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PANTHERS KNOCK OFF THE CONFERENCE LEADERS

The Panthers of Clark Atlanta University (CAU) pulled off the biggest upset of the early season on Monday night with a win over the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) leading Tigers of Benedict College by a score of 58-56.

The Tigers came into the contest with an unblemished SIAC record of 4-0. The Panthers, riding the momentum of last-second win over Paine College on Saturday night, entered the conference matchup with a 2-2 record in the SIAC. The game was billed as a litmus test for the rejuvenated Panthers.

After 20 minutes of play, the teams managed little in the way of offense. While the Panthers managed only a 25% (7 of 28) shooting percentage in the first half, the Tigers were able to do only slightly better by connecting on 7 of 26 shots. The halftime score reflected the poor first half shooting with the Tigers taking a 21-20 lead into the intermission.

The second half was entirely different. The Tigers connected on 16 of 30 (53%) shots in the second while the Panthers raised their second half field goal percentage to 46%, hitting 12 of 26 shots from the floor. Four three-point baskets by the Panthers in the second half proved critical to the Panther win.

Najee Lane was the game's leading scorer. He finished 13 points for the Panthers. Johnathan McCottrell, Coshune Bingham, and Ale Burt contributed nine points each in the CAU win.

The Panthers are now 4-5 overall and 3-2 in the SIAC. They travel to Memphis, Tennessee on Saturday, January 12, to meet the Magicians of LeMoyne-Owen College in another conference contest.