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Newark flexes big run game in romp

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REDWOOD CITY -- The Newark Memorial High football team rushed for 269 yards on the legs of four different backs Friday night en route to a 35-0 victory over Sequoia in the season opener for both teams. Newark's Myles Gates ran for 112 yards and a touchdown, Eric Stewart rushed for 72 yards and two scores, Tino Sao went for 45 yards, and Tarrell Gordon barreled his way for 40 yards and a touchdown. The Cougars' flexbone offense frustrated the Cherokees defense throughout the game, gaining an average of 6.5 yards per carry and running on 41 of 46 plays. "The kind of effort these kids gave in the off-season showed tonight," Newark coach Rich Swift said. "This win was really good for this team." The win snapped Newark's 13 game losing streak dating back before last year's 0-10 campaign. A scary moment came in the closing minute of the first half, when Alex Zonio attempted to tackle Neil Lundy on a kickoff return but was spun around and hit the ground hard. Paramedics were called after he complained of neck pain. He was able to move his arms and legs and waved to teammates as he was carted off the field. Sequoia was unable to capitalize on a pair of turnovers it forced early on, including a fumble recovery on the 1-yard line deep in its territory. "These guys played hard, but we ran out of gas near the end," Sequoia coach Sam Lopez said. "With our bye next week, we're going to focus on going back to the fundamentals of football." Sequoia quarterback, junior Gustavo Moreno, finished 6-for-19 for 56 yards but was picked off three times, including a desperate throw after a botched punt attempt when the ball flew over his head.