a 63-yard run, giving Piedmont a 21-7 lead. On defense, Kim intercepted a pass by the Lancer quarterback. Kim passed to Peter Wrensen (9) who ran for a 41-yard touchdown. Tennyson scored once more before the game was over.



STRONG FROM THE START

After a great season, Mt. Eden ended the team's winning streak leaving Piedmont to finish with a 7-3 overall record. The Scots finished 2nd place in the West Alameda Country Conference. On one drive starting on the 30-yard line, Miles Kim was able to run 20-yards but was then called back on a penalty. After Mt. Eden recovered a fumble, the Monarchs scored to take the lead 6-0. With good offensive strategy, Nick Pacult (9) scored a 55-yard run while William Matsuno (9) helped block. With five minutes left during the fourth down, Piedmont lost possession with a fumble, ending the game. Despite the strong effort, the Highlanders ultimately lost 14-7 to Mt. Eden. With one of the best seasons, Nick Pacult (9) scored over half of the total touchdowns. 1. The players on the sideline wait for instruction from the coaches. 2. Spencer Chan (10) makes a powerful block to create a path for quarterback, Miles Kim (10), to run the ball. 3. After making a catch, Jacob Watson (9) sprints to the end zone, outrunning his opponent to score a touchdown. 4. In offensive position, the Highlanders prepare to snap the ball back to their quarterback. 5. With quick feet, Andrew Meredith (9) runs across the field with the ball while looking for a teammate to pass to. With a team of 30 new freshman, Sam Watters (9) said "being on the team together, we form a brotherhood." Chris Conn (9) added "So far all the freshman have become closer and more like a family."



TEAM PHOTOS



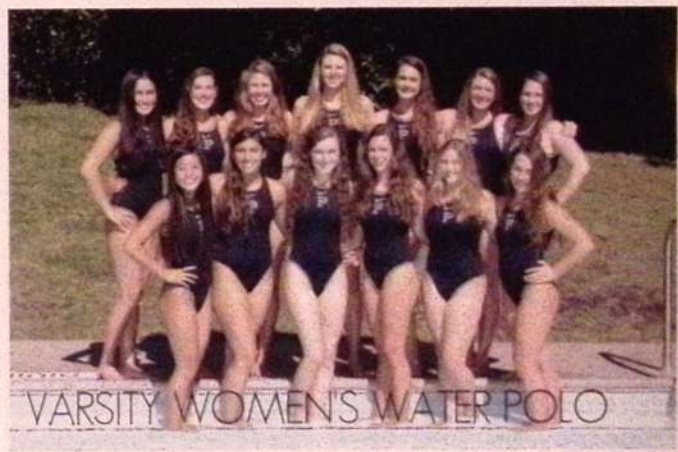
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