

## 6/SERPENT'S TALE

# Cobras sneak by Bucs, caught by High Tides

# SPORTS

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It was the fourth quarter and all seemed well. The South Miami Cobras, safe behind a 38-23 lead late in the game, calmly waited for the clock to flash its final seconds. Perhaps they waited too calmly, for with two and a half minutes left in the contest, the South Dade Buccaneers had the ball and they were not about to give it up.

The Bucs quickly scored a touchdown and found themselves down only by seven points. The Cobras then took the kick-off and on the first play from scrimmage, at the 22 yard line, they fumbled. However South Miami dodged the fatal bullet when South Dade returned the favor by coughing up the ball right back.

Thus came to an end, one of the wildest games in South Miami's history. The game, which the Cobras finally pulled out 38-31, was one of such oddities as a 103-yard interception return for the Bucs, passes of 73 and 42 yards from Kenny Platt to receivers Anthony Washington and Terry Thompson, and an 85-yard kick-off return for South Dade.

South Miami's defense held the Bucs to just 95 yards but played a bit shaky when points

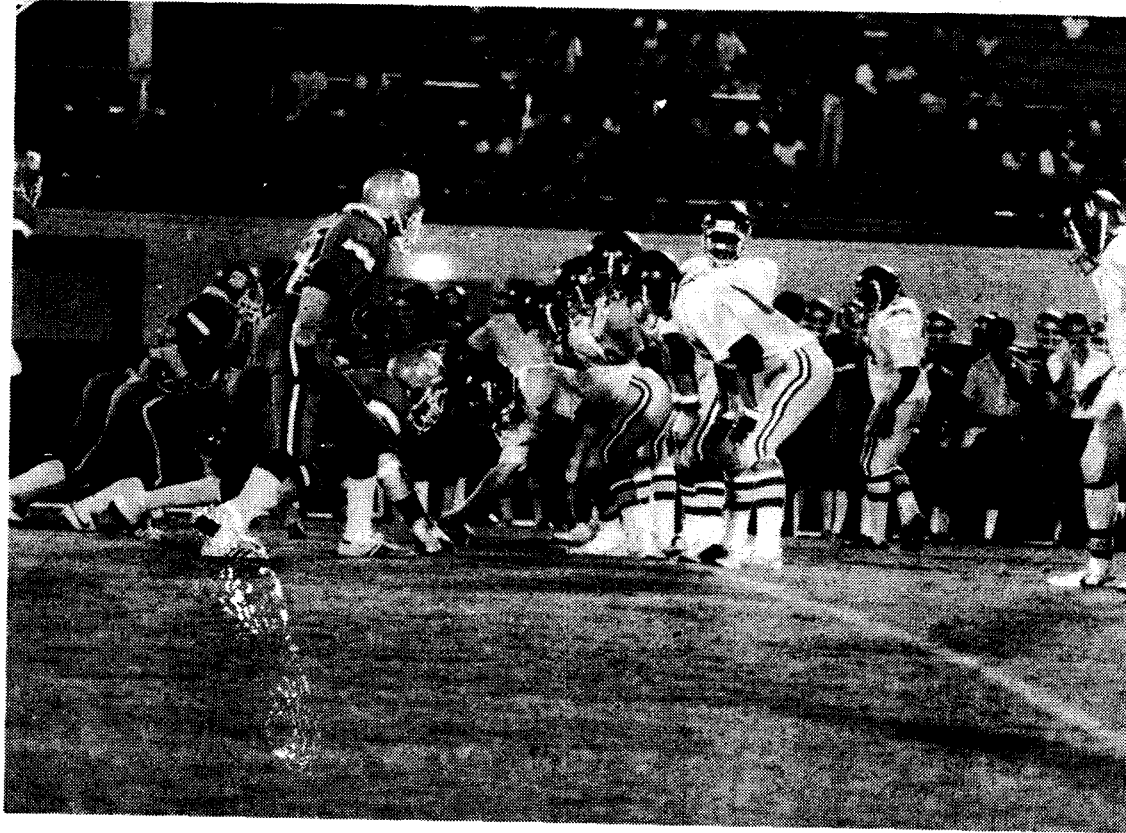
were on the line. The offense, on the other hand piled up an incredible 465 yards, which was enough to avert disaster.

The following week Miami Beach came to Tropical and the Cobras were not as fortunate. South Miami suffered its first loss of the season, a 14-6 defeat at the hands of the High Tide. And it was a tough loss to swallow.

Neither of the teams could get anything going on offense in the first half. A Miami Beach touchdown pass of 71 yards was called back by a clipping penalty. The Cobras also had a chance for some points, but a 38-yard field goal attempt fell short.

At any rate, it was not until mid-way into the final quarter that South Miami struck. They took a 6-0 lead on a 25-yard pass from Platt to Robert Council. The defense they held Miami Beach, but after that the offensive unit failed to get out of a hole. Soon, disaster struck. The ensuing punt was blocked. The High Tide then found itself with the ball at South Miami's three yard line, and later a 7-6 lead that they would never give up.

All in all, it was a game of missed opportunities that could have turned out differently had the Cobras capitalized.



South Miami defense confronts the High Tides.

# Cobra offense rolls over Jackson, 35-18