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**Oppose HB 4323 and SB 2193
More Lawsuits against Daily Fantasy Sports**

Former Northern Illinois RB sues DraftKings, FanDuel

A former Northern Illinois running back has filed a federal lawsuit against DraftKings and FanDuel **for profiting off the names and likenesses of college athletes.** . . . "Defendant has **utilized Plaintiff's name to generate revenues for itself, and 'gaming' (i.e., gambling) profits for others.** Indeed, Defendant has predicated their entire business models on the notion that commercial value attends to the Plaintiff and Class Members' names, assigning 'salaries' to each Class Member - even though the Class Members did not draw any salary of any type for playing their collegiate sport."

. . . Daniels' attorney **argues that DraftKings and FanDuel have harmed featured athletes "by putting them in an unwanted state of fear and concern of the risk of being contacted by speculators who have a financial interest in Plaintiff and Class Members' performance in a particular athletic contest."**

"In addition to the reasonable concern that speculators may urge that Plaintiff and Class Members adjust their performance in response to the speculators' stated desires," the suit continues, "**Defendant's unlawful business model puts Plaintiff and Class Members at unwanted risk of contact with speculators whose interests align with 'corruption in the form of fixed outcomes and point-shaving.'**"

In addition to monetary damages, Daniels' **suit asks the court to prohibit the companies from using the names and likenesses of all plaintiffs "in conjunction with any aspect of its operation of its daily fantasy sports**

contests." Read more: <http://www.sportingnews.com/ncaa-football-news/4692857-draftkings-fanduel-northern-illinois-akeem-daniels-lawsuit-daily-fantasy-sports-df>

In December 2015, Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan declared DraftKings and FanDuel to be illegal gambling operations. However, **both sites are allowed to continue operation in the state as the courts decide on DraftKings' lawsuit** that challenges Madigan's assertions. Read more: <http://www.fox32chicago.com/sports/83048401-story>

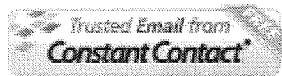
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