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Panthers Sweep Season Cross-Campus Rivalry, Defeats Morehouse in OT, 85 - 77

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Panther fans can now exhale exuberantly, especially after gasping in the final seconds of the fourth quarter. A Kevin Townley layup at the buzzer in regulation would help put the Clark Atlanta University (CAU) Panthers (11-11, 10-7) on the path to defeat rivals, the Maroon Tigers (11-12, 8-11) of Morehouse College (MHC) in overtime, 85 - 77.

Freshman, Najee Lane's 27 points led all scorers and helped the Panthers to their second straight win. The victory solidified the season sweep of the cross-campus rivalry. Lane was nearly perfect from the free-throw line, hitting nine of ten shots from the stripe. His free throws in overtime played an intricate factor.

CAU shot 11 for 28, 39 percent from the field, in the first half and trailed going into the locker room, 31 - 27.

Ale Burt's three-pointers helped spark a couple of Panther runs in the second half. The senior connected three out of four shots from the arch, scoring 15 points and hauling in eight rebounds. Junior Kevin Johnson complemented Burt's performance with 19 points.

The Panthers shot 47 percent from the floor in the second half to counter the Maroon Tigers' 48 percent field-goal percentage. To help nullify the difference, junior Garry Beverly led the defensive effort with four blocks to go along with his 75 percent field- goal percentage (six points, 3-4 FG). Beverly led all players in the rebound category with nine boards.

Late in the second half, the Panthers would chisel away at a five-point lead with less than a minute on the clock. Down by two points, with three seconds remaining in the game, Lane's down court in-bound pass for Townley's only score would tie the game and force overtime.

In the extra period, free throws and defense were the deciding factors. The Panthers held Morehouse to 30 percent shooting from the field and would capitalize from the free-throw line, scoring all twenty of their overtime points from the stripe.

The victory was the Panthers' second straight overtime win.