

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

REESE BRANTMEIER and MAYA)
JOINT, on behalf of themselves and all)
other similarly situated,)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

1:24-CV-238

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE)
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION,)

Defendant.)

ORDER

The plaintiffs have moved to add Matthew Forbes as an additional class representative in this antitrust class action lawsuit. Doc. 121. The defendant does not object. As stated in open court at a hearing on June 18, 2026, Mr. Forbes meets the requirements in Rule 23 to serve as a class representative, and the motion will be granted.

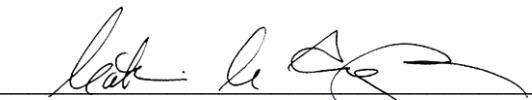
“A class representative must be part of the class.” *Amchem Prods., Inc. v. Windsor*, 521 U.S. 591, 625 (1997) (cleaned up). Rule 23 requires that the class representatives “fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a)(4). “The adequacy inquiry under Rule 23(a)(4) serves to uncover conflicts of interest between named parties and the class they seek to represent.” *Amchem*, 521 U.S. at 625, 626 n.20; *see also Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Dukes*, 564 U.S. 338, 349 n.5 (2011).

Mr. Forbes is a member of both the injunctive and damages classes. Doc. 121-1 at ¶ 19; *see* Doc. 99 at 29; Doc. 102 at 2. As a current college tennis player and member of both classes, his claims are typical of those class members he seeks to represent. He has

affirmed his interest in this lawsuit and has educated himself about the pending proposed settlement. Doc. 121-1. He can fairly and adequately protect the interests of the classes.

It is **ORDERED** that the plaintiffs' motion to add class representative, Doc. 121, is **GRANTED**, and Mathew Forbes is **APPOINTED** as an additional class representative.

This the 23rd day of June, 2026.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE