

Cobra offensive line contributes to success



Amidst the season, the South Miami offensive line showed consistency.

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Quick now, name three South Miami Cobra offensive linemen. Not easy, huh?

Somehow, one way or another, this wearisome yet always reliable crew of Cobras never seem to find their way into a story, let alone the headlines. But their play is an efficient, as well as essential, ingredient in the success of the South Miami offense.

At the beginning of the season, this squad wasted no time in proving to the rest of the team, the fans, head coach Sam Miller, and just about everyone else what they were ready to give the

Cobra offense the protection it needed. On opening night it was the North Miami Pioneers' defense that first witnessed their determination. The Cobras were able to score three touchdowns, two of which were passes from quarterback Kenny Platt. Platt also had time to complete eight of his fourteen throws, no doubt this is a credit to the offensive line.

There have also been impressive performances since then, but the most memorable one came on a night in the Orange Bowl, where the Cobras confronted the Jackson Generals. In this game the South Miami offense racked up 35 points. "We played together out there, and we hit every play," explained guard Charles Nanney, a three-year

man at his position.

Domingo Mendez, who also plays guard and enjoyed a productive evening along with the rest of the team in his first time as a starter, continued, "We always try to play together as a team, that's how we get the job done." Indeed they did, not once was the quarterback pressured or a play stopped for a loss.

So, without further ado, here are the Cobra offensive linemen and their respective positions: Charles Nanney, guard; Domingo Mendez, guard; Ramon Ibarra, guard; Lorenzo Padron, guard; Pablo Lopez, tackle; Rick Narranjo, tackle; Orlando Rodriguez, tackle; John Baptiste, tackle; Chuck Vogt, center; and Herbie Bosch, center.