

# Topic: Premiership footballers deserve all the rewards they get

**Introduction:** There was a wage cap in British football until 1959, and there have been repeated calls over the last few years for football to follow the example of top US sports like American football, which introduced a wage cap in 1994. Although a cap has been adopted in the lower leagues it is argued that such a policy would be extremely difficult to apply without damaging the quality and competitiveness of the Premier League, and that other entertainers do not face similar limits on their earnings.

Many ask whether it's fair that footballers can earn hundreds of times as much as more valuable workers like nurses simply because they're lucky enough to have been born with a sporting talent. The Mayday for Nurses campaign asked footballers to donate a day's salary to a fund for nurses. But this caused an uproar amongst those who thought footballers were being criticised in a way that other high-paid professionals like bankers and lawyers are not. Critics argue what footballers deserve to be paid should be decided by the market – by what fans are willing to pay and owners spend on pursuing success.

## Essential reading:

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23931053>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-31110113>
- <https://www.theguardian.com/football/2005/oct/02/sport.comment2>
- <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/football/teams/manchester-city/4241877/The-Debate-Should-any-football-player-be-paid-500000-per-week.html>

Agree (for)	Disagree (against)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="http://www.spiked-online.com/newsite/article/4089#.V15o_k3mrCs">http://www.spiked-online.com/newsite/article/4089#.V15o_k3mrCs</a></li><li>• <a href="http://www.footballforums.net/threads/well-said-gareth-soutgate.131538/">http://www.footballforums.net/threads/well-said-gareth-soutgate.131538/</a></li><li>• <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-24214136">http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-24214136</a></li><li>• <a href="http://metro.co.uk/2014/03/11/michael-owen-footballers-wages-are-justified-and-not-out-of-sync-with-the-world-4529132/">http://metro.co.uk/2014/03/11/michael-owen-footballers-wages-are-justified-and-not-out-of-sync-with-the-world-4529132/</a></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/columnists/janet-street-porter/janet-street-porter-poor-sol-may-cry-foul-but-its-footballers-who-need-a-good-kicking-766961.html">http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/columnists/janet-street-porter/janet-street-porter-poor-sol-may-cry-foul-but-its-footballers-who-need-a-good-kicking-766961.html</a></li><li>• <a href="http://www.independent.co.uk/sport/football/news-and-comment/james-lawton-this-is-england-a-country-where-football-enjoys-excess-in-all-areas-766240.html">http://www.independent.co.uk/sport/football/news-and-comment/james-lawton-this-is-england-a-country-where-football-enjoys-excess-in-all-areas-766240.html</a></li><li>• <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2010/jul/08/justify-footballers-wages-moral-outcry">https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2010/jul/08/justify-footballers-wages-moral-outcry</a></li></ul>

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