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Offense Clicks as Panthers Defeat Stillman College, 48-36



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Atlanta, Ga. – Clark Atlanta senior quarterback **Cedric Johnson** had the offense running on all cylinders gaining a season-high 558 yards of total offense, as he rushed for four touchdowns and threw for another two, in the Panthers 48-36 victory over Stillman College in front of 4,236 fans on Saturday night at Panther Stadium in Atlanta, Ga.

Clark Atlanta improves to 2-1 (1-1 SIAC) on the season while Stillman falls to 1-2 (1-1 SIAC)

The offenses started off slow as both teams punted on their first four possessions. Clark Atlanta's defense set up the first score, after

Antonio Hardrick sacked Darell Nevis forcing a fumble, enacting a nine play 39 yard drive capped off with a Johnson one yard QB sneak. With Panthers kicker **Henry Boynton** on the shelf with an injury, CAU was forced to go for the two-point conversion, and defensive end Omar Pittman delivered, running it in to give his team an early 8-0 lead 1:05 remaining in the first quarter.

On the ensuing possession, Stillman kicker Peter Obradovic got the Tigers on the board with a 27 yard field goal cutting CAU's lead to 8-3.

Clark Atlanta would score next when Johnson evaded Stillman's pass rush and found senior wide receiver **Antwan Bell** cutting across the endzone for a 38 yard touchdown. Two-point conversion failed.

Stillman closed out the scoring in the first half as SC back-up quarterback Cedric Harris connected with Chester Hightower cutting the Panther's lead to 14-10.

The third quarter began with Clark Atlanta taking the opening drive 57 yards, on five plays, capped off with a 12-yard run by Johnson. He then found **Coshune Bingham** in the corner of the endzone for the two-point conversion, giving the Panthers a 22-10 lead.

The Tigers cut the lead to 22-16 on a two-yard run by Hightower.

It would only take Clark Atlanta 1:23, when Johnson again connected with Bell streaking down the right sideline on a 71-yard touchdown pass. Johnson connected with Bingham again for the conversion, putting CAU up 30-16.

The Tigers wouldn't go away easy, as they forced a Panther fumble on a punt, and converted five plays later on a touchdown run by Porter Quinn with 2:56 remaining in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Johnson would find pay dirt two more times on touchdown runs of four and 34 yards.

Harris dialed in two more touchdown passes to close out the scoring for Stillman College.

Senior defensive back **Devon Shorter** picked off Harris and returned it 37 yards for a touchdown to seal the deal for the Panthers.

CAU out-gained the Tigers 558-348, picking up their first win in the series. Johnson completed 11-of-22 passes for a season-high 298 yards, and rushed for 57 yards on only nine carries. In just three games this season Johnson has 10 touchdowns (4 passing, 6 rushing).

Pre-Season SIAC first team selection **Winston Thompson** again had a strong performance finishing the night with 122 yards on 23 carries, averaging 5.7 yards per carry. Bell had a team-high five catches for 181 yards and two touchdowns.

A Stingy Panther defense held Stillmans rushing attack to just 57 yards on the ground and sacked Tiger quarterbacks six times. Junior linebacker **Paul Jackson** and senior defensive back **Justin Hill** each had seven tackles, and one pass break-up for CAU. Jackson also added a sack. Hardrick finished the game with three sacks for a loss of 22 yards while senior defensive back Arthur Williams had an impressive game with three solo-tackles and five pass break-ups.

Clark Atlanta's 48 points are the most by a Panther team since scoring 52 against Lane College in 2005.

Clark Atlanta will travel to Frankfort, Ky., Saturday, September 20, to face SIAC foe Kentucky State. Kick-off is set for 1 p.m. Stillman will return to Tuscaloosa, Ala., to take on Tuskegee.