

What did the Mahomes Contract do to the NFL QB Market?

After an amazing year, Kansas City Chiefs kept the Super Bowl MVP Patrick Mahomes with a record-breaking contract. Chiefs QB agreed to a 10 year, \$503M extension and broke the biggest paid contract in sports.

However, regarding having the biggest contract in the NFL, Mahomes ranked only as of the number 4 in the NFL's top 100 players list.

Then how will Mahomes' contract affect the NFL QB market and the other players?

Like every other sport, Mahomes' contract will certainly affect future negotiations and the future contracts, but the important factor here is the impact of COVID-19 on the sport and the financial impact of it on the NFL.

This contract actually so huge that Mahomes bought a share of the Kansas City Royals which he described as "giving back to the city".

But why Mahomes got this contract and why others may not?

Kansas City Chiefs won the Super Bowl after 50 years, and Mahomes was the key factor for this achievement.

After a while, his contract revealed in Media, other QBs wanted to negotiate with their teams to receive similar pays. This made people believe that this contract may change the NFL QB market indefinitely.

However, the negotiations between Dak Prescott and the Cowboys showed that it is not the case.

Soon after Mahomes secured his record-breaking contract, Prescott wanted to negotiate a new contract with the Cowboys.

And Cowboys are not so agreeable with Prescott about a loaded contract. This drama between the Cowboys and Prescott is might be the deciding factor for the Market to change or not.

The main difference between Mahomes and Prescott about the new contract is that Mahomes made sure to commit himself to the city and the franchise and the part of that money is towards that loyalty.

Prescott, on the other hand, wants a similar pay for a lot less year, which is not agreeable with the Cowboys.

Jerry Jones wants results and continuity, but more than that he wants Cowboys to be competitive. The real question is here is that does Prescott is the right person to do that.

For many, if you let go, Prescott, there are not many that are better than him in the league at the moment.

Mahomes certainly one of them and he is locked out, Lamar Jackson also locked out. There is only Carson Wentz left as an alternative for him, but He also signed a long, franchise friendly contract with the Eagles.

Therefore, the outcome of this discussion between the Cowboys and the Prescott will be the defining moment for the NFL QB market and future contract talks for the players in the league.

Another defining negotiation will be the one between Deshaun Watson and Houston Texans.

For years Houston Texans searched for a first-class QB to match with their strong defense and Watson is the closest candidate for that goal.

The franchise certainly wants to hold on to Watson for a long time but, will they sacrifice the cap space only for Watson or not.

There is also a possibility that Watson could settle like Carson Wentz rather than acting like Prescott.

However, this does not mean that if Cowboys and Texans do not pay their QBs, we will not see loaded contracts.

Like Brady going to Tampa Bay, we may see some unexpected teams offering huge payloads to QBs to attract them.

If that happens we may see a shift in the power rankings and a real shakedown of the QB market in NFL.

But what we saw this year is that there are also scenarios like Cam Newton.

Former MVP plays for the Patriots for a very humble payday this year.

When we look at that, we see the to fit in a team and following the titles are still the priorities for some players.

There is also the impact of COVID-19 to the economy and to the league.

For sure that without the global pandemic, Mahomes' contract would elevate the QB market without a doubt and the Owners would be less negotiable.

However, with less revenue and the uncertainty about the future, the teams are hesitant to promise big payloads and certainly not for the short term.

So, if the teams like Cowboys and Texans compromise and accept the demands of their QBs then we will see a complete elevation on QB market.

If not, then we might also see some teams going for the elite QBs with the promise of a big contract and that might change the power rankings in the league.