

Track team jumps to a quick start

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Although the runners in this year's first track meet had their share of season-opening butterflies, they made the trip to Tropical Park a happy occasion. After the first meet, the team ended up with a 72-69 victory over South Dade.

"This being our first meet this year, we didn't start out that well, but we picked up pretty soon," commented Sheridan Murphy. Murphy himself finished third in both the one-mile and two-mile races.

Ray Moorer, another senior on the squad, ran the second leg in the mile relay which South Miami won. Moorer commented on the newcomers to the team, "We did really great for our first meet this year. I was surprised with our performance because for a lot of the group it was their first meet ever. They really responded well."

Also performing well for the Cobras was John Gandy who

outsprinted everyone in the 100-yard dash.

The Cobras' second track meet resulted in a victory reminiscent of some old memories. Namely those concerning Kenny Platt, Pablo Lopez, John Gandy, Robert Council, and Dexter Victor. As they did before in different uniforms, these familiar names were winners in the Cobras effort against Sunset.

Gandy, Council, and Victor all raced well in their events. Platt finished in first place in the pole vault competition and Lopez won the shot put event.

In addition to these competitors, Ray Moorer was heard from again this week. Moorer came in both the 110 and 330 high hurdle races. He also participated in the mile relay, which South Miami won for the second consecutive week.

Improving their season record to an undefeated 3-0, the Cobra track team scored an overwhelming 95-45 victory

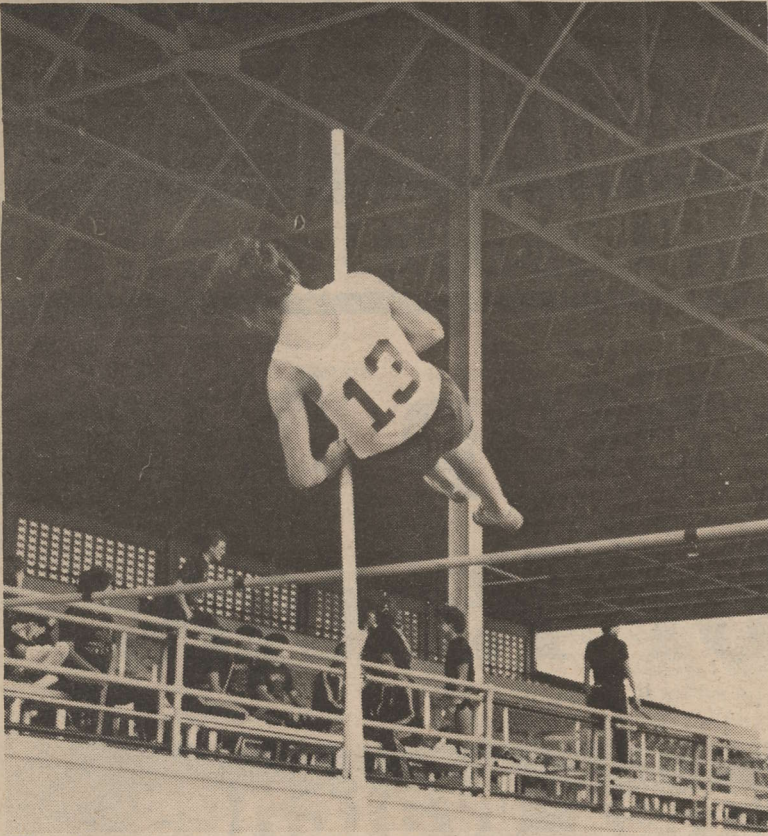
over the Palmetto Panthers.

It was the overall effort that made the meet such a success. Contributions to the decisive win were made from everywhere on the track and field.

Randy Burch, Anthony Washington, and Chuck Vogt each received first place honors in their competitions. Sheridan Murphy finished first in the two-mile run, while John Gandy won three different events.

However, it was Kenny Platt who did most of the damage to any of the few Palmetto hopes. Platt won the pole vault for the second consecutive week, along with the high jump and triple jump. He was also a co-winner of the mile relay, which the Cobras have yet to lose.

Steve Rico, a junior in only his second week of competition, also contributed to the victory by coming through with a win in the 880 yard race.



The track team has productive outing

Cobra Soccer has a hopeful future

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The soccer team's season-ending record of 2-12 may not appear to be very promising but it is misleading.

The Cobras faced many formidable adversaries in their schedule of 1982-83, including teams such as Coral Gables and Palmetto. They also played tough games against Southridge and Miami Beach.

The Cobras dropped both of these games by a single goal in overtime.

At the very end of the season, the Cobras found themselves with an opportunity to make the district playoffs but only if they could ward off a strong Southwest team. Proving that they could win an important game, the Cobras defeated the Eagles 3-1.

Although they did not get

very far in post-season play, losing to Killian in the first round, the play-off experience could provide some confidence next year.

The Cobra team is composed of 18 players. Of these, only three will be graduating in June. The rest, including Tony Roman, the leading offensive player, will be around with one or two years experience to play on the team next year.



Angel Fernandez was one of the many sure-footed Cobras on the field.

Cheerleaders recapture the title