

# NCAA says online abuse tied to sports betting dropped during March Madness

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INDIANAPOLIS — Online abuse related to sports betting decreased during the NCAA's March Madness basketball tournaments compared with the prior year, but people involved in the competition still received more than 3,000 threatening messages, the NCAA said Tuesday.

The NCAA hired Signify Group to monitor messages directed at athletes, coaches, game officials, selection committee members and others with official roles in the tournament. Signify used both artificial intelligence and human analysts to confirm the threats and, when necessary, report them to law enforcement.

Overall, abuse related to sports betting was down 23%, the NCAA said in a news release.

The men's March Madness bracket was notable this year for the scarcity of upsets, with all four No. 1 seeds advancing to the Final Four and Florida, a popular pick to win it all, claiming the national title. On the women's side, three top seeds made the national semifinals and No. 2 seed UConn, among the pre-tournament favorites, won the championship.



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In this photo taken with a slow shutter speed, Wichita State's Ron Baker runs during practice for the NCAA college basketball tournament in St. Louis.

The NCAA's analysis found that overall, abusive statements directed at people involved in the men's tournament increased by 140% — much of it directed at the selection committee and coaches — while abuse related to sports betting was down 36%.

Abuse was down 83% on the women's side and betting-related abuse declined 66%.

One women's player who was targeted online was Chandler Prater of Mississippi State, who was

guarding Southern California star JuJu Watkins when she suffered a season-ending knee injury.

“I received all kinds of messages, so many of them hateful and abusive,” Prater said in a statement. “It was unlike anything I'd ever experienced before.”

Signify's AI flagged more than 54,000 posts, and its human analysts confirmed that 3,161 messages were abusive or threatening, the NCAA said. Those messages were reported to social media platforms and occasionally

to law enforcement. The reporting led to the removal of abusive posts and restrictions on social media accounts.

NCAA President Charlie Baker said he has made curbing online harassment a top priority.

“We have been encouraged to record a reduction in sports betting-related abuse and threat at the 2025 event,” Signify CEO Jonathan Hirshler said, “as this is often the trigger for the most egregious and threatening content we detect.”



George Walker IV/AP photo

NCAA President Charlie Baker speaks during the organizations Division I Business Session at their annual convention in Nashville, Tenn.

## NCAA's Baker: Will Congress back \$2.8B settlement with antitrust protection?

BY EDDIE PELLIS  
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Now that the NCAA has taken care of its business, its president wants Congress to deliver.

NCAA President Charlie Baker, like his predecessor a proponent of federal legislation to lock in some of the seismic changes hitting college sports, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that draft legislation circulating in Washington is what the association has been asking for. Now, it's simply a matter of passing it.

“One of the messages we got from them was, ‘Clean up your own house first, and then come talk to us,’” said Baker, a former Massachusetts governor whose political acumen was a key selling point when he was selected for the NCAA job in 2023.

The NCAA delivered, Baker said, with new rules that guarantee better post-graduate health care and scholarship protections for athletes, and then with the crown jewel of reforms — the \$2.8 billion lawsuit settlement that a federal judge approved last week.

The most fundamental change from the settlement is that schools can now directly pay players through revenue-sharing.

For that to work, though, Baker and the NCAA have been lobbying for a limited form of antitrust protection that would prevent, for instance, lawsuits challenging the spending cap prescribed by the settlement, which will be \$20.5 million in the first year. The Washington Post reported that draft legislation would include room for that sort of protection.

Baker suggested that antitrust exemption might

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# Oilers stumble in Game 3, now chasing Stanley Cup Final

BY STEPHEN WHYNO  
AP HOCKEY WRITER

SUNRISE, Fla. — Falling behind early, parading to the penalty box and losing grip of their composure, the Edmonton Oilers find themselves in an all-too-familiar position: trailing the Stanley Cup Final against the Florida Panthers.

Not much went right for them in Game 3 on Monday night, a 6-1 blowout loss that put them down 2-1 in the series after taking the opener at home. Many of their 85 penalty minutes, the most by a team in the final in nearly four decades, came in garbage time, but there is far more concern about the mistakes that piled up to put them in a hole.

“We didn't play very well,” said Evander Kane, who was whistled for two of his three minor penalties in a miserable first period and got a misconduct late. “That's evident. We have nobody to blame but ourselves. We can definitely be a lot better.”

Stuart Skinner got pulled after allowing five goals on 23 shots, but captain Connor McDavid acknowledged, “I don't know how much we're going to put on Stu.” The play in front of him was disjointed and disconnected, at 5 on 5, on the power play and on the penalty kill.

If not for Skinner, the score could have gotten out of hand much earlier because the Western Conference champions had their worst showing since perhaps the

first couple of games of the playoffs.

“It was a weird game,” McDavid said. “Obviously it wasn't our best — not our best at all. I don't think our best has shown up all series long. But it's coming. We'll shift the focus to finding a way to get a win in Game 4.”

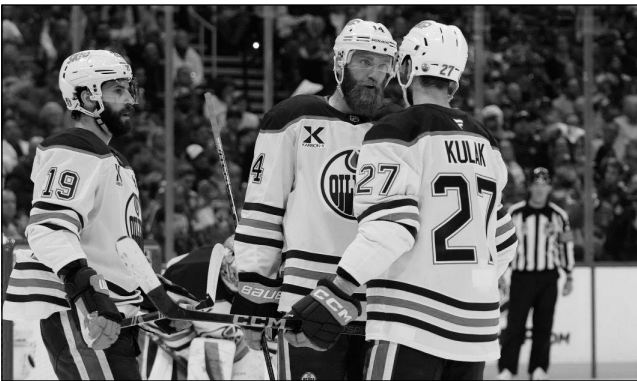
Even with an extra day off before Game 4 on Thursday night, coach Kris Knoblauch scheduled practice for his team Tuesday afternoon. There is much to discuss and work on.

“Collectively, goaltender, defense, all our forwards, we all have to be better,” Knoblauch said. “They played a heck of a game, and we're going to have to raise ours.”

Being more disciplined is a good place to start.


After giving up a goal to Brad Marchand 56 seconds

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Edmonton Oilers defensemen Mattias Ekholm (14), Brett Kulak (27) and center Adam Henrique (19) talks during the second period of Game 3 of the NHL Stanley Cup final against the Florida Panthers in Sunrise, Fla.



## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Shelby County School District, Shelby County Central Administration Office, 1155 West Main Street, Shelbyville, KY 40065, shall receive sealed Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Athletic Apparel, Equipment, and Accessories contract until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2025.

An original copy of the completed proposal must be received at Shelby County Public Schools Central Administration Office, 1155 West Main Street, Shelbyville, KY 40065, in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside with the word "RFP", followed by the reference number, "ATH2026" in the subject line. For information regarding this RFP or to receive a copy of the specifications, please contact Heidi Clark at Shelby County Public Schools, (502) 633-2375. All Requests shall be in compliance with the laws governing such matters and the Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any formality in the process.



## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

The Board of Directors of the Shelby County 109 Taxing District, at a meeting held on MAY 29 2025, adopted the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE FOR THE FINANCING OF A PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF THE LEASE; CREATING A SINKING FUND; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SUCH LEASE.**

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Shelby County 109 Taxing District hereby certifies that the foregoing resolution provides for approval of a lease with Kentucky Association of Counties Finance Corporation for financing certain public improvements and provides a general obligation pledge to assess and levy sufficient taxes to comply with the obligations to make lease payments.

The full text of the section relating to the pledge to levy and assess a tax to pay the lease obligation is on file and may be reviewed at the office of the Shelby County 109 Taxing District, 170 Windhurst Way, Shelbyville, Kentucky 40065.

By: */s/ Kerry Magan*  
Secretary  
Shelby County 109 Taxing District

### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, hereby certifies that he prepared the foregoing summary and that it is a true and accurate summary of the resolution described therein.

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By virtue of orders of the Shelby Circuit Court in the below listed actions, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at public auction, the real estate described herein to the highest and best bidder at the Shelby County Judicial Center, Shelbyville, Kentucky, **FRIDAY, June 27, 2025, AT 10:00 A.M., EDT**, which real estate is located in Shelby County, Kentucky, to-wit:

**SALE NO. 1 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC VS. ADAM BANTA A/K/A ADAM F. BANTA, NADIA BANTA, ET. AL. ET. AL., Civil Action No. 25-CI-00085, 4148 Bagdad Road, Bagdad, Bagdad, Kentucky, Shelby County** (for more specific and detailed description, refer to Deed Book 541, Page 277, in the Shelby County Clerk's Office. Parcel No: 088A-01-003). Plaintiff's Attorney: Jeffrey Helms

**SALE NO. 2 LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC VS. TODD JONES, ET. AL., Civil Action No. 25-CI-00121, 507 Terry Court, Shelbyville, Kentucky, Shelby County** (for more specific and detailed description, refer do Deed Book 690, Page 546, in the Shelby County Clerk's Office. Parcel No: 031B-02-205). Plaintiff's Attorney: Katherine D. Carpenter

Each of the foregoing parcels of real estate shall be sold on terms of cash deposit, cashier's check, certified check or personal check in the amount of the purchase price, or 10% down at the time of sale and the balance thereof due and payable in 30 days after date of sale. The purchaser of said real estate shall have the right to pay all or any part of the purchase price on the day of sale by cash, cashier's check, certified check or personal check. If the purchaser does not elect to pay the entire purchase price, the Master Commissioner shall take from the purchaser the sum of 10% down and a good and sufficient bond **WITH SURETY ACCEPTABLE TO THE MASTER COMMISSIONER** for the balance of said purchase price and bearing interest from date of sale as stated in the court order until paid in full.

**SALE NO. 1** The Plaintiff is granted an in personam judgment for the total sum of \$77,220.74, plus interest at the current rate of 3.6250% (\$7.43 per diem) from February 21, 2025 until paid, plus further advances for taxes and insurance premiums and its costs expended herein, reasonable attorney fees and for any other fees expended for services performed in connection with protection of Plaintiff's interest in the real property and in its rights under the Mortgage.

**SALE NO. 2** The Plaintiff is granted Judgment for Court costs of this action incurred to date, plus additional costs which may be expended for execution upon this Judgment. The Plaintiff is awarded Judgment for sums due under the Note and Mortgage in the amount of \$334,844.25, plus interest in accordance with the terms of the Note, on said judgment at the current rate of 3.62500% from May 2, 2025, until paid. Plus, additional fees, costs, and expenses in accordance with the terms of the Note and Mortgage including advances in payment of ad valorem taxes, insurance premiums, assessments, weatherization, and preservation of the Real Property. Also, Judgment for attorney's fees, title abstract and title update fees paid, or agreed to be paid, to its counsel for prosecution of this matter.

### MASTER COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

All prospective purchasers are advised to fully understand and consider the following:

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6. If the successful purchaser is an LLC, a certificate of good standing must be presented with a resolution allowing member to sign.
7. Third Party Surety must be presented at sale. Any questions about the surety must be directed to the Master Commissioner prior to sales date.

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