

Greater Boston Video Should Colleges Pay Their Student-Athletes

Bandz a nuke on basketball are glued to their televisions this weekend to cheer on the team's upset over Michigan State in the NCAA tournament the win sends the Huskies to another final four appearance and the opportunity to bring millions in royalties in revenue to the school of course UConn's players won't get a dime from any tournament largesse because college athletes [stanford short essay examples](#) are barred from getting paid but that could change after that National Labor Relations Board decided recently that Northwestern University's football players are school employees and eligible to unionize. far the ruling applies only to northwestern but it could be the first step in what critics say is long overdue paying college athletes here to hash it out our Stalin colonne who was a student athlete at Boston College before playing in the NFL and sports agent Stephen friar who represents professional sports athletes welcome both of you thank you to be here Stalin did you ever feel like you were actually an employee of Boston College. I can honestly say.

I did not feel like an employee of Boston College felt like a student athlete from you know freshman year all the way to my fifth year senior and it was a program that allowed for me to mature and grow within that institution it's changed since you were there totally. so now you think they are more like employees they are. I mean athletes are you know when it comes to this topic athletes it's a fine line but.

I truly believe that athletes have given. much of themselves that they deserve a piece of that pie. where do you stand on this Steve the NLRB ruling is going to be appealed it might even go all the way to the Supreme Court but are these students de facto employees well let me start off by saying there's not enough bad things that can happen to the NC double-a and and this is one of those classic situations where they have abused the athletes and abuse the system. long and. viciously with their unbridled hubris that something was going to come back at them the concept of unionizing the players sounds nice in principle I'm opposed to it because if you look at across the Division one landscape there may be 30 or 40 schools that make a lot of money and we've got the high-profile schools like Alabama and. forth but then you've got an enormous number of division 1 division 2 and divisions three schools who not only don't make money they lose money on it and the NCAA has enough resources if they want you to take care of this problem themselves they grossed 872 million dollars of revenue in in 2012 and they have reserves of five hundred million dollars in the bank they can cure the problem without having to deal with immunization a staggering statistic over just the television contract alone is 1.8 billion dollars from ends 10.8 10.8 sare billion football 7.3 billion when you look at those kinds of figures ston don't mean you wonder it's like some say oh well the students are already de facto being paid because most of these guys are on some kind of a scholarship but you know look at that kind of money and you think well that's the baseline right the scholarship is the baseline that's that sort of evolved from what it was when. I was coming out of when Stephen was coming out of high school and these are players are being more marketed on billboards in their cities in commercials on games you know.

I mentioned to Stephen in the in the green room that when. I was coming out. I did make NC double-a game day party a sports the game. I didn't see any royalties from that.

I mean I'm sure they sold thousands upon thousands and millions of games that year and all. I wanted to do was to be on the game you know and work to get there but. I think it's in any money from that that aspect but tons of people made money including NC double-a and they should share some of that wealth.

I don't think that they should actually hand out checks to these players but they should be a system in place where these players do get a pie piece of the pie above and beyond just a normal room and board tuition see one of the questions is what happens with all the other sports teams because there's only a couple of sports that make money as you well know football of course and basketball but. I mean if this money were spread around you couldn't just pay one group and not the other but we present the issue becomes a the distribution of the revenue and.

I agree with Stellan absolutely the fact that top players shirts are being sold by the college the college is making all the money the player isn't the permutations of unionizing filter down to the smaller schools and the other programs and it becomes enormously expensive enormously complex and we're dealing with a problem that shouldn't be that complex it should be handled by the NCAA and by the conference's to sit back have a charter put together to treat the players fairly to ensure them against injury to take care of the royalty issues to spread the wall it doesn't require unionization do you think they should get seven the money partner you think they should get some of the money yes absolutely india. I do also by doing. do. I all right we're in agreement on that sound like Alan a Stephen fryer thanks. much.