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Should College Football Players Get Paid?

Football is a tough sport to play and you cause yourself getting a major injury that can mess up your life. College players who stay in college for four years might sacrifice a year or two of earning potential in the NFL in order to stay in school long enough to earn a degree. There is no guarantee that a player can improve his draft status or, even more importantly, avoid injury while playing more years of college ball. My topic is important because these student athletes are taking big risks by putting their bodies on the line each game they play.

To begin with, based off of a true story back in 2013 the NCAA tournament a college player named Kevin Ware suffered a horrible injury to his lower right leg while attempting to block an opposing player. A couple months later, Kevin Ware was healed and ready to go back and practice with the team. He was lucky enough because there have been instances of players becoming paralyzed by hits or tackles on football fields or other injuries that have ended player’s careers before they even started. If players were paid for playing college football, the other rules with endorsement income and autograph sales can be more easily enforced. Players are currently don’t have nothing to lose but a little playing time when they look to end the rules that keep them from getting paid. Paying college football players would hold them responsible for playing by the rules and also prepare them more for playing in the NFL. Paying players to play in college, might actually keep a few more of them in school. Even sometimes the decision to leave school is purely economical as many plays are lured to the potential money that can be made at the next level.

Next, some college’s athletic programs cannot afford to pay players. Though that it is true that there is a lot of money coming into some college athletic program, there is just as much money going out and in most cases, these programs are at a loss. However most elite college athletes get sports scholarships, which is payment enough. College athletes almost always get their full tuition paid for, or at least significantly discounted. Billions of dollars are given to athletes each year, and in some cases the average athletic scholarship at a school actually exceeds the school tuition.

Conclusion, as I said once football is a dangerous sport and college football players  are risky of occurring a major injury. If college football players received decent middle class wages, many players would be able to send some money home, which would turn in encourage many parents to convince their sons that they should stay in school So many parents would sacrifice for a few more years in order for their son to improve his stock or earn a degree.