

SPORTS

Piedmont goes 1-3 at Labor Day Bash

By Jonathan Comeaux

Piedmont High's boys' water polo team got its season started at the Labor Day Bash tournament at James Logan in Union City on Friday and Saturday, August 29-30. Winning one of four games.

The Highlanders opened with a 12-5 loss to Washington on the first day but beat host school James Logan 12-11 later on. They next day, Piedmont faced two Western Alameda County Conference foes, losing 14-9 to Castro Valley and 20-10 to Alameda.

Piedmont's game with Washington marked a rematch of last year's Division 2 North Coast Section Quarterfinals, which PHS ultimately lost in a 14-11 barnburner. This time, the Huskies were able to take a lead and hold it for a victory thanks to a large batch of returning upperclassmen.

12-5 to Washington

The Huskies got out to a commanding 7-2 lead through the first quarter. Although Washington was held scoreless in the second quarter, Piedmont was only able to gain one goal.

In the third quarter, Washington added three more goals to the tally while allowing one. Piedmont was held scoreless in the fourth quarter, allowing two to Washington.

Final stats: Elles Kriekhaus and Henry Stein scored twice. Zach Dupree scored once. Goalie Luke McAuliffe had four saves, while Dylan Jerez had three saves in the fourth quarter.



Staff Photos

Elles Kriekhaus scored had four goals against James Logan and five against Castro Valley.



Henry Stein led with four goals against Alameda.

12-11 victory vs. James Logan

It was a back and forth game against James Logan with both teams holding a 2-2 tie at the end of the first quarter. Piedmont trailed 6-5 going into halftime after scoring three goals but allowing four.

The Highlanders turned things

around in the third quarter, scoring four and allowing just two to take a 9-8 lead to start the fourth. Both teams scored three goals in the final going.

Final stats: Kriekhaus led the way with four goals and one assist. Rylan Patty also scored four goals. Stein had two goals, one assist, and one steal. Ben Kappas had a goal, assist, and two steals. Nick Riordan scored once. McAuliffe finished with 11 saves and one steal.

14-9 loss to Castro Valley

Castro Valley led 4-2 through the first quarter and extended the gap to 10-4 by halftime. Piedmont clipped away at the lead in the third quarter with four goals and allowed two, trailing 12-8 to start the fourth. The Trojans added two more goals in the final going while allowing one.

Final stats: Kriekhaus led scoring with five goals. Patty had two goals and a steal. Stein had two goals.

Alameda prevails 20-10

It was a high-scoring opening quarter with the Hornets logging 10 goals, while Piedmont kept things interesting with six of their own. However, Alameda added another five in the second quarter to Piedmont's two in both the second and third quarters. The Hornets scored three in the fourth, holding the Highlanders scoreless in the process.

Final stats: Stein led the way with four goals, one assist, and one steal. Patty scored three goals. Kriekhaus had two goals and an assist. Kappas had one goal, and Riordan had one assist. McAuliffe had five saves.

NEXT UP

Piedmont (1-3 overall) travels to San Marin in Novato on Wednesday, September 10. The starting time has not been confirmed.

Highlanders fall to Salesian in season opener

By Jonathan Comeaux

It was a tough matchup against Salesian to start Piedmont's football season on Saturday, August 30 in Richmond, losing 41-17. Despite the defeat, the Highlanders kept things close through three quarters and trailed by just four-points with 8:08 left.

The Pride also beat Piedmont last year 46-14 and returned some of their top talent, like receiver Carlton Perrilliat and running back Tyler Sadler.

"It felt like last year, when we had a lead on them. But you have to play four quarters of football and your true colors show up in hard times," said Piedmont coach Jordan Seiden. "I don't care about the score, I care about the effort. We need to give ourselves our best chance through effort."

For a while, it looked like Piedmont was punching well above its weight class with an almost entire new roster on offense, defense, and special teams. Trailing 28-17, the Highlanders were driving downfield to Salesian's 29, but a blown assignment led to an interception and quick score by the Pride.

"Yeah, we're a new team, but the other team doesn't care about that. We had a missed assignment and that led to the interception," Seiden said.

Despite the disappointing result, there were some bright spots as Piedmont went up against last year's Div. 5 North Coast Section No. 2 seed and eventual semifinalist. Sophomore quarterback Jimmy Lagios didn't shy from the moment, looking poised navigating the pocket to elude pressure and rolling out to

find receivers.

Lagios connected with two teammates for touchdowns. Hurwitz, who led last year's JV team in scoring, had an impressive 53-yard touchdown after fighting through two defenders. George Saunders scored a 25-yard touchdown, breaking a tackle on his way to the end zone.

"Jimmy stepped up and played as good a game as we could ask. He was scrambling and made some plays. He got the ball out and our receivers made some nice plays. The great side of things is [that] young guys stepped up," Seiden said.

Piedmont will travel 100 miles to Middletown in Lake County for a game on Friday, September 5. Last year, PHS beat the Mustangs 42-21 at Witter Field.

Game Recap

After a couple possessions, Salesian scored first on a 12 yard pass with 1:42 left in the first quarter. The Pride added another touchdown with 4:19 left in the second quarter to go up 14-0.

Piedmont assumed possession at its own 47-yard line after a failed onside kick. On 3rd-and-10, Lagios hurled a ball downfield to Hurwitz, who athletically fought off pass interference and two defenders to turn up field and score with 3:51 left in the second quarter, making it 14-7.

Salesian scored on their ensuing possession with 1:03 left. PHS drove 60 yards in the remaining time, including a 26 yard reception by Jack Meyjes and an 11 yard catch by Saunders. NAME converted a 22-yard field goal right before halftime, bringing

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Rylan Patty had four goals against James Logan and three vs. Alameda.



Staff Photos

Sophomore quarterback Jimmy Lagios rolls out to find George Saunders (#8), who scored his first varsity touchdown against Salesian.



Xavier Henderson (#13) defends a pass while covering Salesian's top receiver, Carlton Perrilliat.

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Pancake Breakfast

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blow up Soccer Dart Board, and a full-plunge dunk tank. Find a Beach dad on the playground Sunday to nominate a special someone to enter the dunk tank

and take the plunge.

This year, the Pancake Breakfast will also feature a representative from *Good Eggs* onsite with a goodie bag & giveaway table, a



A Dunk Tank will be set up on the Beach playground during the 20th Beach Dads Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 7.



The fun and games zone will also have a 4-in-1 Sports Shootout.



The Chalk Art Festival runs concurrently with the Beach Dads Club Pancake Breakfast.

premium Pancake Toppings Bar, juices, fruits and snacks. The fun will include the music of a DJ spinning kids’ favorite songs.

The dads don’t use a pre-mixed pancake batter – they put their love into the morning’s grub by only using raw ingredients. Dads will start mixing the ingredients the night before and will be on the playground early Sunday morning for what is one of the most popular community events of the year.

For more information on the Beach Parents Organization or to sign up visit: [Beachparents.org](#)

Patrons will come for the food and will stay for the carnival games, great conversations at picnic benches and endless fun on the playground. The Chalk Art Festival on the lower half of the blacktop will give families the option of purchasing three by three foot squares of a “cement canvas” for chalk artistry.

Chalk Art Festival

The Chalk Art Festival is sponsored by the Piedmont Arts Fund and runs in conjunction with the Pancake Breakfast. Squares are \$20 each and include chalk donated by Flax Art & Design. All proceeds from the event support art programs in Piedmont Schools.

The chalk art masterpieces will remain on the Beach campus until the first rains of fall wash them away or until recess games smudge them into oblivion. Chalk art squares will draw big crowds of art appreciators, and will surely be photo worthy. Make sure to stop by the lower half of the playground on Sunday to get a square.

Football

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the score to 21-10.

Piedmont got the ball to open the third quarter, starting with a short field after Salesian’s kickoff went out of bounds. Driving to around the 25 yard line, Lagios found Saunders sitting in a soft spot in Salesian’s coverage while rolling out to the right. Saunders lowered his shoulder to break an initial tackle, and then took off to the right pylon for the score, making it 21-17 with 8:08 left.

Salesian scored on a 20-yard touchdown pass, 28-17 with 4:33

on the clock. After that, Piedmont drove to the Pride’s 29 yard line, including a big fourth-down conversion on a 10-yard reception by Saunders. After a nine-yard carry by Xavier Henderson, PHS committed a costly interception which was returned for a touch-down. Salesian added one more touchdown in the fourth quarter.

NEXT UP

Piedmont (0-1 overall) travels to Middletown on Friday, September 5 for a game at 7:00 p.m.



Diego Hurwitz (#2) fights through two Salesian defensive backs for his first varsity touchdown reception.

Cross Country

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who has emerged as a leader of the group.

“Our top returner is Alex Schleuning. He ran a really fast 10K over the summer and broke his 5K personal record. He’s very strong, focused, and committed. Noah Sohn is a senior and one of the captains,” Zirkelbach said.

Other members of the team are senior Devon Thai, and soph-

omores Ian Chung and Aaron Bennett.

“Ian Chung and Aaron Bennett have both been fantastic athletes from a coach’s perspective. They put in the work and are driven. They are definitely going to be top performers for us. Devon Thai is a senior who is certainly consistent and someone we can count on,” Zirkelbach.



Noah Sohn (3363) and Alex Schleuning (3366) will be leading the boys’ team.

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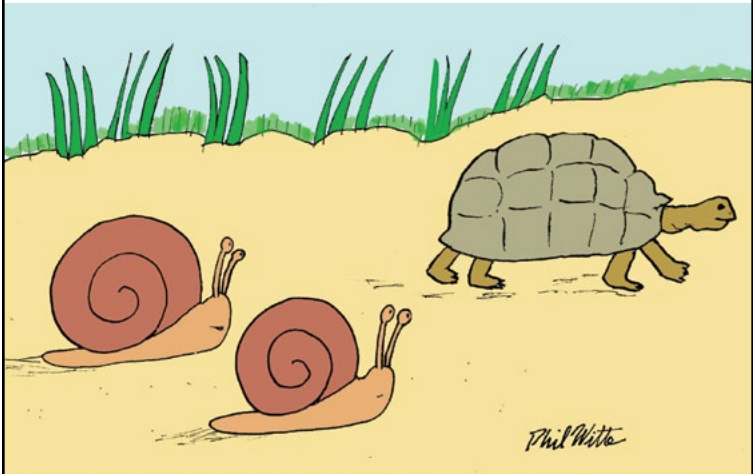
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FLip by Phil Witte



“He’s capable of short bursts of speed.”