

Piedmont falls to Berkeley in defensive battle



It was a defensive battle for Piedmont, falling in a narrow 13-0 battle to Berkeley.

Staff Photos

By Jonathan Comeaux

Piedmont High’s flag football team traveled to Berkeley High on Monday, Oct. 6, falling 13-0 in a tough defensive matchup. The loss brings the Highlanders’ record to 4-8 overall, with four games remaining in the season.

“Their coach came over and said our defense figured us out. We held them scoreless through three quarters, so that was impressive,” coach Beth Black said. “We made a lot of adjustments from our last game, and the players are applying them. It’s a bummer it’s not turning into wins.”

The game marked quarterback Edie Elmquist’s return to the position after an injury forced her out for the previous two games. It was also Piedmont’s third straight contest without scoring points.

“Edie had a sore arm, so she



Kate Tong had an interception in the third quarter.

didn’t throw before, but she threw well tonight and was connecting on more passes,” Black said.

It was also a strong night for receiver Stephanie Lee, who caught eight passes.

“Stephanie was making plays. She made good turns on the flat and really dipped her hips to avoid flag pulls. She’s good on both sides of the ball,” Black said.

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Stephanie Lee led the team with eight receptions.

PIEDMONT SPORTS SCHEDULE

Some events subject to change. (Revised - 10/8/25)

Date	Day	Sport	Opponent	Loc.	Var.	JV.
Oct. 8	Wed.	GG	Alameda, Bishop O’Dowd			
			at Redwood Canyon GC, Castro Valley	A	3:30	3:30
Oct. 9	Thurs.	TEN	Bishop O’Dowd	A/H	3:30	3:30
		FF	Mt. Eden (Hayward)	A	6:30	-----
		VB	Alameda	A	6:30	5:30
Oct. 10	Fri.	XC	Clovis Invitational			
			at Woodward Park, Fresno	A	8:30	8:30
Oct. 11	Sat.	XC	Clovis Invitational	A	8:30	8:30
		FB	Hayward	H	7:00	4:00
Oct. 14	Tues.	FF	San Leandro	A	6:30	5:15
Oct. 15	Wed.	WP-G	San Leandro	A	4:00	-----
		WP-B	San Leandro	A	5:00	6:00

KEY:

H = Home

WP-B = Boys’ Water Polo

FB = Football

TEN = Girls’ Tennis

A = Away

WP-G = Girls’ Water Polo

FF = Flag Football

VB = Girls’ Volleyball

XC = Cross Country

GG = Girls’ Golf

Highlanders put down Jets 3-1 in heated match

By Jonathan Comeaux

Piedmont girls split league matches

Piedmont High’s girls’ volleyball team split a pair of Western Alameda County Conference road matches last week, beating Encinal 3–1 on Sept. 30 before falling 3–0 to Castro Valley on Oct. 2.

Maiki Ting and Stella Wilk powered the Highlanders past Encinal, combining for 30 kills: 17 from Ting and 13 from Wilk. Against league champion Castro Valley, sophomore Olivia Stevens led the team with 12 kills. She also anchored the defense versus Encinal with 25 digs.

The Highlanders now stand at 8–6 overall and 1–3 in league play. With five matches left in the regular season, they need two more wins to automatically clinch a North Coast Section playoff berth, their first since 2018.

3–1 over Encinal

All four sets were tight, each decided by five points or fewer. After dropping the opener 25–23, Piedmont won the next three, 25–20, 25–22, 25–23. Wilk opened strong with five kills and

a block in the first set. Ting and Wilk each had four kills in the second, and Mira Sachs added two kills and a block. Ting led the way down the stretch with six kills in the third set and seven more in the fourth.

Final stats: Ting 17 kills, one assist, two digs; Wilk 13 kills, three aces, one block, 18 digs, four assists; Dando six kills, one block, two digs; Allyson Huynh three kills, three aces, eight digs, 21 assists.

3–0 to Castro Valley

The loss to Castro Valley was close throughout, with sets ending 25–20, 25–22, 25–22.

Final stats: Wilk one kill, 14 digs, one ace; Ting two assists, 10 digs, three aces; Huynh 17 assists, 14 digs, one ace; Stevens 12 kills, two digs; Fiona Olsen and Jasmine Houlder one kill each; Trombi three kills, three digs; Dando three kills, one dig, one block; Meyer three kills, two digs, one assist.

Next up:

Piedmont (8–6, 1–3) visits Alameda on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 6:30 p.m.



Maika Ting led with 17 kills against Encinal.

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Stella Wilk had 13 kills on Encinal, along with 18 digs.



Olivia Stevens had 12 kills on Castro Valley.

Flag Football

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Game Recap

After two trades of possession in the first quarter, Piedmont threatened to score near the end of the quarter and start of the second. The drive began at its own 15-yard line. The Highlanders converted a fourth-and-6 at their 34 with an eight-yard pass, then a key third-and-2 at the Berkeley 22 with a three-yard completion to Corey Minor.

A four-yard pass to Lee on first-and-goal advanced the ball to the 15, but incompletions on third and fourth down ended the drive.

Both teams traded possessions for the rest of the first half. Early in the third quarter, Berkeley drove to the Piedmont 38 before Kate Tong intercepted a deep pass. The Highlanders went three-and-out on the next series.

Piedmont's defense then came up big again, forcing a turnover on downs at its own 11. Senior safety Dahlia Osman broke up a pass in the end zone on fourth down to stop the drive.

Berkeley finally broke through with 7:36 left in the fourth quarter, capping a six-play series with

a 10-yard touchdown pass and a successful one-point conversion for a 7-0 lead.

After another Piedmont punt, the Yellowjackets scored again on a four-play, 44-yard drive to make it 13-0 with 2:10 remaining. Beatrice Nackley broke up their extra-point attempt.

Next Up

Piedmont (4-8 overall, 3-3 league) travels to Mt. Eden in Hayward on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 6:30 p.m.

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Cross Country

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"Overall, the performances were very good," Zirkelbach said. "Amalia was chasing down Leighton and Skylar, and Nikita was looking sharp, not far behind. Viviane had been up late with some schoolwork but still managed to find the drive to be our fifth scoring runner."

For the boys, senior Noah Sohn led Piedmont with a 32nd-place finish among 231 runners in 13:05. Sophomores Ian Chung and Aaron Bennett finished 50th and 51st, both in 13:24, followed by freshman Dylan Wallway in 55th (13:29) and senior Devon Thai in 60th (13:35).

"The team was back in top form, with everyone performing well again without one of our top runners, Alex Schleuning," Zirkelbach said. "Noah, Ian and Aaron continued to impress and show the results of their consistent training and focus."

WACC Meet

At Point Pinole, junior Schleuning led the Piedmont boys with a third-place finish in 16:17.8 on the three-mile course. Sohn and Chung followed in 10th (16:32.16) and 11th (16:36.31). Bennett placed 15th (16:39.13), and Thai rounded out the top five in 23rd (17:02.59).

On the girls side, Best led the way with an eighth-place finish among 82 runners in 19:13.48. Mand followed in 14th (19:55.13), and junior Cora Brozowski Schrader was next in 19th (20:14.53). Oesterer (23rd, 20:32.50) and Gorelik (26th, 20:46.53) completed Piedmont's scoring five.

Next Up

Piedmont travels to Woodward Park in Fresno for the 46th annual Asics Clovis Invitational on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10-11.

Where in the World Are We?

A man and a woman are standing in front of the Parthenon on the Acropolis in Athens. The man is holding a copy of the Piedmont Post newspaper. They are both smiling and wearing hats and sunglasses. The background shows the ancient ruins of the temple and the city of Athens in the distance.

On summer break, Gabe, Mike and Rachel Tucker took a break from studying antiquities on the Acropolis to peruse the modern dramas unfolding in the *Piedmont Post*.

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2025 Calendar of Events

October 8 - October 15

Wednesday, October 8

6:00-8:00 p.m. Financial Aid Night..... Alan Harvey Theater
7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting..... City Hall

Friday, October 10

6:45 p.m. Movie in the Park: The Wild Robot..... Piedmont Park

Monday, October 13

Indigenous Peoples Day — Schools closed

5:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting..... City Hall

Wednesday, October 15

7:30 p.m. Recreation Commission Meeting..... City Hall

Meetings may be viewed on KCOM (Channel 27) and on the City's website: piedmont.ca.gov.