

## **No. 5 Pitt Slips Past Texas, 68-66**

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**NEW YORK (AP)** - Fifth-ranked Pittsburgh finally found a way to beat Texas.

Of course it would happen at Madison Square Garden.

Ashton Gibbs scored 19 of his 24 points in the second half, and the Panthers hung on to beat the Longhorns 68-66 on Friday night, adding the 2K Sports Classic title to the two recent Big East tournament championships they've also claimed at the iconic building.

Gibbs knocked down a 3-pointer with 1:24 left to give Pittsburgh a 66-62 lead, then calmly stepped to the foul line with 23.1 seconds remaining and hit two free throws to make it 68-64.

Jordan Hamilton's tip-in moments later made it 68-66, and Travon Woodall missed the front-end of a one-and-one to give Texas the final shot. But freshman guard Cory Joseph drove to the baseline and could only manage an off-balance heave that had no chance of going in.

Hamilton led Texas with 28 points.