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The 10th ranked Longhorns opened up their season with a bang.

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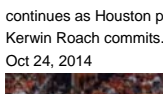
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Texas Basketball Adds Kerwin Roach, Anticipation Builds as Season Approaches

The Longhorns hit the court in November with a promising squad. Also, the recruiting success for Rick Barnes continues as Houston product Kerwin Roach commits.

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Guard Eric Davis Commits to Texas Basketball

6'3" guard Eric Davis from Michigan has committed to play basketball for Rick Barnes at UT over Michigan, Michigan State, and others.

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NEW YORK -- Increased level of competition, early deficits, and significant injuries were all imposed upon the Texas men's basketball team this weekend, but could not stop the Horns from winning the 2K Classic. An early season tournament featuring four possible tournament teams in Texas, Iowa, California, and Syracuse, the Longhorns prevailed as the last team standing and depart with a renewed sense of confidence for the remainder of nonconference play.

The Longhorns and the Hawkeyes of Iowa provided the first matchup of the Championship Round of the tournament. Texas' offense had very slow ball movement, and the team seemed to be lacking their usual energy on both sides of the floor. Iowa's length and perimeter shooting posed viable threats to the Longhorns, and they struggled early to contain them. Senior Aaron White in particular was a mismatch nightmare for the Horns, who found themselves losing by twelve points at one point in the first half. After making a few corrections to the defense, Texas was only down six at the break.

When facing adversity for the first time this season, Texas turned to their fearless leader, Jonathan Holmes, who registered arguably his best half of basketball in his career. In only the first 90 seconds of the second half, the senior forward scored 8 points! Holmes provided the spark desperately needed to fire up the team. After taking their first lead of the game just over 3 minutes into the second period, Texas never looked back. The offensive explosion in the second half resulted in 47 second half points, 17 of them coming from Holmes.

A convincing win over an experienced, capable team in Iowa did not end as optimistically as it should have, unfortunately. With just minutes remaining before the game's conclusion and Texas holding a comfortable lead, Isaiah Taylor took a hard fall while driving to the rim. The play was ruled a flagrant foul 2 on Iowa forward Gabriel Olaseni, resulting in an ejection. ESPN has reported that Taylor suffered a broken wrist on the play and could miss the next four to six weeks.

Texas had to regroup quickly, as they faced California Berkeley in the championship game the very next day. California may not sound like an intimidating opponent, but the Golden Bears embarrassed Syracuse in essentially a home game for the Orange the previous day. Javan Felix was inserted into the starting lineup, and despite the change at perhaps the most important position on the

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floor, Texas maintained its level of play. Texas' size was difficult for Cal to handle, outrebounding the Golden Bears 46-36 and ending the game with 10 blocks! The lone senior for Texas played his best basketball yet as Johnathan Gray finished with 24 points and 13 rebounds enough to name him the tournament MVP.



In the post game locker room and press conference, the team faced questions regarding Taylor's injury and the daunting task of facing Kentucky in Rupp Arena, but the recurring topic seen through social media and postgame quotes revolved around a game from a previous season. It was nearly two years ago to the date that Texas lost in the opening round of the Maui Invitational to Division II's Chaminade, providing one of the worst losses in program history. The Horns have worked hard over these past few years to turn some of the darkest days of Texas basketball into what might be one of the most promising seasons in recent memory. There's plenty of work left to be accomplished, but seeing the same players that once held their heads low after repeated disappointing performance now have a trophy in their hands serves as a reminder that this program is heading in the right direction.

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