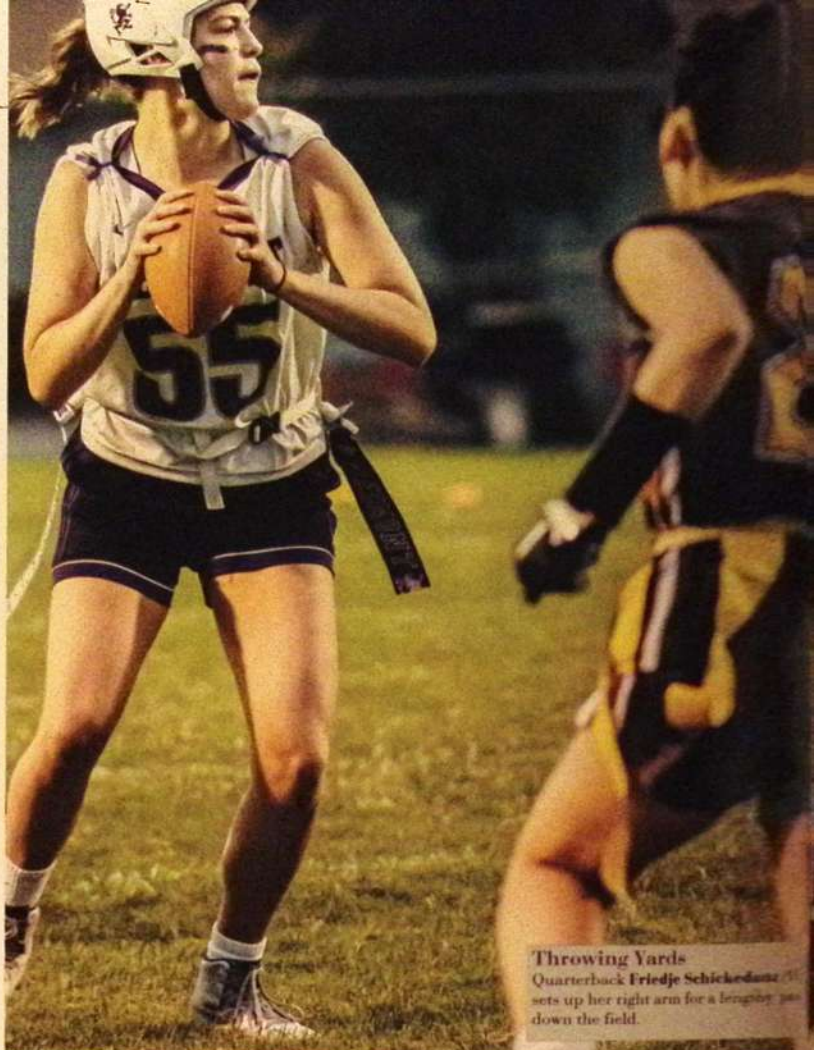


FLAG FOOTBALL

Piedmont High School has embraced an exciting change this year with the introduction of girls' flag football as a new fall sport. This progressive move not only expands the range of athletic options available to female students, but also emphasizes inclusivity and equal opportunities in sports. The enthusiasm surrounding this new team was displayed by the massive roster, and flag football is expected create a more diverse and vibrant sports culture at Piedmont High School.

SEASON SCHEDULE

Sept 7. Scrimmage vs. Las Lomas
 Sept 9. All League Jamboree
 Sept 14. vs. Alameda High
 Sept 21. vs. Mt. Eden High
 Sept 28. vs. Encinal High
 Oct 3. vs. Saint Ignatius High
 Oct 5. vs. Berkeley High
 Oct 10. vs. Alameda High
 Oct 12. vs. Tennyson High
 Oct 19. vs. San Leandro High
 Oct 28. vs. Hayward (SENIOR NIGHT)
 Oct 28. League Championship



Throwing Yards
 Quarterback Friedje Schickedanz sets up her right arm for a long pass down the field.



TOP: Mia Leggett (12) and Dorothy Nemeth (11) lift Erin Cardere (12) into the air after an exciting play.



RIGHT: Coach Black motivates the team from the sideline.



ON THE MOVE

1. Peyton Watson (10) rushes down the field after catching the snap from her center.
2. Breah Bell (12) charges at the quarterback of the opposing team.
3. Miya Fujimoto (11) narrowly misses the sideline while running the ball to the end zone.
4. After a hand-off from the quarterback, Josie Lins (11) sprints down the field.
5. Dorothy Nemeth (11) dodges the flag pulling attempt by the defense.



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TOP: Lauren Ashton (12) and Dahlia Osman (10) spring into the air for an interception.

BOTTOM: Malea Hartford, Mia Leggett, Lucy Wheeler (12), Friedje Schickedanz (11), and Mallia Williams (10) celebrate after an exciting win.

FIRST TEAM DUB

The inaugural Girls Flag Football team secures their first win away from home against Mt. Eden High School. The team showed their perseverance by staying in the game after getting down by six at the end of the half. Quarterback **Peyton Watson (10)** brought the momentum back to the game after a graceful rushing touchdown. With only seconds left on the clock, center **Malea Hartford (12)** snapped the ball to quarterback **Friedje Schickedanz (11)** and ran a sneaky route through Mt. Eden's defensive line. When the play was over, the score was 12-6 and Piedmont had gotten their first league dub.

'This season gave everyone a chance to try something new and meet new people.'

-Kira Pan(12)



1. **Mary Schickedanz (11)** raises her opponent's flag high after making an incredible stop moments before a possible touchdown.

2. Defensive player **Elizabeth Long (12)** rushes to the end zone after getting an interception against Berkeley High.

3. **Ruby Guzdar (12)** scans the field and looks to get a flag pull.

DARING DEFENSE



SENIOR SHOUTOUT



Malea Hartford, Kira Pan, Lauren Ashton, Ruby Guzdar, Elizabeth Long, Maisy Richardson, Mia Leggett, Lana Iovovich, Macy Puckett, Breah Bell, Erin Gardere, Greta Schleuning, Sara Broach, and Lucy Wheeler (12) are the first ever seniors on Piedmont's Flag Football Team.

SPORT Q&A

What impact do you think the addition of a girls flag football at Piedmont High will have?



Lucy Wheeler (12)
'Flag is a great way to pave the way for the younger generation of women that want to be represented in football.'



Miya Fujimoto (11)
'I think being on a women's team, where the sport is predominantly men, shows that sports aren't made for a specific gender.'



FOOTBALL

This year, the Piedmont Highlander's football teams faced an unprecedented challenge due to their beloved home field undergoing renovation. This venue change shifted the season away from home and forced the team to adapt to unfamiliar fields and formidable home crowds, but it didn't limit their success in the 2023 season. The Highlander's determination and strong spirit was infectious, uniting the school community and getting students out to support the team on the road. Despite the nomadic lifestyle, the team ended the season as league champions and impressed the entire school and community with their victory.



League MVP with over 150 rushing yards this season, Sam Shelby (11), charges towards the end zone at full speed.



The offense lines up and waits for center Liam Lee (11), to snap the ball.

SEASON SCHEDULE

Aug. 25 vs. Pierce
 Sept. 1 vs. Miramonte
 Sept. 8 vs. Mt. Eden
 Sept. 15 vs. Encinal
 Sept. 23 vs. Arroyo
 Oct. 7 vs. Alameda
 Oct. 13 vs. San Lorenzo
 Oct. 20 vs. Kennedy
 Oct. 28 vs. American
 Nov. 3 vs. Newark
 Memorial
 Nov. 10 vs. Alhambra

"It was hard losing our field and playing away from home, but I knew we could get the wins."

- Tommy Ashton (11)



TOP: Brayden Hong, Derek Schleuning (12), Tommy Ashton, and Cash Elmquist (11) scout the competition with their game faces on.
 BOTTOM: Emmett Maxwell (12) celebrates after an impressive play.

JUNIOR VARSITY



1. Patrick Brayer (10) shows his strength as he takes down the opponent.
2. Cash Panico (10) starts his run away from defenders.
3. With the ball in his hand, George Bishop (10) looks towards the end zone.

What is your favorite memory from your senior season?

Brayden Hong

'My teammates and the energy everyone brings to practice, games, and around school. Also finishing my very last season as league champions.'

Emmett Maxwell

'Winning league after a forfeit season last year.'

Derek Schleuning

'Both winning league and making playoffs for the first time in like 5 years.'

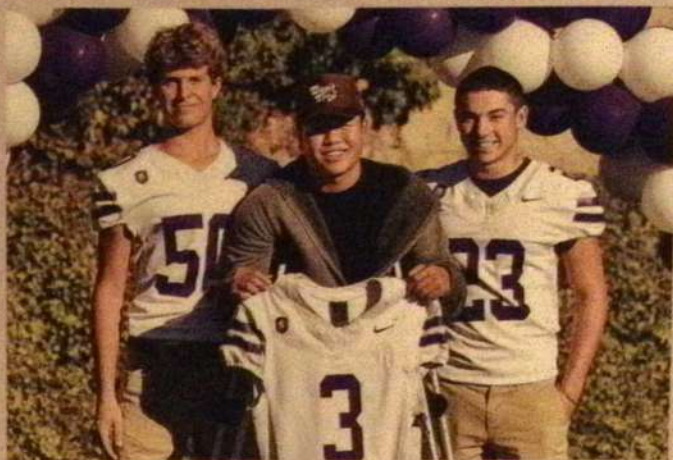


Markos Lagios (11) fakes out the defense and runs the ball for a touchdown.



Quarterback Markos Lagios (11) winds up his arm to blast the ball towards one of his receivers.

STUPENDOUS SENIORS



Derek Schleuning, Brayden Hong, and Emmett Maxwell (12) are the seniors on this year's championship team.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

The Piedmont Highlanders football team faced off against the Newark Memorial High School Monarchs in the Western Alameda County Conference (WACC) Shoreline Division championship game. The stakes were high. Piedmont winning this game would prove that they could push through adversity and redeem themselves from last year's shortened season. Despite their visiting team status all season leading up to this game, the Piedmont Highlanders claimed victory of the league in a nail biting 29-26 victory.



TOP: Sam Shelby (11) opens his hand to catch the ball while running into the end zone.

BOTTOM: The team shows their excitement after winning the league championship game.



GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Olivia Britt, Cora Brozowski Schrader, Mara Kemp-Malone, Gladwin Horsley, Amina Greene, Elena O'Connell, Quincy Antaya, Leighton Mand, Caroline Taylor, Amalia Gray, Zoe Snyder, Shayna Chau, Carmen Botero, Xia Snyder, Jamie Schwarz, Skylar Best, Nda Aya Cyntiche Kouadio, Nda Ahou Eunice Kouadio, and Cora Chun.



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Julien Lee, Tomas Jorcino, Felix Shotton, Xander Schulte Sasse, Thomas Worthington, Miles Antaya, Lucas Chau, Henry Horsley, Henry White, Eric Venner, Thomas Ero, Miles Lee, Dev Nabizadeh, Nathaniel Kaltner, Andrew Kobal, Tobias Callagher, Mark Hsia, Oliver Horsley, Jasper Cross, Alexander Chin, Trenton Downing, Emmett Baldwin, Colin Amen, Harrison McNulty, August Leonard, Alexander Schleuning, Leo Kansal, Juan Cristobal Lopez Cortez, Desmond English, Joseph Ichimaru, Noah Sohn, Nathan Bekele, Ilias Mueller Harley, Peter Murdock, Maddox Ma, Duncan Eng, and Devon Thai.



FLAG FOOTBALL

Priyanka Seshan, Martha Schickedanz, Johanna Lins, Sabrina Carling, Lillian Perez, Ella Yasar, Lucy Barton, Creta Schleuning, Breah Bell, Sasha Jerez, Peyton Watson, Kalyani Spieckerman, Allison King, Sara Broach, Lucy Wheeler, Dorothy Nemeth, Friedje Schickedanz, Adelina Mbise, Kira Pan, Ruby Guzdar, Lana Ivovich, Maisy Richardson, Macy Puckett, Miya Fujimoto, Reni Suhr, Elizabeth Long, Malea Hartford, Olive Litwin, Dahlia Osman, Elspeth Crippando, Emily Williamson, Jordan Palsa, Brynne Jones, Lauren Ashton, Jameson Sanford, Charlotte Silver, and Mia Leggett.



VARSITY FOOTBALL

Derek Schleuning, Jordan Alemania, Adrian Kondakov, Peter Ichimaru, Liam Leahy, William Ashton, Nicholas King, Cash Elmquist, Dashiell Waters Worthen, Samuel Shelby, Brayden Hong, Markos Lagios, Miles Silver, Brandon Dicke, Albert Bellingrath, Thomas Ashton, Vince Arbit, Miguel Long, and Emmett Maxwell.



JV FOOTBALL

George Bishop, Alex Lee, Daniel King, Marius Arno, Jason Shum, Patrick Bruyer, Nick Costello, Ryan Riddell, Cash Panico, River Westphal, Michael Sanford, Ian Costello, Syed Hussain, Layth Haddawy, Rehan Mumtaz, Quentin Shafroth, Colby Hong, Owen Curran, Henry Brennan, and Diego Hurwitz.