

Panthers dig deep

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KCCA Panthers head coach Raymond Muhumuza has lauded his players after they defeated UCU Canons 85-81 in overtime in a closely contested National Basketball League on Sunday.

The Panthers held their nerve after UCU forced overtime with a strong fourth-quarter comeback to secure an important victory.

Muhumuza said the result showed the character of his team after a tough game.

"We knew it was going to be a very difficult game because UCU is a strong and organised team. I am proud of the players for staying calm and fighting until the end", Muhumuza said.

UCU Canons forced overtime after a strong fourth-quarter comeback, erasing the Panthers' lead and setting up a tense finish.

However, the Panthers regained control in overtime through better execution in key moments.

"We stayed disciplined in overtime, trusted each other and followed the game plan. The players showed maturity and that helped us finish the game strongly", he added.

Waleed Omar led the Panthers with 15 points, while Livingstone Kimambo added 13 points and 10 rebounds.