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Texas Drops First Contest

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Texas allowed an eight-point comeback down the stretch to fall for the first time in the 2011-2012 season, with the Longhorns losing 100-95 to Oregon State in the semifinals of the TicketCity Legends Classic.

The Longhorns led 72-64 with 7:11 left in regulation play, only to see the Beavers roar back to tie the game at 78 on a layup by guard [Jared Cunningham](#) with 1:40 remaining. [Texas](#), which led from the 11:45 mark, quickly regained the advantage with two free throws from freshman guard [Myck Kabongo](#) with 1:20 left.

And after Texas earned a stop, [J'Covan Brown](#) had two shots at it. He missed both, then, after a rebound of his own missed three-pointer, Cunningham picked Brown's pocket. He was fouled with 18 seconds left and made one of two, leaving the game at 80-79. Kabongo again went to the line, but this time made just one of two.

Cunningham earned a foul on [Jaylen Bond](#), then put in both of his free throws, which forced overtime after Kabongo's last-ditch attempt missed.

The Beavers then took the lead for the first time since the 12:35 mark when [Ahmad Starks](#) knocked in a three-pointer with 3:41 to go in the extra period. The Beavers, though tested repeatedly, never trailed again. The Beavers raced out to a seven-point lead with 1:43 remaining, though a [Sterling Gibbs](#) layup with 38 seconds left cut that lead to two at 92-90. Texas came no closer, with the Beavers putting in their last eight free throws, six by Cunningham, to come away with the win.

Cunningham finished with game-highs in both points (37) and rebounds (9). He earned 20 of his 37 points by going 20-for-23 from the free throw line, including a number of clutch freebies down the stretch. As a team, [Oregon State](#) shot 31-for-43 from the line, outpacing the Longhorns, who were 22-for-30.

Forward [Devon Collier](#) had 17 points, seven rebounds and three steals for the Beavers, while center [Angus Brandt](#) had 14 points.

J'Covan Brown again paced the Longhorns in scoring with 25 points, and he had a game-high with nine assists to go with three steals. Brown also had six turnovers, and again missed two shots from the free throw line, going 4-for-6 from the stripe. Brown had 18 points in the first half, and added a three just before the overtime buzzer, meaning he scored just four points in-between.

Kabongo had 13 points, three assists and five turnovers of his own. Also in double figures were [Jonathan Holmes](#) — who fouled out with 12 points, five rebounds and four turnovers — and [Alexis Wangmene](#), who had 11, while [Sheldon McClellan](#) poured in 12 off the bench.

Neither team played great defense, with Texas shooting 55 percent for the game and Oregon State hitting 49.2 percent of its shots. Both teams were an identical 7-of-18 from the three-point line.

Texas (2-1) will now face [North Carolina State](#) in the consolation game on Monday.