

Should College Athletes Be Paid? by Sean Clare

Matt Schaub, a former NFL quarterback for the Houston Texans made \$10,000,000 last season. Matt Schaub played awful last season, but still made 10 million dollars. The Texans have an amazing offense all around except for Matt Schaub bumping the Texans record to 9-7 when they could've had 10 or more wins. Marcus Mariota, a junior quarterback for the Oregon Ducks, won the Heisman Trophy and played amazing in the 2014-2015 college football season. He made \$0 last year playing for the Ducks. College athletes should be paid because they put a lot of time and effort into playing games and in practice; They should also get paid because the NCAA makes billions of dollars, so they should give some money to players who are helping them get all of the money.

College athletes have a lot on their schedule. They have homework, studying, and on top of all that, training for the sport that they play. Many very good college athletes work very hard in college to try to go pro in sports. Of all of the time and effort they put in in academics and sports, I think that they should be paid. The players don't receive the money that they deserve when they put career-ending injuries on the line.

Another reason why they should be paid is because the NCAA makes a lot of money. I believe that the NCAA should give money back to the players who are basically making them earn the money. For example, ESPN just payed the NCAA 470 million dollars each year so they can broadcast the new College Football four-team playoff. They have a 12 year contract. After 12 years, ESPN had already paid the NCAA about 5.64 billion dollars just for the college football playoffs. The NCAA makes about 10.8 billion dollars every year. Don't you think that some of that money can go to the players?

Many people say that good college athletes receive enough by getting scholarships. That is true, but I think they should still receive money. Getting a scholarship is good, but they need some money to live off of. Think of how dumb it would be if someone in the pros was paid the amount it is to pay for college for 4 years. NCAA makes close to 11 billions dollars a year, so they have plenty of money to give to hard-working student athletes. They shouldn't pay millions and millions to players like they do in pro sports, but at least some.

College athletes should be paid because they put a lot of time and effort into playing games and in practice; They should also get paid because the NCAA makes billions of dollars, so they should give some money to players who are helping them get all of the money. I probably won't play college sports, but for their hard-work and dedication to their sport, I believe that they should receive some money.

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