



## Marquette & Texas Open Season With Wins

**Princeton, NJ (November 15, 2002)** – College basketball's premier preseason event came to a conclusion Friday night and fans across the country were not disappointed.

In the first game, All-American Dwayne Wade led the Marquette Golden Eagles to a victory over the Villanova Wildcats 73-61. Villanova's highly ranked freshmen class made their collective debut and Allan Ray and Jason Fraser lived up to expectations with 16 and 13 points, respectively.

Game two featured some of the most athletic basketball players in the country. Texas, entered the game ranked No 4 in the country, the highest ranking in school history, led by All-American guard TJ Ford defeated the Georgia Bulldogs 77-71. Damien Wilkins made his debut with the Bulldogs a memorable one, finishing with 16 points, 7 rebounds and 4 assists.

Last season, the Arizona Wildcats, then unranked, upset both #5 Florida and #3 Maryland on consecutive nights to be crowned the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic champions. Other past champions include Kansas (2000), Stanford (1999) and Temple (1998).

The Coaches vs. Cancer ® program, created by the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches exists to leverage the strength, community leadership and celebrity of our country's basketball coaches to raise awareness and in turn, reduce cancer risk through education programs while raising funds for the American Cancer Society.

Since 1995, Gazelle, producer of the AT&T Wireless Coaches vs. Cancer Classic, has raised over \$2 million for Coaches vs. Cancer ®.

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