University School Earns Respect With Win

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Miami Herald - University School was 6-0 before its game Saturday against American Heritage, but Suns coach Roger Harriott believes his team's 31-12 victory over the Patriots at Nova High gave his program something bigger than just another win -- it gained them respect.

``Absolutely,`` he said. ``American Heritage has a tremendous program, and our program is up and coming. We're going to continue to try and meet expectations.``

Suns quarterback Douglas Cook led the top-ranked offense in Class 3A with 287 passing yards and four touchdowns.

Junior running back MacGarrett King was often the recipient of Cook's big plays, with four catches for 112 yards and two touchdowns.

As well as the offense played -- the Suns (7-0) had 391 total yards and 21 first downs to the Patriots' 186 and nine -- it was University's defense and special teams that sealed the win over Heritage (3-4).

Patriots freshman running back Sony Michel entered the game third in the county in rushing in Class 3A, and although he rushed for 103 yards on 14 carries and scored a touchdown, the Suns largely held him in check.

Michel only broke loose twice -- on a 50-yard scoring run that made it 7-6 in the first quarter, and on a 25-yard scamper around left end in the second quarter.