

What Erling Haaland's 500k per week contract means for Liverpool and Mohamed Salah



As Mohamed Salah and Liverpool Football Club search for an agreement on a contract extension, Manchester City may have set the precedent for Salah's wages after Erling Haaland agreed a staggering £500k per week contract until 2034.

The Norwegian striker has been nothing short of clinical for the Cityzens throughout his two and half years in Manchester, however it has been the Egyptian winger on Merseyside that has arguably been the best player in the Premier League this season.

Salah sits on top of both the goals and assists charts with 18 and 13 respectively whilst the Reds are top of the Premier League, however his contract is over at the end of the season and there seems to be no sign of an extension.

When interviewed by journalist Joe Prince Wright in November regarding his contract situation, Salah said that he is "probably more out than in."

Salah is currently the third highest paid player in the division behind Manchester City pair Kevin De Bruyne and Haaland on a reported £350,000 per week deal.

It could be argued that Liverpool owners Fenway Sports Group (FSG) have been reluctant to pay their stars more than their market value and are now in a situation where three core players in Salah, Virgil Van Dijk and Trent Alexander-Arnold have six months left on their deals.

Academy product Alexander-Arnold looks likely to leave Liverpool with Real Madrid reportedly interested in the 26 year old right back.

During Salah's 8 seasons with the Reds he has so far won the Champions League, the Club World Cup, the UEFA Super Cup, the Community Shield, the FA Cup, two EFL cups and he helped Liverpool break their 30 year top division drought by winning their first Premier League title in 2020.

Liverpool do have a strong chance of adding to their trophy cabinet this season, however Arne Slot's side may struggle to win silverware from next season onwards if they fail to keep the Egyptian King.

Salah has also attracted interest from clubs in the Saudi Pro League and was heavily linked with a move to Saudi Arabian giants Al Ittihad in the summer of 2023.

If Liverpool hope to keep their number 11 they may have to entice him by making him the highest paid player in the league, and even then it may not be enough.