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Pittsburgh holds off Texas, Illinois hangs on aga Coaches vs. Cancer action

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There is a question that seemingly faces [Pittsburgh](#) every season: Will the Panth night they sent a strong indicator this could be the season.

Fifth-ranked Pitt was matched against [Texas](#) in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic lottery-pick talent, especially in the frontcourt, don't make for a good matchup for the Garden, Pitt showed it has a solution with a 68-66 victory.

The Panthers played their roles and the sum was greater than the parts.

"It's the way we do things," [Gilbert Brown](#) said. "You do your job and we will win

[Ashton Gibbs](#)' job is usually scoring and he had the biggest basket of the game, had pared a lead that got as big as 10 to 63-62 on [Jordan Hamilton](#)'s three-point off a screen, caught the pass on the wing and drained the shot with the Longhor

"That was a tough shot, but they do a great job screening for him," Texas coach really understands its roles."

Gibbs had 24 points - 19 in the second half - and [Brad Wannamaker](#) and [Nasir F 0](#)). Hamilton had 28 points, [J'Covan Brown](#) 14 points and [Tristan Thompson](#) 11 f

Hamilton sank a putback with 12 seconds left to make it 68-66 and the Longhor missed the front end of a one-and-one to give Texas a last shot. [Cory Joseph](#) wa jumper was off the mark.

ILLINOIS 80, MARYLAND 76

In the consolation game, [Brandon Paul](#) made two free throws with 6.4 seconds t

club that wouldn't quit. [Demetri McCamey](#) had 20 points and Paul 12 for the Illini pointers.

[Terrell Stoglin](#) had 17 points, and [Jordan Williams](#) had 15 points and 13 rebound

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