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**Topic:** Should the NCAA allow college athletes to be paid?

**Pros:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Would help athletes support themselves in college
- Athletes help the NCAA and colleges make lots of \$\$
- More athletes might stay all four years—games would be more exciting

**Cons:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Hard for smaller schools to pay the same as big schools
- Academics might become less important to players
- Hard for less popular sports to pay as much as popular sports