

## Anthony League Demonstrates Resilience in Millikan's Challenging Season Opener

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LONG BEACH, CA - In a tough season opener, Millikan High School's football team faced a 52-15 defeat against Newbury Park. Despite the loss, senior running back Anthony League showcased his exceptional talent, providing a bright spot for the Rams and demonstrating why he's considered one of the top prospects in the 2025 class.

League, a University of California, Berkeley commit, demonstrated his versatility and determination throughout the game. His performance included notable rushing yards and key plays, highlighting his potential impact at the collegiate level. The 6'1", 205-pound running back's efforts were particularly evident in the third quarter when he helped spark a brief Millikan comeback. A 26-yard catch and run showcased his explosiveness, leading to a Rams touchdown that momentarily narrowed the gap.

"Anthony League's performance tonight exemplifies his commitment to excellence," said Romeo Pellum, head coach of the Millikan High School football team. "Even in challenging situations, he continues to push

forward and inspire his teammates. His leadership on and off the field is invaluable to our program."

League's resilience in the face of adversity is a testament to his character and work ethic. Throughout his high school career, he has consistently demonstrated his ability to perform at a high level. As a junior at Los Alamitos High School last season, League amassed an impressive 995 rushing yards and 13 touchdowns on just 104 carries, averaging 9.6 yards per carry. His transfer to Millikan for his senior year has brought high expectations for both League and the Rams' offense.

The game against Newbury Park, while challenging, provided valuable experience for League and his teammates. Facing a strong opponent early in the season offers opportunities for growth and improvement, which will be crucial as the team progresses through their schedule.

"Every game is a learning experience," Anthony League commented after the match. "We faced a strong opponent tonight, but I'm proud of how our team fought until the end. We'll take these lessons and use them to improve as we move forward in the season."

League's commitment to the University of California, Berkeley has garnered significant attention in the recruiting world. His decision to commit to Cal just one day after receiving an offer speaks to the strong impression made by the coaching staff, particularly running backs coach Aristotle Thompson. The academic prestige of Cal and the family-like atmosphere among the running backs and overall program were key factors in League's decision.

As League continues his senior season at Millikan, he'll be looking to build on his already impressive high school career. His versatility as both a running back and linebacker showcases his athletic prowess and makes him a valuable asset on both sides of the ball. Known for his speed and agility on the field, League is expected to be a key playmaker for the Rams throughout the season.

The Rams will look to bounce back in their upcoming home opener against Carson on August 29th at Millikan High School, located at 2800 Snowden Ave, Long Beach, CA 90815. This game will provide League and his teammates an opportunity to demonstrate their resilience and apply the lessons learned from their season opener.

League's performance against Newbury Park, despite the team's loss, has only increased the anticipation for his future games. College scouts and local football enthusiasts alike will be watching closely to see how he develops throughout his senior year. His ability to shine even in challenging circumstances bodes well for his future at Cal and potentially beyond.

As the season progresses, League will undoubtedly play a crucial role in Millikan's offensive strategy. His

combination of speed, agility, and football IQ makes him a threat on every play, whether running the ball, catching passes out of the backfield, or contributing on special teams.

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