It is no secret that these days professional athletes paid high salaries .in my opinion, they deserve those high salaries and in the following paragraphs, my viewpoint will be elucidated.  
The most significant reason is that these professional athletes only can play and earn money up to a certain young age. After that age they can change their jobs or be a couch, so they prepare themselves from such a young age or their whole life and if they cant earn much money in their youth age they will face financial problems at elderly age.  
Secondly Most athletes bring power, fame and pride to a country for example if you watch out countries like Spain or brazil they earn so much money out of their tour for their football players and the games that are performed in stadiums and people pay enormous prices to just watch their plays online so their payments are worth it.  
The Third reason which deserves some space here is that being an athlete is like a 24 hours 7 days a week job that has no off you should strength your muscules and if you stop work outs your bold gets cold and it won't be prepared for games so they just have to exercise 5 or 6 hours a day and it's hard for most of the ordinary people.  
Most would agree that the professional athletes deserve to be well paid and as the points.