

NO. 5 PITTSBURGH 68, TEXAS 66

Panthers still feeling at home in Garden

NEW YORK—Pittsburgh has grown accustomed to celebrating at Madison Square Garden. It doesn't matter whether it's late November or early March.

Ashton Gibbs scored 19 of his 24 points in the second half, and the Panthers hung on to beat Texas, adding the 2K Sports Classic title to the two recent Big East tournament titles they won at the iconic arena.

"It's great to do it in front of my home crowd, in New York—it's where I dreamed to play my whole life," said Gibbs, a junior from nearby Scotch Plains, N.J. "This is like a second home for us. We have a lot of guys from the metropolitan area. It's great for them."

It was even better for them that Gibbs found his shooting stroke in the second half.

His 3-pointer with 1:24 left gave Pittsburgh (5-0) a 66-62 lead, and he calmly stepped to the foul line with 23.1 seconds remaining and hit two free throws to make it 68-64.

Jordan Hamilton finished with a career-high 28 points for Texas.

—The Associated Press



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Pitt players enjoyed the moment—and the title—after beating Texas.

NO. 13 ILLINOIS 80, MARYLAND 76

Illini remember lessons from year ago

NEW YORK—Illinois was thinking about last season, and the Illini didn't want the same thing to happen to them that might have cost them a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

The Illini rebounded from an overtime semifinal loss to Texas with a victory over Maryland in the third-place game.

Unlike last year, when the Illini allowed one loss in an early season tournament turn into two, they were more patient on offense and more effective from long range.

"A year ago we were in this situation, losing a disappointing game in Vegas, and don't respond well the next night," Illinois coach Bruce Weber said. "We had a very, very short turnaround. We didn't get back to the hotel until 1 last night. ... It was a mental toughness thing. They responded."

Demetri McCamey, D.J. Richardson and Tyler Griffey all hit three 3-pointers and the Illini, who came into the game shooting 34.5 percent from 3-point range, finished 10-for-19 (52.6 percent) from behind the arc.

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Texas	28	38	—	66
Pittsburgh	31	37	—	68

TEXAS	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	PF	PTS
Johnson	29	2-6	1-2	0-7	1	2	5
Thompson	40	4-8	3-5	3-6	0	3	11
Hamilton	29	8-18	7-9	5-8	2	1	28
Balbay	30	2-2	1-2	1-4	3	2	5
Joseph	28	1-4	0-0	1-2	4	3	2
Lucas	4	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Brown	22	4-9	5-6	0-1	1	1	14
Wangmene	6	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	2	0
Hill	12	0-1	1-2	1-3	0	3	1
Totals	200	21-50	18-26	14-37	11	18	66

Percentages: FG .420, FT .692. 3-Point Goals: 6-13, .462 (Hamilton 5-8, Brown 1-4, Lucas 0-1). Team Rebounds: 4. Blocked Shots: 3 (Thompson 3). Turnovers: 17 (Hamilton 3, Joseph 3, Thompson 2, Johnson 2, Lucas 2, Wangmene 2, Balbay, Hill, Brown). Steals: 6 (Joseph 2, Balbay, Hamilton, Hill, Wangmene). Technical Fouls: None.

PITT	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	PF	PTS
Brown	30	3-9	0-2	0-4	3	0	8
Zanna	15	1-4	0-2	4-6	0	4	2
McGhee	20	2-5	1-2	1-3	0	4	5
Gibbs	35	8-14	5-6	0-4	2	2	24
Wanamaker	34	4-13	0-1	3-6	5	0	9
Woodall	22	2-4	2-5	0-1	5	3	7
Taylor	9	2-2	0-0	3-3	1	4	4
Patterson	4	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	1	0
Robinson	24	2-5	5-6	0-1	0	2	9
Moore	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Richardson	6	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	3	0
Totals	200	24-57	13-24	13-35	16	23	68

Percentages: FG .421, FT .542. 3-Point Goals: 7-14, .500 (Gibbs 3-7, Brown 2-4, Wanamaker 1-1, Woodall 1-2). Team Rebounds: 4. Blocked Shots: 2 (Zanna, Wanamaker). Turnovers: 11 (Wanamaker 3, Brown 2, Robinson, Taylor, Patterson, Richardson, McGhee, Gibbs). Steals: 5 (Woodall 2, Robinson, Brown, McGhee). Technical Fouls: None.

A: 11,723. Officials: Bryan Kersey, Roger Ayers, Brian Dorsey.

Illinois	40	40	—	80
Maryland	36	40	—	76

ILLINOIS	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	PF	PTS
Davis	30	3-8	1-2	2-4	3	2	7
Cole	22	1-5	0-2	1-2	2	0	3
Tisdale	17	4-5	0-0	1-4	1	5	8
Richardson	32	3-10	0-2	1-1	3	2	9
McCamey	29	7-9	3-4	0-2	7	4	20
Paul	20	3-3	6-8	0-3	3	3	12
Head	8	0-2	0-0	0-1	3	0	0
Leonard	3	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	4
Richmond	19	2-7	4-5	1-6	0	0	8
Griffey	20	3-8	0-0	1-3	0	3	9
Totals	200	28-60	14-23	11-34	22	19	80

Percentages: FG .467, FT .609. 3-Point Goals: 10-19, .526 (McCamey 3-3, Griffey 3-5, Richardson 3-6, Cole 1-4, Head 0-1). Team Rebounds: 8. Blocked Shots: 3 (Davis, Richmond, Tisdale). Turnovers: 12 (Paul 3, Leonard 2, Davis 2, Tisdale 2, McCamey, Griffey). Steals: 8 (Paul 3, Cole, Head, Griffey, Davis, Tisdale). Technical Fouls: None.

MARYLAND	Min	FG	FT	Reb	A	PF	PTS
Williams	26	6-8	3-5	4-13	0	2	15
Gregory	31	4-8	2-2	6-10	0	4	10
Bowie	28	2-4	0-0	0-1	4	2	4
Mosley	34	5-13	4-5	1-2	5	5	14
Tucker	27	3-11	2-2	1-6	2	2	10
Weijs	10	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	0	0
Stoglin	17	6-12	2-3	0-1	0	2	17
Palsson	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Howard	13	0-5	0-0	1-3	4	3	0
Padgett	11	3-5	0-1	1-1	0	2	6
Totals	200	29-67	13-18	20-45	15	22	76

Percentages: FG .433, FT .722. 3-Point Goals: 5-18, .278 (Stoglin 3-7, Tucker 2-4, Bowie 0-1, Mosley 0-2, Howard 0-4). Team Rebounds: 6. Blocked Shots: 4 (Gregory 2, Weijs, Stoglin). Turnovers: 16 (Bowie 4, Mosley 3, Williams 3, Howard 3, Padgett, Tucker, Gregory). Steals: 5 (Stoglin 2, Mosley, Bowie, Gregory). Technical Fouls: None.

A: NA. Officials: Mike Eades, Tim Kelly, Sean Hull.