

Piedmont swept by two-time NCS Champions

By Jonathan Comeaux

It was a difficult second match of the season for Piedmont High's girls' tennis team, falling 7-0 to University in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco.

Despite the one-sided score, Piedmont had some close matches throughout the day. No. 4 singles starter Arianna Kortum took University's Lauren Connor to three sets, with each set only separated by two games or less.

No. 3 doubles team Ella Thomasson and Chiara Silvo also took their match to three sets, while both of Kate Jumper's sets at No. 2 singles were separated by two games.

"We did have a few close matches. Arianna Kortum, and Ella Thomasson and Chiara Silvo each went to the deciding 10-point breaker," said coach Jim Landes.

Thomasson and Silvo are both sophomores and new varsity starters. The duo played together as freshman last year.

"Chiara and Ella played together last year. They play very well together. There's a chance that they can move up in the lineup, but they are good at No. 3. Chiara has a nice serve and Ella

can swing well too," Landes said.

The Highlanders look ahead to a match at Campolindo today, September 3, in Moraga. One day later they will travel to Dominican University in San Rafael to play Marin Academy.

Match Results

At singles, freshman Ella Ruthevin fell to Piper Lim at the No. 1 spot, 6-0, 6-0. Jumper fell in a close two-set match at No. 2 singles, 7-5, 6-4. Faith Chin lost 6-1, 6-2 at No. 3 to Nina Jayaraman, while Kortum fell in her three-set match, 7-5, 5-7, 10-8.

At doubles, Samantha Huyhn and Emma Chan lost 6-2, 6-0 at the top spot to University's Annabelle Allesio and Sophie McFadden. Maddie Tran and Inara Mehta lost 6-1, 6-3 at No. 2. Thomasson and Chiara Silvo battled to a three-set loss at No. 3 doubles, 6-4, 6-7 (7-5), 10-7.

NEXT UP

Piedmont (1-1 overall) visits Campolindo in Moraga today, September 3, at 3:30 p.m. They also travel to San Rafael to play Marin Academy at Dominican University on Thursday, September 5 at the same time.



Arianna Kortum battled in a three-set loss at No. 4 singles against University.



Kate Jumper had a close 7-5, 6-4 loss at No. 2 singles.



Ella Chan (left) and Samantha Huyhn played at No. 1 doubles against University.

JV Highlanders hold on to beat Salesian 12-6



JV offense gets ready for Salesian game with Offensive Coordinator Darnell Reed. Players are Jonah Cha-Foster, Gus Leonard, Max Watson, Aidan Shartsis, Kayode Zuberi, Cyrus Emanuelson, Jed Gilbert, Travers Kemp, Mason Gray, Ernie Hildreth, and Vaha Mafi.

By Cyrus Emanuelson

Piedmont's JV football team came away with a narrow 12-6 victory at Salesian Prep to open its season on Saturday, August 30 in Richmond. The team entered its season with 18 freshmen, eight sophomores, and three juniors who knew they had a lot of talent but hadn't yet seen how it translated in a real game.

Piedmont's offensive line gave quarterback Jonah Cha-Foster enough time to find his receivers as he finished the game with two passing touchdowns, one to Mason Gray, and another to Mateo Long, who made a diving catch in the end zone for the catch. Cha-Foster finished the day with 100 passing yards, as well as another 40 yards on the ground.

After a strong first half, Piedmont had a shaky start to the second half, giving up an onside kick which immediately resulted in a Salesian touchdown on a 40-yard carry. It seemed to cause some nerves from Piedmont after nearly relinquishing an onside kick, but the Pride was penalized for illegal touching.

Piedmont went on a long drive on the ensuing possession but

ultimately turned the ball over on downs at Salesian's 12-yard line.

When Salesian got the ball back, Piedmont forced a turnover on downs but failed to take advantage. With four minutes left in the game, Salesian regained possession.

With two minutes left and Salesian threatening to score, outside linebacker Cyrus Emanuelson read the quarterback's eyes to snatch an interception and secure Piedmont's Week 1 victory.

Additional key players in

this game included running back-linebacker Vaha Mafi who had some explosive rushing plays on offense as well as some bruising tackles on defense. Tight end Jed Gilbert also had a good game securing a couple of catches and making effective blocks to help open up run lanes.

NEXT UP

Piedmont (1-0 overall) travel to Middletown to take on the Mustangs this Friday, September 5, at 4:00 p.m.



JV Quarterback Jonah Cha-Foster flies for extra yards.

Northern Light School Celebrity Golf Invitational

Northern Light School will host its annual Celebrity Golf Invitational Tournament on Monday, September 22 — an exciting day of sport and social impact that brings together athletes, celebrities, business leaders, and local changemakers in support of educational equity. The tournament was started in honor of Oakland A's legend Vida Blue, a longtime champion of the school.

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11:00 a.m. – Shotgun Start
5:00 p.m. – Awards Reception & Auction

