

Cobras shut out Pioneers

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The Varsity Football season opener, played at Tropical Park, could not have turned out much better for the Cobras or for John Gandy. Well, maybe a little better for Mr. Gandy.

The South Miami running back finished the night off with a mere 30 yards on 8 carries but only after having two outstanding efforts for touchdown runs called back by holding penalties. One of the two, an 80-yard breakaway, was nullified in the first half and had to be the more disappointing. The second, which was for half the distance, came late in the game.

Nevertheless, the Cobras did score three other touchdowns that did stand and recorded a 20-0 victory over the favored Pioneers of North Miami on the first game of the 1982 season.

Ironically enough, it was the Pioneers who first had posses-

sion of the ball and orchestrated an impressive drive all the way to the South Miami 20 yard line, where a score seemed imminent. But the Cobra defense stiffened, causing the five of five turnovers, a fumble that Daniel MacFadden, a defensive back, returned for a 65-yard touchdown and a lead that the team never relinquished. The Pioneers were held to just 160 yards on the night.

On offense for the Cobra team it was quarterback Kenny Platt, in his first year as a starter, leading the way. After being sacked for a 5-yard loss on his first attempt, Platt responded with 8 completions, two of them for touchdowns, in 14 tries for a total of 94 yards. The two scoring throws came in the third quarter: One a picture perfect lob to Robert Council from 24 yards; the other a 10-yard toss to tight end Dexter Victor, who himself enjoyed a fine evening with five receptions for 51 yards.

the Jackson defense again. The South Miami quarterback

Thompson from 10 yards away to propel the team to a 35-12 advantage.



The South Miami defense has often been the key to victory this season