

Panthers Pounce on Cougars to Take Season Opener

After winning only three games last year, Clark Atlanta University (CAU) Men's Basketball Head Coach Darryl Jacobs made a promise to his fellow coaches at the 2007 SIAC Basketball Tip-Off Luncheon. That promise, the Panthers would not finish last in the conference in 2008. The journey to make good on that promise started last night with a 101-89 Panther win in the season opener against the Cougars of Carver Bible College.

The Panthers were led in scoring by junior guard Kevin Johnson who finished the game with 25 points and eight assists (both game highs). Johnson was 8 of 18 from the floor with six three-pointers.

Johnson got plenty of help from his teammates in the impressive win over a good Cougar squad. Panther center Ale Burt contributed 15 points and 10 rebounds, and junior forward Coshune Bingham added 14 points to his game-leading 12 rebounds. Juniors Najee Lane and Johnathan McCottrell also finished the night in double-figure scoring. Lane, who was four of seven from the field, finished with 12 points and McCottrell (four of eight from the floor) closed with 10 points. In total, five Panther players finished the game scoring in double-figures.

The Cougars were led in scoring by Jeremy Russell with 24 points; Kent Dorsey with 15 points; and Reggie Anderson, 14 points.

The Panthers are back in action at the Epps Gymnasium on Tuesday, November 27 in a conference doubleheader against the Tigers of Stillman College. The Lady Panthers will meet the Lady Tigers at 6 p.m., and Panthers will tangle with the Tigers at 8 p.m.