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No. 10/10 Men's Basketball tops Cal, 71-55, to win 2K Classic title
Holmes posts 21 points and 13 rebounds and claims tournament MVP honors.

box score

NEW YORK – Senior forward Jonathan Holmes recorded a game-high 21 points and 13 rebounds to pace No. 10/10 Texas to a 71-55 victory against California in the 2K Classic championship game on Friday night at Madison Square Garden. Holmes, who averaged 20.0 points and 9.0 rebounds per game in the two games at the 2K Classic, was named Tournament MVP.

The win proved to be a complete team effort for the Longhorns (4-0). Demarcus Holland recorded 11 points, hitting 7-of-7 free throws, and five boards, while Cameron Ridley added nine points and three blocks. Javan Felix, who started at point guard in place of the injured Isaiah Taylor and was named to the 2K Classic All-Tournament team, played 35 minutes and chipped in nine points and four assists. Connor Lammert also contributed six points and nine rebounds.

Texas registered a 46-36 advantage on the glass and hit 30-of-37 free throws compared to just 12-of-22 by the Golden Bears (3-1). The UT defense was solid throughout the contest, recording 10 blocks and limiting California to 31.3 percent shooting from the floor.

Holland and Ridley scored the game's first four points and Texas, which never trailed in the contest, jumped out to a 14-4 lead after a Holmes layup with 16:42 left. California cut the lead to six (16-10) before two consecutive buckets from Holmes pushed the margin to 20-10 at the 8:30 mark.

Texas extended the cushion to 31-17 with 2:26 left on a Kendal Yancy free throw, before California scored the final four points at the half to cut the margin to 31-21 entering the break. UT held the Golden Bears to 24.1 percent shooting (7-of-29) from the floor in the opening 20 minutes.

The Golden Bears used a 6-0 run early in the second half to pull within 33-27 after a Tyrone Wallace jumper with 17:02 left. UT answered with an 8-2 spurt of its own to extend the cushion to 41-29 after a Holland three-point play at the 15:39 mark.

Leading 43-36 with 13:36 remaining, Texas used an 11-4 run that included baskets by four different players in the stretch to build a 54-40 cushion with 8:44 left. The margin never dipped into single digits the rest of the way.

David Kravish led the Golden Bears with 19 points, while Wallace added 16 points and eight rebounds.

Texas returns to action when it hosts Saint Francis on Tuesday, Nov. 25. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. Central at the Frank Erwin Center, and the game will be televised nationally on Longhorn Network.

2K Classic MVP: Jonathan Holmes

2K Classic All-Tournament Team: Javan Felix, David Kravish (Cal), Chris McCullough (Syracuse), Aaron White (Iowa)