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NEW YORK (AP) - <u>James Bell</u> hit two 3-pointers in overtime after going 1 for 8 from beyond the arc in regulation, and Villanova beat Purdue 89-81 on Thursday night in the semifinals of the 2K Sports Classic benefiting the Wounded Warrior Project.

Villanova scored the last six points of regulation - all on free throws - to tie the game at 75.

The Wildcats (3-0) will face Alabama in Friday night's championship game. The Crimson Tide beat Oregon State 65-62.

<u>Darrun Hilliard</u> set his career high for the second straight game, finishing with 22 points for Villanova. Freshman <u>Ryan Arcidiacono</u> had 18 points for the Wildcats and Bell added 16.

Bell hit his first 3 to break the 75-all tie and his second made it 83-79 with 2 minutes left. That started a 9-0 run that gave the Wildcats the win in Madison Square Garden.