

Former Ducks file lawsuit against school

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LANE COUNTY — Two former University of Oregon basketball players dismissed in 2014 as a result of rape allegations involving a freshman student are suing the university for \$10 million each.

The lawsuit was filed Tuesday by Dominic Artis and Damyean Dotson in Lane County Circuit Court, The Oregonian reported. More than four months ago a third player accused, Brandon Austin, filed a lawsuit against the school seeking \$7.5 million.

Attorney Alex Spiro, who represents Artis and Dotson, told The Oregonian the suit is “a matter of principle.”

“The University of Oregon failed Mr. Artis and Mr. Dotson — two remarkable student-athletes — and must be held responsible,” Spiro said in a statement.

Oregon prosecutors decided there wasn’t enough evidence to criminally charge the players, who say the sexual contact was

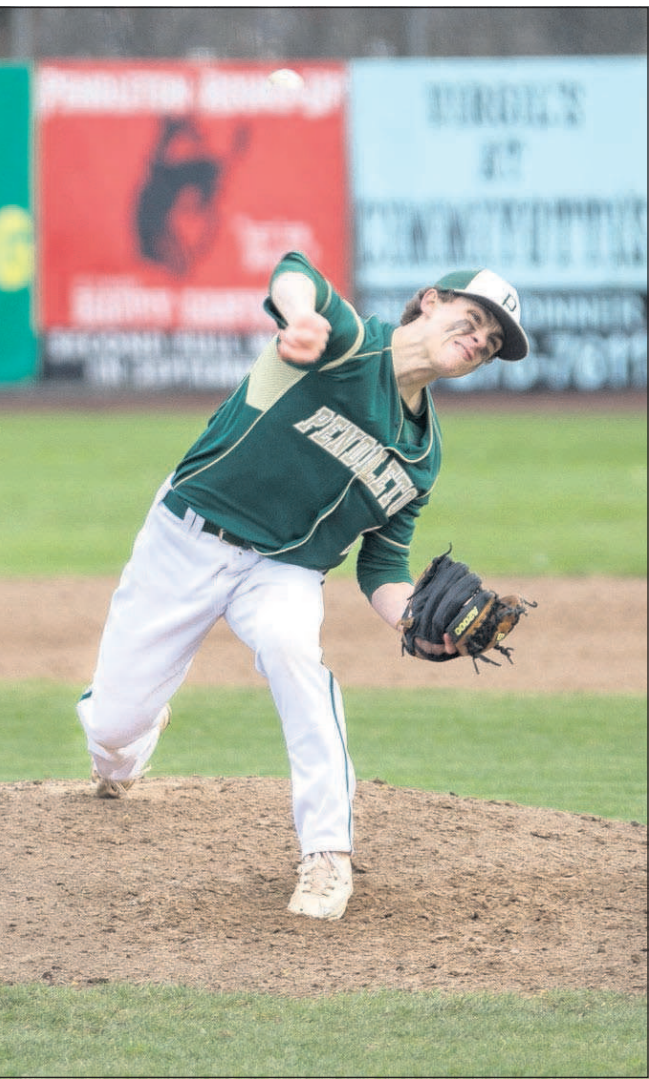
consensual.

The new lawsuit claims five defendants including: the university; former university president Michael Gottfredson; vice president of student life and interim dean of students Robin Holmes; director of student conduct and community standards Sandy Weintraub; and Chicora Martin, the university’s then-assistant dean of students.

It says they “breached their duty” by engineering a “kangaroo court” hearing with the purpose of finding that Artis and Damyean committed a sexual assault that did really happen.

The suit also alleges that Oregon’s investigation was biased against the players and that each player’s future income has been damaged by the accusations.

University spokesman Tobin Klinger said in an email to The Oregonian the lawsuit is “no surprise since their attorney has reached out multiple times seeking a financial settlement that we did not entertain.”



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Quinn Cockburn pitches early innings of Tuesday's game against Southridge at Bob White Field.

PENDLETON: Eight total errors in game

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Jake Harvey from second base for a 1-0 lead.

Errors were a problem for both sides in the game, as the Buckaroos and Suns combined for eight total. The defense was one area that Haguewood was a little concerned with.

“It’s usually one of our strengths and today we just booted some balls, and that didn’t help our pitchers,” he said. “We made some good plays but we made some that are uncharacteristic, too. I told the guys it’s not do-or-die time now, but if it’s still happening on the fifth, sixth, seventh games, then we have issues.”

The Buckaroos scored their only runs of the game in the bottom of the second inning with the help of Southridge’s defensive lapses. The Bucks got two quick outs before Kai Quinn, James Bradt, and Ryan Russell each reached base safely on three-straight Suns errors. Quinn scored on a throwing error from Southridge’s third baseman to tie the game at 1-1, and then junior right fielder Austin Zaugg stepped in and ripped a single into left field to score Bradt and give the Bucks a 2-1 lead.

But then Pendleton’s bats fell silent.

The Buckaroos batted around the lineup completely before finding another hit, when senior Gage Correa shot a single between the first and second basemen and into right field in the bottom of the fifth inning to snap a streak of nine-straight set down by the Suns.

Southridge’s pitching trio of Bradley Morgan, Ethan

Sanders and Ryan Sanders kept Pendleton’s hitters on their toes with a nice mix of fastballs and breaking balls, combining for just four hits and one walk with six strikeouts over the seven innings.

“I thought we battled at the plate, but our hands were a little slow,” Haguewood said. “We showed some jitters early on, and our basketball guys that have only been out here for about a week and still trying to get their swings going.”

Haguewood said he already knows what the focus will be in practice before the Buckaroos’ next game on Friday when they host Hanford as long as the weather cooperates.

“We’ll be jacking up the pitching machine,” he said with a grin. “We haven’t had as many chances for extra swings lately since it’s been raining.”

The Buckaroos will be playing without a key returner from last year’s team, as junior and first team all-conference infielder Caden Smith decided he is going to focus on basketball in the spring. Haguewood said that Smith’s absence is disappointing yet exciting at the same time.

“He’s one of those special athletes that has a special opportunity with basketball and that is great for him,” he said. “When you lose a bat and an athlete like his it’s tough but it’s also an opportunity to have other guys jump in.”

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Morgan, E. Sanders (4), R. Sanders (6) and Kirchoff, Cockburn, A. Zaugg (6), Bradt (7) and Russell. W — E. Sanders. L — Cockburn.							

BUCKS: Bats go quiet after second inning

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“I was actually kind of nervous because the first game’s always kind of like dealing with between adrenaline and nerves and not seeing live pitching in a game for awhile. It turned out really good,” said Morrison, who batted cleanup for the Bucks last season.

Buckaroos coach Tim Cary said he knew he wanted some power in the lead-off spot of his lineup, which was vacated when 5A Player of the Year Darian Lindsey graduated at the end of the 2015 season.

“We weren’t sure who was going to bat lead-off this year, and we figured putting Alexis there would probably raise some eyebrows,” Cary said. “But if you look at it, she’s going to hit for a high average more than likely, she’s fast so she can steal some bases, and there’s nothing wrong with having a lead-off hitter that can hit for power because it’s a great way to start the game.”

“Darian was there for our last four years, and Darian led the team in home runs last year so I figured you know, let’s stick another power hitter there and see what happens. And there she is leading it off with a home run.”

Morrison’s moon shot was the only run of the first inning, but Fell gave Redfield a bit of deja vu when she led off the bottom of the second by clearing the fence in right-center in her first at-bat of the season.

Fell’s home run came immediately after Hanford first baseman Sabrina



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Ellie Richards, of Pendleton, lets a pitch go by during Tuesday's game against Hanford at Steve Cary Field.

Bozich dropped a high pop-up in foul territory.

“I was pretty laid back,” Fell said of her at-bat. “She was a slow pitcher and usually I’m ahead on a lot of balls, but I just kept my patience. Usually I don’t really do that, but I was feeling the game I guess. ... Coming in we were pretty confident and we were all fired up.”

Another Hanford (0-1) miscue later in the inning gave Pendleton (1-0) two runners on with one out, and Lauren Richards brought courtesy runner Feather Dick around to score with a double to the wall in right field. Ellie Richards followed with an RBI sac-fly, and Payton Hergert then ended Redfield’s day with an RBI single to center that made it 5-0.

Hanford reliever Mya Moore took over there, and immediately allowed another run when Kalan

work, striking out five and giving up just two hits.

“She has a lot of movement on her ball and she’s going to get a few strikeouts this season,” Cary said.

Gracie Lyon came in to finish off the Falcons, and was the only pitcher to finish without allowing a base on balls. She also gave up two hits.

“I was pleased with all three pitchers today,” Cary said.

Cary also was happy to see the defense finish the game without an error, but thought the Bucks felt a little too content with their lead and could have sent the fans home a little sooner. Pendleton stranded 10 runners in the game and had just three hits after the second inning.

“Probably the one thing we talked about most was keeping the intensity going through seven innings rather than getting ahead and putting it into cruise control,” Cary said. “So that’s something we need to work on, is continuing to work hard for the entire game instead of just a portion of the game.”

McGlothlan finished the game 2 for 2 and Morrison went 2 for 4 as the only Bucks with multiple hits. Pendleton will look to put forth a more complete effort when it hosts Kamiakin for a doubleheader on Friday starting at 3 p.m.

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DAWGS: Baserunning, pitching bright spots for Greenough

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andra Spencer each singled. Then a third opportunity for a ground ball out was misplayed, leaving the inning open. Herrington, Spencer, Brittany Peterson and Katherine Lieberenz each scored, putting Hermiston down 4-0 early.

“We have some learning to do, and some growing to do together, but they didn’t give up at any point,” Greenough said. “They were ready to play and made adjustments throughout the game, which is (all) you can ask for as a coach.”

Meanwhile, Hermiston’s offense was moving along. Jaime Hinkley led off the home half of the first with a

single, stole second, and eventually came around to score. Hinkley’s baserunning was a highlight for Greenough.

“Our baserunning was awesome,” Greenough said. “Jaime Hinkley stealing second base was cool. And Amanda Baron stealing second base on a straight steal; that was awesome. People were not afraid to do some great things.”

The Bulldogs also got one in the second, when Taylor Barton walked and scored, and another in the fifth with Hinkley again singled and snatched two bases on passed balls.

Despite giving up 10 runs, Greenough was impressed with her pitching

staff of Almaguer, Betz and Breyanna Nailor. They rolled ground ball after ground ball, pitching to contact and not walking any Raven hitters. Outside of a couple errors, the defensive gameplan was executed perfectly.

“Julissa Almaguer threw awesome,” Greenough said. “She threw all ground balls. She gave up one good hit in three innings. That’s all I can ask for. All three of my pitchers — Julissa, Taylor and Breyanna — all threw balls on the ground. As a pitching coach, my dream is all ground balls.”

All in all, Greenough was encouraged by Hermiston’s first game, despite the loss.

“I expected it to go a

little better than it did, but at the same time we saw a lot of great things, and that’s what the first couple games are about, especially the preseason,” Greenough said. “It’s to get us ready for our league games. And so we saw some great hits, saw some great things. We saw some things we need to work on, and that’ll help us get ready for those conference games.”

Hermiston stays home for a doubleheader against Liberty on Friday. First pitch is set for 3 p.m.

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PREPS: Umatilla gets better of Stanfield on tennis courts

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Scappoose and La Grande tied with 499s to round out the top 5.

“The girls played well,” said Pendleton coach Teri Prouse. “It was cloudy at the beginning, and rained for a bit, but cleared up enough to finish strong.”

Junior Haley Greb took home the individual first place medal after shooting a 76 in the opening tournament, the same place where she shot an 87 just one year ago. Greb turned in a 39 on the front nine and improved by two strokes with a 37 on the back nine.

Senior Shelby Greb also had a strong showing on Tuesday, finishing in third on a tiebreaker with an 89. Greb was tied with The Dalles’ Iliana Telles after 18 holes and two playoff holes, before diving into the scorecard to decide the winner.

Pendleton’s other three players on Tuesday were Megan George (106), McKenna Pratt (112), and Riley Harris (140), and Prouse said that all of the girls know what they need to work on moving forward with some competition experience under their belts.

Hermiston’s top scorer on Tuesday was Sonja Peterson with a 111, as she sot a 54 on the front nine and a 57 on the back nine. Rounding out Hermiston’s lineup was Sydney Adams (113), Makenzie Lind (131), Lexi Lambert (133), and Grace Blackhurst (141).

Tennis

UMATILLA 5, STANFIELD 0 — At Stanfield, the Umatilla Vikings tennis team came away with an overall win on the road over Stanfield on Tuesday in the season’s first match.

The Vikings swept the boys side, going 5-0 with two defaults and split the girls side going 4-4.

On the boys side, Giovanni Armenta outlasted Hank Gehrke in the No. 1 boys match, leaving with an 8-8 (7-5) tiebreaker win. Douglas Gomez had significantly less trouble with Noel Montez, winning 8-0.

Umatilla boys doubles teams of JR Coria and Edgar Madrigal, and Tristan Cole and Gage Bourrie each won by default, as did Leonel Corona.

On the girls side, it was considerably more even. Sidney Webb took the No. 1 singles match 8-2 over Yakima Guzman, and May Lopez breezed by Natalie Cornejo 8-3. Stanfield got a win in the No. 2 singles match when Lydia Hurtt topped Brenda Mendoza 8-4. Umatilla No. 4 Fatima Sanchez won by default.

Stanfield had the most success in girls doubles, going 3-1. Top Stanfield team Yazzmin Chavez and Guitzel Chavez easily beat Yessenia Garcia and Aly Munoz 8-0, and Amanda Carillo and Natalia Esquivel shut out Cinthia Rodriguez and Esperanza Garcia 8-0 in the No. 2 match. Stanfield also swept all eight points in the No. 4 match, with Payton

Hennings and Breana Holt topping Marlee Brundage and Chyanne Hinsley. Umatilla got its only girls doubles win from Daisy Garcilazo and Jenny Vazquez with an 8-6 win over Briana Cornejo and Candida Rojas.

Umatilla hosts Griswold on Thursday in its first home match. Stanfield travels to Condon on Friday. Action starts at 4 p.m. both days.

HANFORD 7, HERMISTON 1 — At Hanford, Washington, the Hermiston Bulldogs boys and girls tennis teams were swept by the Hanford Falcons to open the season on a cool Tuesday afternoon.

The Falcons bested the Bulldogs boys team 7-1, with Hermiston’s only win coming from Jason Morris in the No. 4 singles match.

Morris won the first set 6-4, but dropped the second to force a tiebreaker, which he won 10-5. Hermiston’s top three singles players — Jakob Snell, Caleb Jorgensen and Valentino Whitesell, each lost in straight sets.

Snell was bested by Will Thompson 6-1, 6-3. Angelo Bravo swept Jorgensen 6-1, 6-1, and William Chiang swept Whitesell 6-0, 6-2.

Hermiston’s doubles teams fared similarly. Top doubles team Cameron Meade and Ayden Prewitt lost 2-6, 6-3, 10-5, and Stefano Peiris and Skyler Grigg, Hermiston’s No. 2 doubles, and Patrick Wicks and Thomas McCullough,

Hermiston’s No. 3, lost in tiebreakers, and Koby Grigg and Judah Jensen lost in straight sets.

Hermiston’s next match is in two weeks, when the Bulldogs host Walla Walla Mar. 29. Action starts at 4 p.m.

On the girls side, Hermiston won just two matches in its season opener on Tuesday, headlined by Sydney Moore with Hermiston’s only singles win, a 2-6, 6-6 (7-4) 10-7 tiebreak result over Emily Battle. No. 2 doubles team Breana Wadekamper and Reed Middleton topped Molly Flemming and Nancy Shoup in another tiebreaker, 6-3, 4-6, 6-6 (10-7).

The rest of Hermiston’s results were sweeps. An Wang topped Katelyn Millard 6-1, 6-0. Emily Tan beat Jaycee Ternes 6-1, 6-1, and Celeste Pe beat Kylie Markwick 6-1, 6-1.

In doubles action it was largely the same outside of Wadekamper and Middleton winning. Mackenzie Hill and Chy Peterson were swept by Christian Xantheas and Milena Stankovic 7-5, 6-3. Katherine Moon and Michelle Chan handled Lindsey McCallister and Adriann Stewart 6-0, 6-2, and Anna Jarman and Salem Gray finished up with a 6-2, 6-3 sweep of Poala Sanchez and Emery Snyder.

Hermiston travels to Walla Walla in two weeks for a match with the Blue Devils March 29. Action starts at 4 p.m.