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Opinion Piece

Should NFL players be the highest paid athletes in the world.

All athletes should be paid well. NFL players should be the highest paid because its a full collision sport. As football players we know what can happen in a physical sport like this. NBA and MLB athletes make more money in a less physical sport. NBA players average salary per year in 2016 was 6.2 million, MLB 4.4 and the NFL 2.1 million.

I understand it's more players on the roster but the NFL is huge all around the world it has to be some way it can be balanced out. The ratings are higher, also the Super Bowl is the biggest game in the U.S. so why not make NFL players the highest paid. This is a sport that's most watched in America.

This is a sport where it is more injuries bound to happen. From 2002-2014 football alone had 118,886 injuries. Also Almost 215,000 children ages 5 to 14 were treated in hospital emergency rooms for football-related injuries. The NFL has by far the highest game injury rate at 75.4 percent. This here should give reasons to why NFL players should earn the highest pay. The top players do get paid well but it's not enough for all they do. To me they are underpaid and it's not fair because other athletes get what they deserve.

NFL players careers are shorter. Careers last up to 2-11 years depending on the position of the player. Most running backs have the shortest span because of the constant impact they take each and every game. The injuries they leave with can be serious. Brain, neck and so many other injuries can happen while playing football. It is shown that 40 percent of retired NFL players showed traumatic brain injuries. Not saying that other sports can't get these but it's more likely in football because of the impact.

Players are running at one another going at least 20 plus miles per hour. That's a huge impact on a human body. That's like a car wreck happening. This is why NFL players should be the highest paid athletes in the world. As football players at every level we are putting a lot on the line and we know that. So give the NFL what they really deserve.