

# History of the College Athlete

Should they be paid?



**1974**  
Kent Waldrep,  
paralyzed

Kent Waldrep, a TCU running back, became paralyzed during a game and TCU never paid his medical bills

**2000**  
Waldrep Ruling

Supreme Court rules that Waldrep is not an employee of the university. The NCAA needed to make a better effort to make the student athlete a part of the student body.



**2014**  
PAC 12  
Makes First Move

PAC 12 conference guarantees that athletes injured in college will have medical expenses covered for 4 years.

**2015**  
International Athletes

NCAA allows international athletes to receive bonuses from home countries

**2017**  
UNC Caught for  
Fake Classes

UNC gets into trouble for having fake classes for athletes. This forces the NCAA to make a decision about how involved in academics they want to be.

**1955**  
The "Student Athlete"

"Student Athlete" term is used in court after a kicker for A&T dies due to football injury and his wife is not compensated.

**1984**  
NCAA v Oklahoma Board  
of Regents

This case ended the NCAA's monopoly over college football TV contracts. Also "athletes must not be paid" is outlined but not defined.

**2001**  
Olympic Athletes  
are "Legal"

NCAA allows Olympic Athletes to receive thousands of dollars at the Olympics and still remain eligible for College Athletics.



**2016**  
Katie Ledecky

Ledecky makes 115,000 dollars from the Olympics and can still swim for Stanford

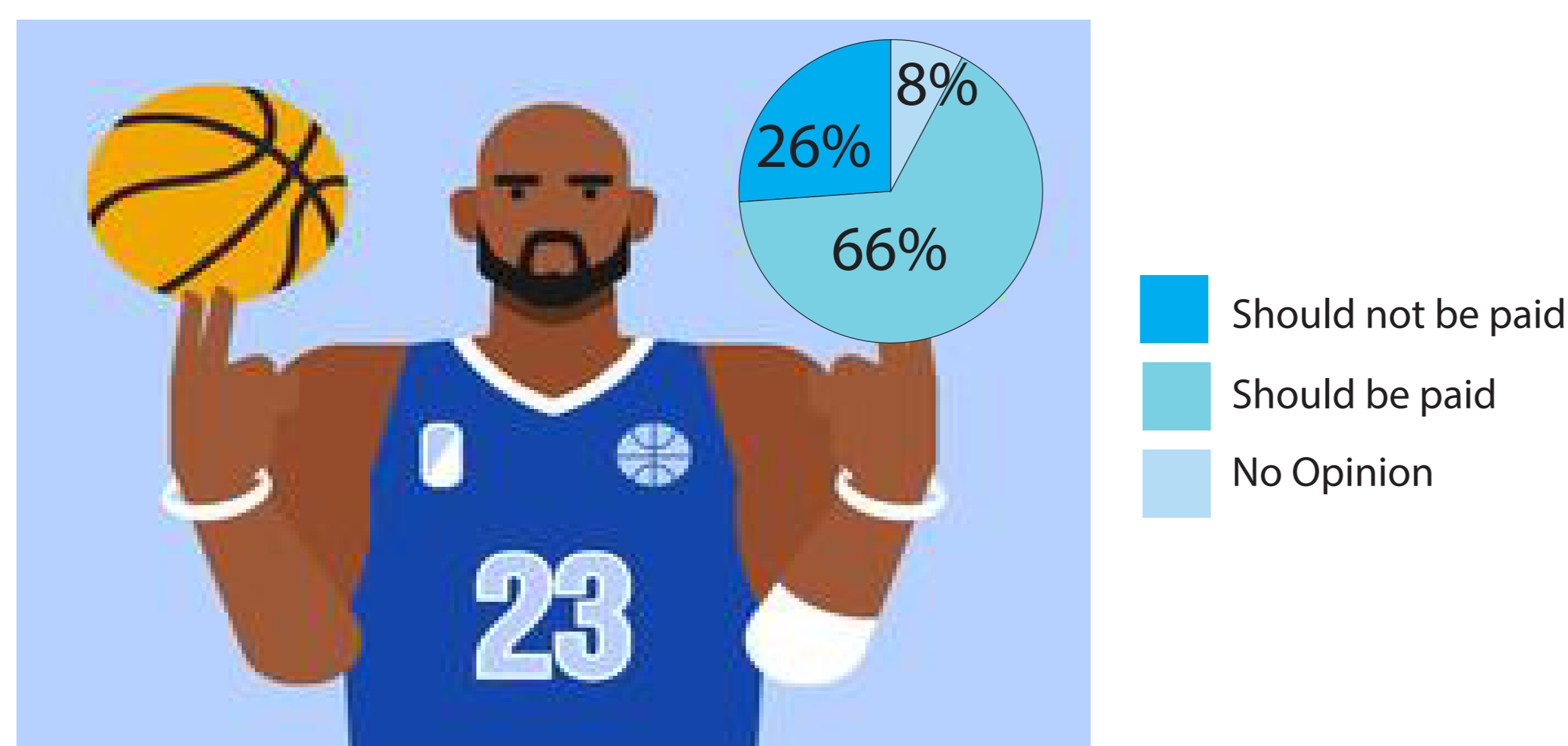
**2018**  
College or Pro ball?

Duke basketball player Zion Williamson recently injured his knee in a college game. People are now arguing that high school players should be able to go straight to the NBA.

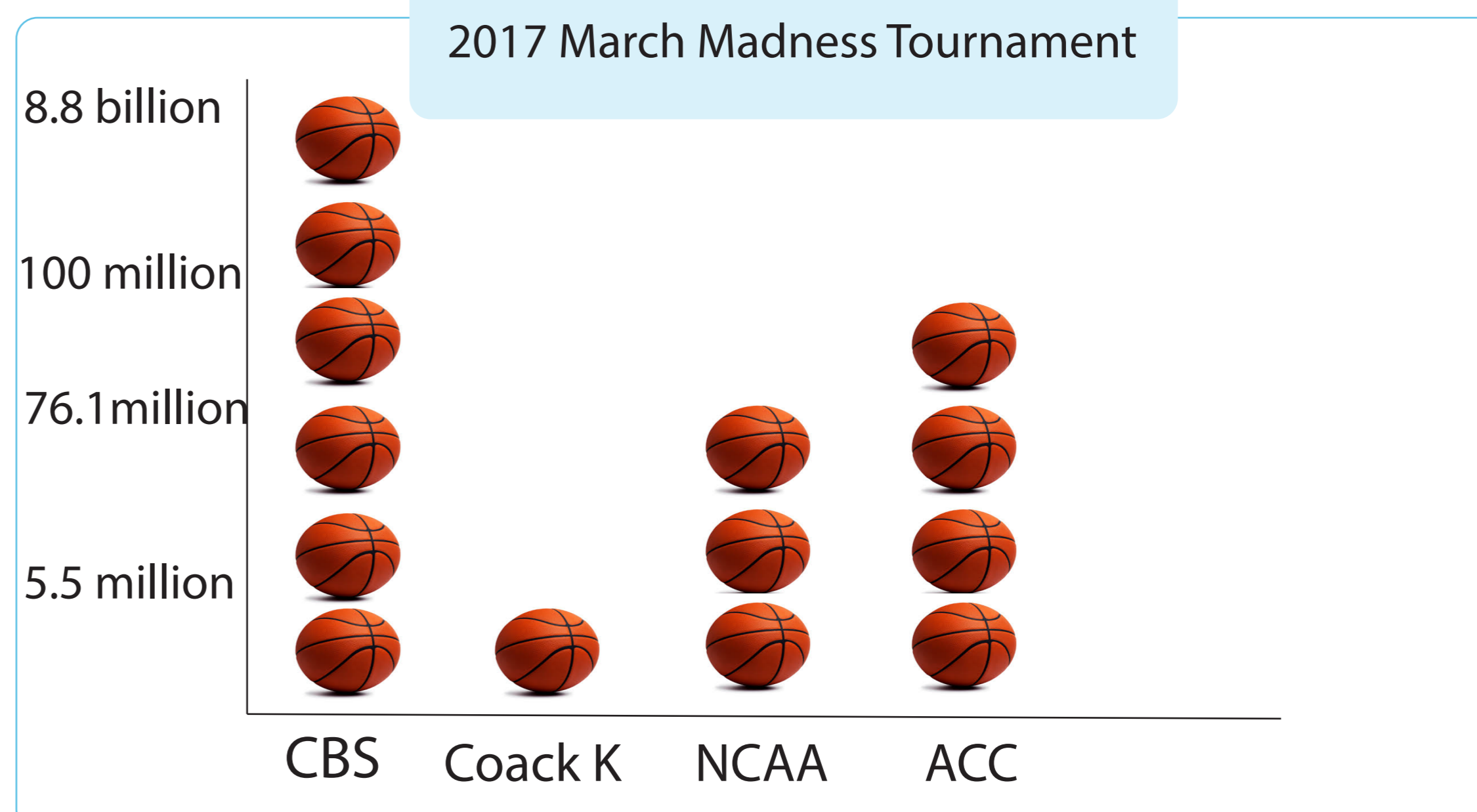


## Statistics in favor of paying College Athletes

Public Opinion



Who REALLY Profited from the 2017 March Madness Tournament



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