

## Orange Beats Braves 57-36

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**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** – The #9/7 Orange (11-1) beat Alcorn State (2-13), 57-36 in the Carrier Dome on Saturday evening in the final matchup of the Chevrolet Gotham Classic.

The victory extends the Orange home court winning streak to 31 straight games, the most in Division I and marks the first time that SU has held an opponent to less than 40 points since 2005, when Syracuse gave up just 35 points to Colgate on December 10th.

Junior [C.J. Fair](#) led the offense with 13 points, while freshman [Trevor Cooney](#) also hit double-digits in scoring with 12 points. Sophomore [Rakeem Christmas](#) tallied a team-high seven rebounds.

The Syracuse defense forced 28 turnovers, which led to a 26-9 advantage in points off miscues, as SU limited the Braves to .438 from the field (14-of-36) and .176 from the three point line (3-of-17).

The Orange used a 12-0 run to pull away with a steady 10 point advantage at 16-6, after allowing Alcorn State the lead once at 6-4 with 17:36 remaining in the opening frame. Five different SU players found the net during the scoring streak, led by a three from senior [James Southerland](#) and a three point play from sophomore [Michael Carter-Williams](#).

Syracuse ended the first half ahead of Alcorn State 32-16, after stretching the Orange advantage to as much as 16 points for the third time within the final five minutes of the opening period.

The Braves used an 11-0 run in the second half to climb within seven points at 36-29 with 13:03 remaining, after the Orange failed to make a bucket until the 11:26 mark, until Cooney used a three to spark some momentum.

From there, SU followed with eight more points, interrupted with just one free throw from the Braves to set the score at 51-32 with 4:48 remaining in the second period. Cooney led the Orange with five points during the span.

Syracuse took its largest lead of the game with 1:43 to go, after Fair hit a pair of back-to-back buckets, including a dunk to give SU a 22 point edge at 55-34. The Orange rounded out the game with a layup from Cooney to beat the Braves in a 57-36 final decision.

SU is back in action on Monday evening against Central Connecticut State with tipoff set for 3:30 p.m. in the Carrier Dome.

