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Lady Panthers Register Impressive Season

After finishing the regular season on a five-game win streak, the Clark Atlanta University (CAU) Women's Basketball Team concluded the season, advancing to the third round of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) Tournament. After building momentum by winning their last seven games, the Lady Panthers would lose to the No. 1 ranked and the eventual 2007 – 2008 SIAC Tournament Champions, the Tuskegee University Lady Tigers in the semifinal round.

The Lady Panthers finished their 2007-08 campaign with an 18 – 11 overall record, including a 13 – 7 conference record and an 11 – 3 home record. Their wins included regular season two-game conference sweeps of Kentucky State University, Benedict College, LeMoyne-Owen College, Miles College and Lane College. The Lady Panthers also rallied to defeat nonconference teams Georgia Southwestern University, North Greenville University and Montevallo University.

“This season was a tremendous turnaround and improvement from last year's 5 – 22 record. I am very proud and appreciative of the effort our young ladies displayed on and off the court,” Head Coach Vanessa Moore said. We have indeed established a firm foundation for the future of Lady Panthers Basketball.”

The Lady Panthers were led by notable performances throughout the season. Shantrell Moss ignited after a seven-game absence, scoring 20.1 points and pulling in 8.9 rebounds per game. Moss, a senior, manufactured seven double-doubles during the season while scoring 20 points or more in eight games. She led her team in points in 17 games, including scoring 30 points on two occasions against Albany State University (2/5/08) and Tuskegee University (3/8/08). Moss was named All-SIAC First Team.

Supporting Moss's play was the all-around efforts of Danielle Walker. Walker completed the season averaging impressive stats, which included 12.8 points and 6.9 rebounds per game. The junior guard finished the season third in the SIAC in steals averaging 2.68 per game. She would finish number one in the 3-point field-goal percentage category, shooting .415 from behind the arch.

Leading the team on the boards was Sheaywond Williams. The junior led the team in rebounds when calculating all 29 games with a 7.1 per game average while contributing 4.5 points per game. Williams led the team in the statistical category in ten games.

Receiving SIAC All-Academic Honors was junior, Mary Walker, a psychology major, currently with a 3.64 grade point average.

Even with the offensive power, the Lady Panthers collectively were ranked among the top three in four defensive categories. As a team, they were ranked second in field-goal percentage defense, holding their opponents to .346 percent. They also rank second in 3-point field goals defended, holding the opposition to .247 percent.

The Lady Panthers were ranked third in blocked shots and steals. They totaled 162 blocks for 5.59 per game and volleyed the defensive pressure with 334 steals, giving them an 11.52 per game average. Brittany Bell led the team's individual block statistics, averaging 2.21 per game.