

Should Footballers be Paid so Much Money? by Jennifer Czarnecka

Introduction

I chose this topic because I'm passionate about football and I feel I can relate to it. Many people think that footballers get paid too much money just for kicking a ball around. I'm wondering if their theory is true? Footballers get paid plenty of money but lots of people disagree with their income as they feel it is too much. People think that the doctors and nurses should be paid more as they save people's lives. Others think that footballers should get paid more as they entertain many people all over the world. As began my project I felt they were overpaid yet I am willing to find out more.

Media Abuse

Footballers have to deal with abuse from other players and fans from the opposition's team. For example, some footballers have to hide their real personality. They feel they have to live up to a standard that others have set; if a footballer has chosen to have a relationship with someone who is the same gender as them, they tend to hide it from

the public because they are scared that they will be verbally abused for just living their life how they want to. Their private life is constantly on show to the public.

Injuries

Football is a very rough sport that can cause severe injuries. Most football injuries affect the lower body which are the groin, pelvis, hip, thigh, knee, calf, foot and ankle. Most of the injuries are caused by a collision with an opponent or an awkwardly landed jump. Most injuries occur in a competitive match rather than in training. Interestingly, the injury rate is higher for females than males. Many will have to live with permanent injuries for entertaining us.

Time and Effort

Footballers' wages compare favourably to other wages from different jobs such as: nurses, doctors and firefighters. Some people believe that 20-30 year old men, who haven't studied for long, earn millions of pounds a year just for kicking a ball around once a week. However, have you considered how much time and effort a footballer has to put in to prepare for one game? A lot of preparation goes into a football match but most of it is not on show to the public. Years, months and hours go into the training, diet and lifestyle of a footballer that most people could not handle. They are rewarded in public for what they do in private.

Entertainment Value

Some people choose watching a football match on T.V and going to games as a hobby. They enjoy spending most of their time doing this. Fans can pay hundreds of pounds to go and watch their favourite football team who play for just 90 minutes. Family members from different generations may support the same team, which shows a lot of passion for this kind of entertainment. Football can bring a family together especially if that is one of the few things they have in common. People enjoy watching footballers participate in all different competitions and T.V shows.

Summary

If at the beginning of this research you couldn't decide whether you thought that footballers were paid too much or whether they should get paid more than other professions, I hope I have given you enough information to help you decide. In my humble opinion I think footballers earn every pound they get paid after all their time and effort.

