



**CAU Sports Information
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PANTHERS PERFORM MIRACLE AT MOREHOUSE

The cross-campus rivalry between the Panthers of Clark Atlanta University (CAU) and the Maroon Tigers of Morehouse College took on its usual intensity from the opening tip. A quick spurt by the Panthers created an early 4-0 lead for CAU. The Maroon Tigers, however, would quickly respond as they built a first-half lead by as many as 14 points.

The Panthers tried to respond by cutting the deficit to as little as eight points. When the dust finally settled in the first half, the Maroon Tigers led 33-20.

The start of the second half was not as intense and the slower pace seemed to favor the Maroon Tigers. At the 11:47 minute mark, the Maroon Tiger lead had increased to 21 points, 47-26.

The resilient Panthers simply would not quit. A combination of full-court defensive pressure and solid offensive play got the Panthers back to within striking distance. At the 7:55 mark, the Panthers had cut the Maroon Tiger lead to 9 points, 47-38. With 3:41 left, the Panthers made it a five-point difference, 55-50. At the 3:07 mark, the game was tied 55.

With 43 seconds remaining, a quick slash to the basket by Najee Lane and a layup and the comeback from 21 points was complete. The Panthers had taken the lead, 59-58 and would go on to win the game, 60-58.

Lane and Ale Burt led the Panthers in scoring with 13 points each. Garry Beverly came off the Panther bench to contribute 10 critical points for CAU, plus seven rebounds.

The conference win was the seventh for CAU. The Panthers are now 8-8 overall and 7-4 in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC).