

Michigan State and Nassar victims reach \$500M settlement

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LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State University agreed to pay \$500 million to settle claims from more than 300 women and girls who said they were assaulted by sports doctor Larry Nassar in the worst sex-abuse case in sports history, officials announced Wednesday.

The deal surpasses the \$100 million-plus paid by Penn State University to settle claims by at least 35 people who accused assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky of sexual abuse, though the Nassar deal involves far more victims.

“We are truly sorry to all the survivors and their families for what they have been through, and we admire the courage it has taken to tell their stories,” said Brian Breslin, chairman of Michigan State’s governing board. “We recognize the need for change on our campus and in our community around sexual assault awareness and prevention.”

It’s not clear how much each victim will receive, although the money will not be divided equally. It’s also unclear where the money will come from. University spokeswoman Emily Guerrant said school leaders now will work on a way to pay the bill.

Rachael Denhollander of Louisville, Kentucky, who in 2016 was the first woman to publicly identify herself as a victim, said the agreement “reflects the incredible damage which took place on MSU’s campus.” But she said she still has not seen any “meaningful reform” at the university.

Nassar treated campus athletes and scores of young gymnasts at his Michigan State office, building an international reputation while working at the same time for USA Gymnastics, which trains Olympians.

The university and lawyers for 332 victims announced the deal after negotiating privately with the help of a mediator. Under the agreement, \$425 million would be paid to current claimants and \$75 million would be set aside for any future claims. Lawyers will also be compensated out of the \$500 million pool.

Michigan State was accused of ignoring or dismissing complaints about Nassar, some as far back as the 1990s. The school had insisted that no one covered up assaults, although Nassar’s boss, former medical school dean William Strampel, was later charged with failing to properly supervise him and committing his own sexual misconduct.



AP Photo/Eric Christian Smith
Houston Rockets guard James Harden, right, and forward Luc Mbah a Moute vie for a loose ball during the first half of Game 2 of the NBA basketball playoffs Western Conference finals against the Golden State Warriors, Wednesday, May 16, 2018, in Houston.

Rockets rout Warriors 127-105, tie series at 1-all

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
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HOUSTON — James Harden and Eric Gordon each scored 27 points to lead a balanced attack and the Houston Rockets routed the Golden State Warriors 127-105 on Wednesday night to even the Western Conference finals at one game apiece.

The Rockets didn’t trail after the first quarter and led by double digits for most of the night. They head to Oakland, California for Game 3 on Sunday night feeling much better after rebounding from a deflating 119-106 loss in the series opener.

“We can beat anybody, anywhere at any time playing the way we play,” coach Mike D’Antoni said.

P.J. Tucker added a playoff career-high 22 and Trevor Ariza had 19 as both bounced back after struggling in Game 1. Tucker had just one point in that game and Ariza scored eight, but was limited on defense after collecting his fifth foul early in the third quarter.

Kevin Durant had 38 points after scoring 37 in the opener, but Stephen

Curry and Klay Thompson combined for just 24 points after the pair went for 46 in Game 1.

Houston wasn’t able to slow down Durant, but did a much better job of limiting open 3-pointers by Thompson and Curry, and the two made just 3 of 12 attempts.

“They were desperate tonight and played like it, and we weren’t and it showed,” Golden State coach Steve Kerr said.

The Warriors made three free throws to get within 11 early in the fourth quarter before the Rockets scored the next 11 points, with 3s from Gordon, Tucker and Harden to make it 111-89 with about 6 1/2 minutes to play.

Durant made a basket after that, but Houston scored the next eight points to extend the lead to 119-91 with about five minutes left.

The Warriors got frustrated in that stretch, with Durant getting a technical for shoving Harden in the back and Draymond Green pushing Ariza out of bounds seconds later. It was then that Kerr sent all of his starters to the bench for good.

Colon dominant, shut out M’s 5-1

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Bartolo Colon laughed off having a line drive hit him in the stomach, allowing four hits in 7 2/3 shutout innings and giving the Texas Rangers a 5-1 win over the Seattle Mariners on Wednesday.

On the cusp of his 45th birthday, Colon (2-1) put together arguably his best performance this season. Colon was excellent spotting his fastball and using his breaking pitches to keep Seattle off balance, a night after the Mariners scored nine runs.

Delino DeShields gave



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

Texas Rangers’ Isiah Kiner-Falefa, center, is greeted in the dugout after he scored on an RBI double hit by Delino DeShields during the eighth inning.

Texas the lead with a two-out RBI double in the eighth inning to score Isiah Kiner-Falefa. The Rangers added four more in the ninth, all after Ryon Healy’s two-

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP BASEBALL	
Thursday	Pendleton at La Grande, 4:30 p.m.
Friday	Irrigon vs. Joseph (district semifinal, at Stanfield), 1 p.m. Pilot Rock vs. Sherman (district final, at Pendleton), 1:30 p.m. Stanfield vs. Irrigon/Joseph winner (district final, at Stanfield), 3:30 p.m.
PREP SOFTBALL	
Friday	Hermiston at St. Helens (5A play-in), 5 p.m.
Saturday	Riverside vs. Irrigon (district semifinal at Echo), 1 p.m. Echo vs. Riverside/Irrigon winner (district final), 3:30 p.m.
PREP TRACK & FIELD	
Thursday	Umatilla, Riverside, Irrigon, Weston-McEwen, Heppner, Stanfield, Helix, Lone, Echo at OSAA State Championships (Eugene)
Friday	Hermiston, Pendleton, Umatilla, Riverside, Irrigon, Weston-McEwen, Heppner, Stanfield, Helix, Lone, Echo at OSAA State Championships (Eugene), all day
Saturday	Hermiston, Pendleton at OSAA State Championships (Eugene), all day

Prep Standings

Through May 10

PREP BASEBALL					
5A COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE					
	LG	Ovr	RS	RA	Rnk
Pendleton*	10-2	16-8	178	119	4
Hood River	8-4	14-11	152	117	11
The Dalles	3-9	6-18	88	201	23
Hermiston	3-9	7-17	100	170	24
4A GREATER OREGON LEAGUE					
	LG	Ovr	RS	RA	Rnk
La Grande*	12-0	18-2	201	55	3
Ontario	7-5	14-10	200	116	10
Baker	5-7	10-13	137	181	24
Mac-Hi	0-12	6-17	93	220	32
3A EASTERN OREGON LEAGUE					
	LG	Ovr	RS	RA	Rnk
Stanfield*	13-1	20-5	297	166	2
Joseph	11-3	18-5	209	86	5
Vale	10-4	14-10	221	154	12
Irrigon	9-5	16-8	234	164	11
Burns	7-7	9-14	153	184	16
Umatilla	3-11	7-12	127	153	25
Riverside	2-12	7-17	159	262	27
Nysa	1-13	1-25	61	371	33
2A/1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 6					
	LG	Ovr	RS	RA	Rnk
Pilot Rock*	11-1	16-2	168	45	3
Sherman	9-0	15-2	191	64	6

Grant Union	7-5	13-11	166	115	16
Culver	6-3	10-8	122	91	11
Elgin	6-6	7-7	64	61	22
W-McEwen	4-8	6-16	146	210	29
Heppner	3-6	8-13	198	231	27
Union	2-10	3-15	89	204	37
Dufur	0-9	2-16	62	223	38

PREP SOFTBALL					
5A COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE					
	Lg	Ovr	RS	RA	Rnk
Pendleton*	11-1	24-2	259	53	1
Hood River	6-6	18-8	194	85	5
Hermiston	6-6	15-9	176	155	7
The Dalles	1-18	17-1	140	221	17
4A GREATER OREGON LEAGUE					
	Lg	Ovr	RS	RA	Rnk
La Grande*	12-0	19-4	210	55	1
Mac-Hi	8-4	16-10	181	144	5
Baker	3-9	8-17	167	270	19
Ontario	1-11	11-13	202	126	27
3A SPECIAL DISTRICT 1					
	Lg	Ovr	RS	RA	Rnk
Echo*	9-3	18-6	269	97	11
Irrigon	8-4	12-13	172	191	15
Riverside	8-4	11-8	153	103	13
W-McEwen	5-7	6-15	193	242	23
Umatilla	0-12	0-16	72	300	37
2A/1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 6					
	Lg	Ovr	RS	RA	Rnk
Union	10-2	20-4	271	145	5
Pilot Rock	10-2	18-3	272	86	4
Heppner	4-8	10-11	166	175	14
Culver	1-12	0-23	68	384	29
*climbed regular season title					

NCAA

Softball
Eugene Regional
Double elimination
Thursday's Games
At Eugene, Ore.
BYU (35-20) vs. Drake (43-10), 3 p.m.
Albany (NY) (32-14) at Oregon (47-7), 5:30 p.m.

Basketball

NBA PLAYOFFS
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Wednesday's Games
Houston 127, Golden State 105 (Series tied 1-1)
Saturday's Games
Boston at Cleveland, 5:30 p.m. (BOS leads 2-0)
Sunday's Games
Houston at Golden State, 5 p.m.

Hockey

NHL PLAYOFFS
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Wednesday's Games
Vegas 4, Winnipeg 3 (VGS leads 2-1)
Thursday's Games
Tampa Bay at Washington, 5 p.m. (WSH leads 2-1)
Friday's Games
Winnipeg at Vegas, 5 p.m.
Saturday's Games

Washington at Tampa Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Vegas at Winnipeg, 12 p.m.

Baseball

MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	28	12	.700	—
Boston	29	14	.674	½
Toronto	22	21	.512	7½
Tampa Bay	19	22	.463	9½
Baltimore	13	29	.310	16
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	21	21	.500	—
Minnesota	18	21	.462	1½
Detroit	19	23	.452	2
Kansas City	13	30	.302	8½
Chicago	10	29	.256	9½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	28	17	.622	—
Los Angeles	25	18	.581	2
Seattle	24	18	.571	2
Oakland	21	22	.488	5½
Texas	17	27	.386	10

Wednesday's Games
Washington 3, N.Y. Yankees 3, 5½ innings, susp.
Philadelphia 4, Baltimore 1
Pittsburgh 3, Chicago White Sox 2
Cleveland 6, Detroit 0
St. Louis 7, Minnesota 5
Toronto 12, N.Y. Mets 1
Tampa Bay 5, Kansas City 3
Texas 5, Seattle 1
Boston 6, Oakland 4
Houston 2, L.A. Angels 0
Thursday's Games
Oakland (Triggs 3-1) at Toronto (Sanchez 2-3), 4:07 p.m.
Baltimore (Gausman 3-2) at Boston (Price 3-4), 4:10 p.m.
Texas (Hamels 2-4) at Chicago White Sox (Shields 1-4), 5:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 2-3) at L.A. Angels (Skaggs 3-2), 7:07 p.m.
Detroit (Boyd 2-3) at Seattle (Gonzales 3-3), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	26	16	.619	—
Philadelphia	24	16	.600	½
Washington	24	18	.571	1½
New York	20	19	.513	4
Miami	16	26	.381	9½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	25	17	.595	—
Milwaukee	26	18	.591	—
St. Louis	23	17	.575	1
Chicago	22	18	.550	2
Cincinnati	15	29	.341	11
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	25	18	.581	—
Colorado	23	20	.535	2
San Francisco	22	22	.500	3½
San Diego	17	27	.386	8½

out error and two runs scoring on a wacky strikeout.

But Colon was the story, including taking the brunt of Jean Segura’s line drive off his stomach in the fourth inning, then laughing about it as Rangers staff came to check on him. It was the second time this season he pitched into the eighth, the previous against Houston when he was perfect through seven innings. Colon struck out two and threw 71 of 96 pitches for strikes.

Jose Leclerc ended a brief Seattle threat in the eighth inning, getting Segura to pop out on the first pitch with runners on second and third.

Soccer

MLS
Wednesday's Game
San Jose 2, Vancouver 2

PGA Tour
AT&T BYRON NELSON
Site: Dallas.
Course: Trinity Forest GC. Yardage: 7,380.
Par: 71.
Purse: \$7.7 million. Winner's share: \$1,386,000.
Television: Thursday-Friday, 4-7 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday-Sunday, 1-2:45 p.m. (Golf Channel), 3-6 p.m. (CBS Sports).
Defending champion: Billy Horschel.
Last week: Webb Simpson won The Players Championship.

Golf

NASCAR CUP SERIES
ALL-STAR RACE
Site: Charlotte, North Carolina.
Schedule: Friday, practice, 11:30 p.m., 12:15 p.m., 1 p.m. & 1:45 p.m. (FS1), qualifying, 6:05 p.m. & 6:35 p.m. (FS1); Saturday, All-Star Open, 6 p.m., FS1, All-Star Race, 8 p.m., FS1.
Track: Charlotte Motor Speedway (oval, 1.5 mile).
Race distance: Open, 75 miles, 50 laps; All-Star, 120 miles, 80 laps.
Last year: Kyle Busch took home the \$1 million prize, his first victory in the series at Charlotte.
Last race: Kevin Harvick won his fifth race of 2018 and his second straight at Dover.

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