

PRIME

To close out a successful first half of the season, in which the Highlanders outscored their opponents 174-91 over 5 games, they faced the Encinal Jets at home. 1. After the national anthem, wide receiver Will Wolfe (11) prepares to take the field for kickoff, helping the team go on to take an early 14-0 lead. 2.

With the team unable to score going into the fourth quarter, Jack Elvekrog (11) gives his teammates a spirited pep talk before play resumes. "I'd say we've had a successful season. We've had some close games that we've ended up losing, which have been bummer," Elvekrog said. "We have played well, but I don't think we've unlocked our full potential, so we need to crank that up and dial it in [going forward]." 3. Kneeling into position, Ben Wuebbens (12) helps on defense in the fourth quarter. The team was unable to come back and fell to the Jets 28-21.



TIME

Highlander Hustle



In his second game after switching from wide receiver to running back, KK Smith (11) lays a stiff arm on an Encinal defender en route to a touchdown. "There are times where we already know we're going to blow a team out, and some guys hold back. But in big games [like Encinal], everybody is fighting until the clock hits zero," Smith said.

Wins: 7
Losses: 5

vs Healdsburg
W 50 - 0

vs Salesian
W 55 - 18

vs Bishop O'Dowd
L 54 - 0

vs Castro Valley
W 20 - 7

vs Tennyson
W 47 - 13

W 41 - 17
vs Justin-Siena

L 28 - 7
vs Menlo

L 28 - 21
vs Encinal

W 20 - 14
vs Berkeley

L 55 - 15
vs San Leandro

Captain's Corner



LANE BENTLEY "This has been an irregular season to say the least," Bentley said. "We played on multiple days of the week, had weather and health issues, and had games closer together than we're used to, but we persevered."



COLE KINGSTON "This season has gone very well," Kingston said. "[When the season's over] I'll definitely miss the boys and being around them the most. The game is always fun, but the players who I'm playing with make it the best."



JACOB PRAGER "Our homecoming game against Berkeley was my favorite moment of the season, we were able to pull out the win in the final minutes. It felt like all of the work that myself and the boys have put in came together so that we could perform when we needed it most."

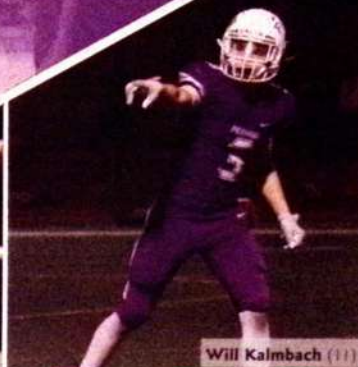
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"This has been a great season. Everything was high-paced and I had to change my attitude [about football]. Our offense was working on a different level; we were so dynamic. The running game, passing game, quarterback run, receiver toss... there were so many options it was crazy."

-Myles Smith (11)

MONDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

After several massive fires tore through the valleys just north of San Francisco Bay, air quality in much of the Bay Area became unsafe for outdoor sports. Although they were forced to practice in the gym and reschedule the Homecoming Game to a Monday, the Highlanders didn't let the inconvenience bring them down. "There are a lot of people affected by the fires who can't even go to school, so I feel lucky that we can even reschedule and play our game," said wide receiver Tre Anderson (11). In the first half, the visiting Berkeley Yellowjackets kept them in check, keeping the score at 7-7. Early in the 3rd quarter, a Piedmont turnover allowed Berkeley to acquire the ball and take a 14-7 lead, but an interception shortly afterward gave the Highlanders possession of the ball. With the offense within Berkeley's 40 yard line, they were able to run the ball and edge closer to the end zone as the clock wound down. Finally, as the 3rd quarter drew to a close, Marshall Petty (11) scored to tie the game at 14-14. To end the ensuing Berkeley drive, William Robison (12) made a tackle to stop the ball an inch short of a first down, bringing the ball back into Piedmont's hands yet again. To take a 20-14 lead, Cole Kingston snagged a pass from Jacob Prager (12) and dropped his defender off at the 20 yard line, giving him a wide open lane into the end zone. Just a few minutes later, Kingston sealed the comeback with a diving interception, and the team rode the momentum to a 3-1 record over an 18-day stretch to close out the regular season. "To 'roll with the punches' is something that is really admirable about this team," receiver Ian Joseph (11) said. "This year has been a little off, but everybody has stepped up and done what they've needed to do."



Will Kalmbach (11)



Will Robison (12)



Tre Anderson (11)



Ian Joseph (11)

top 3 highlights



October 16th

After returning an interception to the visitor's 40 yard line, shifting the tide in the 3rd quarter of the Homecoming Game, Dylan Skov (12) celebrates on his way back to the sideline as the offense takes over.



September 8th

Starting on offensive line together, brothers Briggs (9) and Hunter Settlemier (11) line up for a snap. Not only were they the only set of brothers on the team, Briggs was the only freshman who played on Varsity.



October 27th

During a game against San Leandro, Jackson Cavanaugh (11), who, in full pads, sang the national anthem with the troubadours before a home game, hustles in after intercepting a would-be touchdown pass to end the half.

by the numbers

438

Miles driven to and from games

66%

Percentage of team made up of juniors

312

Total points scored, regular and postseason

3

Games played on days other than Friday

6

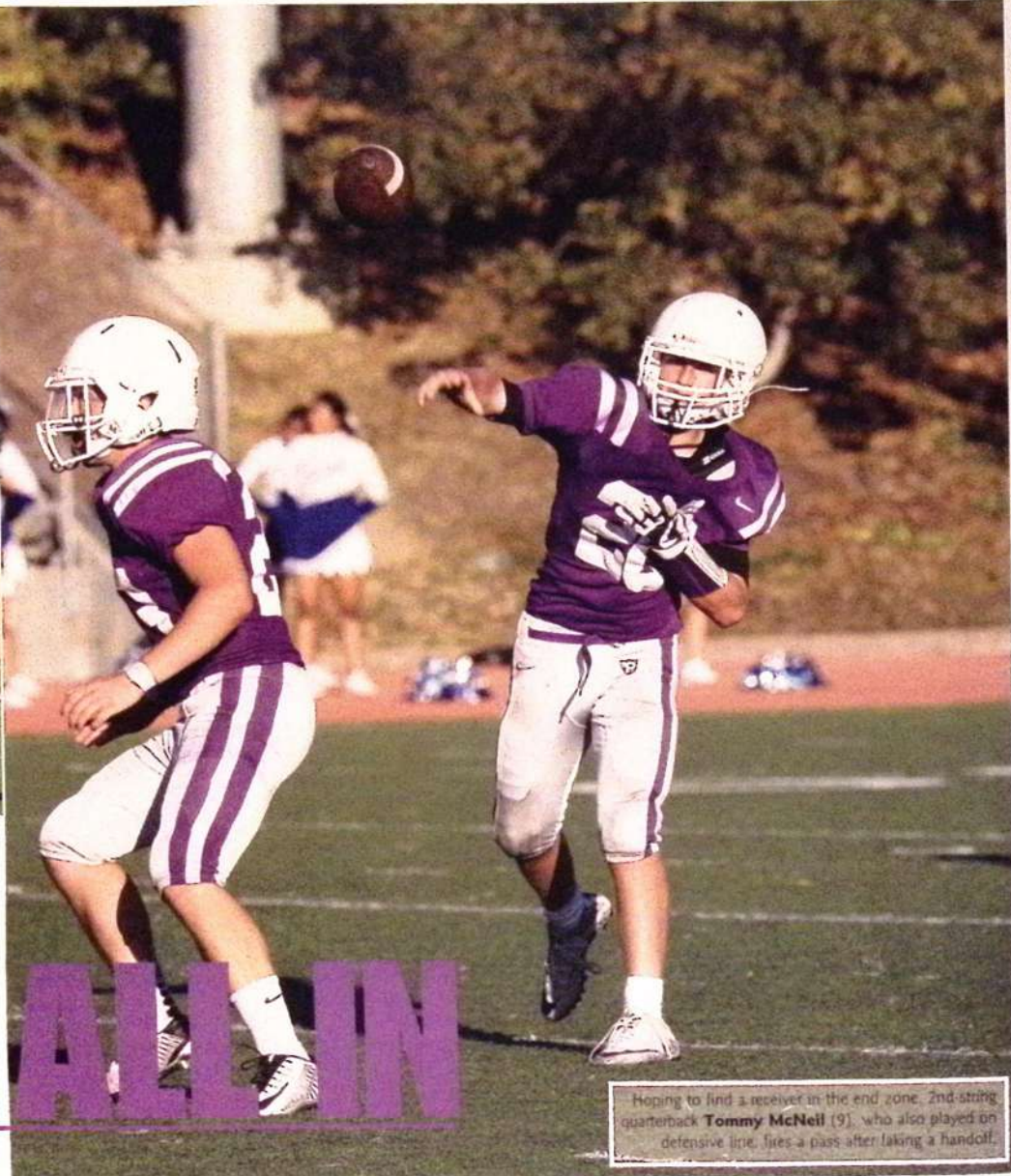
Upperclassmen playing for the first time

7-5

Overall W-L record



1. In the 3rd quarter of a tough home loss to Encinal, first-string quarterback Noah Rosenbaum (10) throws the ball to Joe Hempeck (9). "It was definitely hard taking control of an all-freshman offense, but [this season] was a blast for sure," said Rosenbaum. "We did a great job of going out week after week and working hard with what we had." 2. Receiver Braydon Ellis (9) punts it down to the 20 yard line to keep the Jets out of striking distance. 3. After catching a shovel pass from his quarterback, Justin Baker (11) looks for an open lane to the end zone.



Hoping to find a receiver in the end zone, 2nd-string quarterback **Tommy McNeil** (9), who also played on defensive line, fires a pass after taking a handoff.

Win the day

Slaughtering Salesian

1. In his last game before being pulled up to varsity, running back Paul Pappas (10) grabs the handoff before taking it up field 20 yards. 2. Causing a fumble, Jake Alering (9) strips the ball out of Salesians's hands. 3. During the 3rd quarter, the entire defensive line takes down the ball carrier and his blocker to stop them short of a 1st down. "When we set our minds to play together which led us to play very good football," linebacker Burke St. Claire (10) said, "[This season] I learned that you're going to have to make sacrifices for your team in order to succeed, you can't do it all by yourself, it's a team sport." 4. After scoring his first career touchdown, Paul Davies (10), who joined the team late in the season, celebrates with teammate Alex Hilton (9) in the end zone. 5. Evading his defender, Francisco Cheung (10) gets up high to snag a towering pass from landing out of bounds. Shortly afterwards, the Highlanders scored to extend their lead to 27-7, which they would hold to the end of the game.



Football



Top: Darryl Tjogas, Jack Elvekrog, Lane Bentley, Cole Kingston, John Roos, Jacob Prager, Ben Wuebbens, Patch Selna, Hunter Settlemier, Tre Anderson, Jack McKeen
Middle: Briggs Settlemier, Georgie Brayer, Julian Turner, Liam Zhou, Marshall Petty, Will Robison, Paul Woolcott, Rex Peters, Jackson Cavanaugh, Ben Williamson, Jeremy Baker, James Sharman
Bottom: Jackson Peterson, Judge Williams, Christopher Crowell, Kamahn Smith, EJ Cheung, Myles Smith, Andrew Jiang, Ian Joseph, Will Wolfe, Mike Goody

Cheerleading



Top: Lhamo Dolma, Edwyna Zhu, Enice Zhu, Kayla Wong, Sydney Tay

Women's JV Tennis



Top: Susan Kuroda, Yu Chen Yang, Hadley Breault, Caroline Divine, Hannah Ferguson, Christine Zhou
Middle: Esme Kalbag, Campbell Lawson, Helen Gamez, Holly Peterson, Hannah Pham
Bottom: Jasmine Ghaderi, Gabi Cota, Halle White

Women's Varsity Tennis



Top: Lauren Young, Lily Orta, Megan Aikawa, Austen Elvekrog, Madison Aikawa, Kiana Kasrovi, Audrey Edel, Maddie Young, Ella Lee
Bottom: Megan Chueh, Noreen AuYoung, Emily Becker, Makenna Thiel, Morgan Bouch, Audrey Call

Volleyball



Top: Samantha Fanger, Zoe Kimball, Olivia Theut, Jace Porter, Riley Francis, Dani Skov, Hayden Stone, Lilli Brien, Kate Goldberg
2nd Row: Heidi Helm, Logan Thiel, Chloe Hood, Enn Kovacs, Julia Prager, Orly Sanborn, Dina Gallacher, Marlowe McEfee, Chloe Tjogas
3rd Row: Danya Kariv, Maria Liang Jones, Colby Francis, Emma Fumagalli, Claire de Vroede, Kylie Heller, Charlotte Hubbell, Bridget Bentley, Azana Best
Bottom: Faith Zirkelbach-Ngai, Mia Webb, Audrey Wakefield, Sarah Dinetz, Katie Ashton,



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Varsity Cross Country



Top: Alex Weekes, Lorand Cheng, Ethan Argue, Reese Proctor, Walter Teitelbaum, Sam White

Bottom: Sophia Zalewski, Margo Donahue, Erin Hong, Sofia Barker, Maggie Black, Clarissa Lam, Aya Troyer

Varsity Men's Tennis



Top: James Conroy, Iain Muhiudeen, Luke Barret, Jack McKeen, Ethan Ten Grotenhuis, Andrew Pinkham, Carson Breber

Bottom: Akash Kothan, Nathan AuYoung, Matthew Chan, Luke Hawkins, Rohan Srivastava, Nicholas Lalji, Will Wolfe, Sajan Srivastava, Corey Reich

Women's JV Soccer



Top: Ava Caldwell, Jill Coleman, Abby Gallagher, Paxton Grimmer, Charlotte Hubbell, Zozo Tshawi

Middle: Caitlin Kennedy, Cassia Gray, Avery Kokka, Eliana Bloomfield, Sarah Lim

Bottom: Alex Kjellen, Isa Melani, Isabelle Woodruff Madena, Jerina Kim, Caroline Wiesbrock, Kaia Kim

Women's Varsity Soccer



Top: Ivy Smith, Lucy Barrett, Gracie Ellis, Pen Ozsoy, Fiona Hunter, Ceci Brien

Middle: Paxton Grimmer, Laila Adarkar, Maxine Miller, Emily Yu, Bri Gammar, Romy Moss, Ashley Nelson, Paige Ellis

Bottom: Shay Hempeck, Ellie Cole, Ava Biehn, Charlotte Aitken, Isa Harrison, Emma Ziegler

JV Football



Top: Jake Alerng, Max Wagener, Braydon Ellis, Lars Dem, Andy Melian, Noah Rosenbaum, Billy McNeil, Paul Pappas

Middle: Tom Smegal, Alex Hilton, Alex Gotto, Ben Marshburn, Tom McNeil, Will Peterson, Careri Riley, Nate Stevak, Jordan Bowers

Bottom: Ryan Roos, Max Potterton, Nathan Burge, Justin Baker, Brian Cain, Francisco Cheung, Jack Harrison, Trevor Thayer

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