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SEC is clearly fine with Miller, Beard tarnish



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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The best player on the top-seeded team in the NCAA Tournament took his seat at the podium Wednesday, ready for whatever questions might come.

To his right, monitoring the makeshift interview room inside Legacy Arena, was a man in dark slacks and red polo shirt that said “Alabama Basketball” above his chest. On his belt line, a badge and a handgun were visible for all to see.

It’s unclear whether Brandon Miller is the first college basketball player who was escorted by security at every step on what is generally a light, easy day before the first round of March Madness. But it was certainly a striking way to illustrate the heaviness and unease around a player whose proximity to a murder of a 23-year-old woman in January – and his role in transporting the weapon used to kill her – has made him and the University of Alabama the subject of controversy.

“I feel like we always travel with security,” Miller said. “That’s all I’m going to say on that.”

Whether a bodyguard is warranted to protect Miller – Alabama coach Nate Oats said it was “appropriate” in light of threats Miller has received online – this entire strange scene is the result of a choice made by the school as soon as it learned that Miller and two other basketball players were at the scene on the night bullets flew in downtown Tuscaloosa.

As long as there were no criminal charges against Miller, the school could keep playing him. And as long as he was on the court, Alabama had a chance to win a national championship.

In a business where they constantly sell the fiction of molding men and building character, Alabama decided it didn’t need to know anything more about Miller’s actions that night than whether or not the district attorney could charge him with a crime.



Alabama star Brandon Miller was accompanied by an armed security guard to the NCAA Tournament on Wednesday.

PAUL NEWBERRY/AP

Whatever the lowest possible bar is for representing a highly respected university, Alabama slid under it like a contortionist trying to set a world record in the limbo. Miller hasn’t missed a game and was on the floor Thursday when the Crimson Tide began their NCAA Tournament run against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, winning 96-75 despite Miller being held scoreless.

Alabama, however, isn’t even a one-off in its own conference these days.

On Tuesday in Oxford, Mississippi, a chronically mediocre basketball program introduced Chris Beard as its new coach and attempted to explain it with the same “we did our due diligence” nonsense that we’ve heard hundreds of times when universities or professional sports organizations make problematic hires.

Of course, there’s little chance Ole Miss knows much more than the rest of us who read the police report in December when Beard, then the coach at Texas, was alleged by his fiancée to have choked her and caused other bruises and scrapes as well as a bite mark that were visible to police.

Beard was arrested, charged with felony domestic violence and fired by Texas, a decision the university made even though the team was highly ranked and, like Alabama, had a legitimate chance to win the national title.

Although the charges were dropped, largely because

Beard’s fiancée, Randi Trew, did not want him prosecuted and changed her story from what she told police on the night of the incident, the notion that he could be hired to another power conference coaching job three months later was almost unfathomable across the industry.

Of course, it only takes one school with no shame or scruples to conclude that it can live with whatever happened as long as there were no charges. We should not be surprised that Mississippi, which has never won anything of significance in men’s basketball, just happened to be that school.

As a result, we got to hear Beard prattle on Tuesday as if he were the aggrieved party in the whole situation.

“What I can tell you is, much of what was reported was not accurate,” Beard said, “and that’s been proven with the case not only being dismissed, charges dropped, but also, Randi’s statement on Dec. 23.”

You wonder how much cringing there was in the SEC office when that statement was made, and yet how quickly they got over it with visions of having another NCAA Tournament-quality program in the league almost instantly.

In the end, we now have a very clear picture of where the SEC is and what it stands for. Just avoid prosecution, baby.

If the last month is any indication, for the SEC this is the era of anything goes. As long as it can help win a championship,

that’s good enough to justify a whole lot of questionable behavior. Just deny, deflect and claim victimhood. Eventually, the controversy will blow over and the critics will move on to something else.

Maybe it’s not a bad strategy. If it can work for a presidential campaign – and we saw it in real time during the election of Donald Trump in 2016 – it can work to stay ahead of the Big Ten and the ACC.

Yet the SEC keeps testing the limits of how low it can go.

It’s certainly possible that Miller has received threats, which are of course unacceptable, and that the school believes it should operate with caution in a highly public environment.

But when you hear Oats discuss it, you wonder if it ever occurred to him that the highly charged environment around Miller is at least in part a result of the way Alabama has handled this. When the shooting happened, the school dismissed one player, Darius Miles, who was charged with capital murder for his role, but was not forthcoming about Miller’s presence.

Then, even when the entire

world learned that he had the gun in his car and drove it to the scene after Miles requested it in a text message, it was essentially business as usual for Alabama basketball. No suspension. No investigation. Not much contrition. And certainly no pause just to figure out what the heck was going on.

The public face the school has presented is simple: Win, win, win.

Now that the tournament is here, Alabama has let Miller speak to the media, though he isn’t saying much. He’s talked about the situation in vague terms as being heartbreaking. He talks about leaning on his teammates. It’s the same questions and the same answers over and over, and that’s certainly the plan for Alabama all the way to a national title.

Eventually, they’ll stop. For Miller and Beard, the worst is probably over. As long as they stick to the script, win games and continue to stay out of trouble, they’ve done their jobs for the SEC.

But it’s hard to see the glory in any of this when the first image of a potential championship run is an armed bodyguard at the door.

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THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re: HERITAGE POWER, LLC, et al.,¹ Debtors. Chapter 11 Case No. 23-90032 (CML) Jointly Administered

NOTICE OF DEADLINES FOR FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. On January 24, 2023 (the “Petition Date”), each of the Debtors commenced a voluntary case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code commencing the above captioned jointly administered cases (these “Chapter 11 Cases”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the “Court”). Set forth below are the name, federal tax identification number, and case number for each of the Debtors:

DEBTOR	EIN	CASE NO.
HERITAGE POWER, LLC	9775	23-90032 (CML)
BLOSSBURG POWER, LLC	3538	23-90033 (CML)
BRUNOT ISLAND POWER, LLC	8482	23-90034 (CML)
GILBERT POWER, LLC	2872	23-90035 (CML)
HAMILTON POWER, LLC	6256	23-90036 (CML)
HERITAGE POWER INTERMEDIATE HOLDINGS, LLC	8767	23-90037 (CML)
HERITAGE POWER MARKETING, LLC	3891	23-90038 (CML)
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TITUS POWER, LLC	6547	23-90048 (CML)
TOLNA POWER, LLC	8431	23-90049 (CML)
WARREN GENERATION, LLC	8699	23-90050 (CML)

2. On March 8, 2023, the Court entered an order (Docket No. 149) (the “Bar Date Order”) establishing certain deadlines for the filing of proofs of claim in the Debtors’ Chapter 11 Cases.

3. Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, all persons, entities, and Governmental Units who have a claim or potential claim, including any claims under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code,² against any of the Debtors that arose prior to the Petition Date, no matter how remote or contingent such right to payment or equitable remedy may be, MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM on or before April 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (prevaling Central Time) for general creditors (the “General Bar Date”) and July 24, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (prevaling Central Time) for Governmental Units (the “Governmental Bar Date.” and together with the General Bar Date, the “Bar Dates”), by (i) submitting such Proof(s) of Claim electronically through Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC (“Epiq”), at <https://dm.epiq1.com/heritagepower/>; (ii) filing such Proof(s) of Claim electronically through PACER (Public Access Electronic Records), at <https://ecf.txsb.uscourts.gov/>; or (iii) by delivering the original proof(s) of claim to Epiq by mail or hand delivery at the following address: Epiq Address for Receipt of Claims: If by First-Class Mail: Heritage Power, LLC, Claims Processing Center, c/o Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC, P.O. Box 4419, Beaverton, OR 97076-4419. If by Hand Delivery or Overnight Mail: Heritage Power, LLC, Claims Processing Center, c/o Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC, 10300 SW Allen Blvd., Beaverton, OR 97005.

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4. The Bar Dates apply to all claims against the Debtors arising under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code; provided, however, that the Bar Dates do not apply to those claims listed in paragraph 8 of the Bar Date Order.

5. ANY PERSON OR ENTITY (EXCEPT A PERSON OR ENTITY WHO IS NOT REQUIRED TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS OF THE BAR DATE ORDER) WHO FAILS TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM ON OR BEFORE THE APPLICABLE BAR DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE WILL NOT BE TREATED AS A CREDITOR FOR PURPOSES OF VOTING UPON, OR RECEIVING DISTRIBUTIONS UNDER, ANY PLAN OR PLANS OF REORGANIZATION OR LIQUIDATION IN THE CHAPTER 11 CASES.

6. Proof of claim forms and a copy of the Bar Date Order may be obtained by visiting <https://dm.epiq1.com/heritagepower/>, maintained by the Debtors’ noticing and claims agent, Epiq. Epiq cannot advise you how to file, or whether you should file, a proof of claim. Questions concerning the contents of this Notice and requests for copies of filed proofs of claim should be directed to Epiq via email at HeritagePowerInfo@epiqglobal.com or by calling Epiq at (888) 296-8501 (Toll-Free Number within the U.S./Canada) or +1 (503) 461-1847 (non U.S./Canada). Please note that neither Epiq’s staff, counsel to the Debtors, nor the Clerk of the Court’s Office is permitted to give you legal advice.

A HOLDER OF A POSSIBLE CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY REGARDING ANY MATTERS NOT COVERED BY THIS NOTICE, SUCH AS WHETHER THE HOLDER SHOULD FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM.

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: Heritage Power, LLC (9775); Blossburg Power, LLC (3538); Brunot Island Power, LLC (8482); Gilbert Power, LLC (2872); Hamilton Power, LLC (6256); Heritage Power Intermediate Holdings, LLC (8767); Heritage Power Marketing, LLC (3891); Hunterstown Power, LLC (4065); Mountain Power, LLC (6709); New Castle Power, LLC (8606); Niles Power, LLC (3714); Shawville Power, LLC (8264); Titus Power, LLC (6547); Sayreville Power, LLC (6167); Shawnee Power, LLC (8431); Warren Generation, LLC (8699). The location of the Debtors’ service address is: 1360 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 2000, Houston, TX 77056.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Bar Date Order.

³ A claim arising under 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code is a claim arising from the value of any goods received by the Debtors within twenty (20) days before the Petition Date, provided that the goods were sold to the Debtors in the ordinary course of the Debtors’ business.

Spieth enjoys 67

Adam Schupak

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When Jordan Spieth’s putter warms up, watch out.

On Thursday, the 29-year-old three-time major champion poured in 147 feet, 9 inches of putts to spark a 4-under-par 67 at Innisbrook Resort’s Copperhead Course in Palm Harbor, Florida.

“I felt like I made a few really nice par saves from that 4- to 8-foot range that kept that round alive,” Spieth said. “Bogey-free around this track is not something you’re going to do every day. So very pleased with it.”

It wasn’t just the clutch par putts that were falling during the first round for Spieth. He gained more than four strokes to the field on the greens, reeling off three birdies in a row starting at No. 14, his fifth hole of the day, and adding another at the sixth after flaring his drive to the right and into the trees.

“When I struck the tee ball, it’s just a crapshoot,” he said. “I stole another on No. 6, with a pretty good break.”

Spieth had a decent lie and a swing and sliced a gap wedge, managing to hit his second shot to 32 feet and sinking the putt. “Does he ever do anything conventionally?” asked PGA Tour Live commentator Will MacKenzie.

That wasn’t even the longest putt of the day for Spieth, who drained a 58-foot birdie putt at the par-315th. Spieth ended the day a stroke off the lead of Ryan

Brehm, who shot 66 with an ace at the par-317th, and Stephen Jaeger.

“I’m not comfortable out there at all, but I don’t think anybody really is,” Brehm said. “Maybe Sam Burns.”

Burns, 26, has been in a class all by himself the last two years at this event. He is seeking a three-peat and opened with 69, which was slightly above his tournament scoring average of 68.33 heading into this week.

“Winning is out of my control,” said Burns, who was pleased with his iron play. “I just try to go out there and play the best that I can and add it up at the end.”

Spieth is playing at a course that brings back fond memories for him too. A decade ago, a tie for seventh at this event was a launching pad to special temporary membership on the PGA Tour. “That was huge,” he said. “That opened up all the opportunities for the rest of the year that kind of was a springboard for getting all the way to the Tour Championship and then the Presidents Cup and just really, really great memories that I wouldn’t have had if it weren’t for the finish to this event.”

He also won at Innisbrook in a 2015 playoff but hasn’t played the Valspar since 2018.

Said Spieth, “Really good start, needed to get off to a good start with the weather (expected to worsen) Friday through the weekend.”

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