

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Professional athletes, such as football and basketball players, do not deserve the high salaries that they are paid.

Messi, Ronaldo and some other athletes are common names, making front-page news in every medium with their latest stories, happening in their professional and also personal lives. There has always been a major controversy about why these sport persons are earning the highest salaries. While some believe that they should not be paid that much, I think that they are somehow entitled to ~~receive-receiving~~ the/~~this~~ money because their professional lives are short, their fame is economically beneficial for the club they play for and they could be great role models.

First of all, the maximum period in which an athlete could play professionally is about 10 years. During this time he or she may suffer from serious injuries that may affect their whole life, making them spending large amounts of money ~~on treatment/~~to be cured. The more they are forced to perform strenuous exercises, the ~~more~~ severe physical traumas would be probable. Besides, after years of dedicating themselves to ~~make-making~~ great achievements, when the retirement from their profession approaches, it is of necessity to possess sums of money for starting a new business. For example, some football players choose to become a coach and in order to acquire certificates, training courses with high tuition fees should be passed. Therefore, by having enough savings, athletes may feel financially secure about their future life.

Moreover, not only do sport players make huge money for themselves, many related organizations also benefit from their fame. For instance, when an athlete becomes famous, many may buy tickets to watch the games as well as purchasing some products, showing their supportiveness. The other example could be the money that is paid to the clubs as a result of transferring their professional players to play for other teams. All these activities are considered ~~as~~-money-making actions, benefiting the whole system in the long run. As a result, with the money that is earned from these professional athletes, ~~it will be-~~ ~~invested-investments~~ in ~~building~~ stadiums or sport complexes ~~are possible~~.

Finally, not everyone finds the opportunity to make their voices heard by the public and fortunately this could be the chance to make an impact on masses. As some people become a fan of these players, their minds ~~is-are~~ open to every comment they make. Few years ago there was a motivational video clip which was produced by Nike and the narrator was one of the American football players whose performance was inspiring and moving. Many a ~~people-person~~ ~~set a great example and~~ followed his statements because they believed in him. What is more is their role ~~to-in~~ ~~encourage-encouraging~~ the vast majority of people to take up a sport. As a consequence, what these sport players ~~are able to~~ contribute to the general public results in having a healthier society.

To sum up, I am of the opinion that professional players should receive high salaries. I suggest that charity organizations use the athletes' potential to attract people's attention to ~~donated~~ ~~donation~~. When these players are paid enough they may become less concerned financially, their ~~club~~ owners's clubs will build sport complexes and many people are encouraged to care about their physical health.

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