Cristiano Ronaldo has topped Forbes' list of the highest-paid athletes.

Portuguese footballer Cristiano Ronaldo, who plays for Saudi club Al-Nassr, has topped Forbes' list of the highest-paid athletes for the third consecutive year and the fifth time in his career. The 40-year-old forward earned $275 million.

The **top 10 highest-paid athletes** collectively earned **$1.4 billion** over the past year, marking the second consecutive year in which every athlete in the top ten surpassed **$100 million** in earnings.

Second place in the ranking went to **NBA Golden State Warriors player Stephen Curry ($156 million)**, who broke **LeBron James' record** for basketball earnings.

Third place was taken by **British boxer Tyson Fury** (**$146 million**), who lost twice to **Ukrainian Oleksandr Usyk** in the past year and announced his retirement once again.

Other athletes in the top 10 include:

- **Dak Prescott** (American football) – **$137 million** (NFL record);
- **Lionel Messi** (football) – **$135 million**;
- **LeBron James** (basketball) – **$133.8 million** (personal record);
- **Juan Soto** (baseball) – **$114 million** (MLB record);
- **Karim Benzema** (football) – **$104 million**;
- **Shohei Ohtani** (baseball) – **$102.5 million**;
- **Kevin Durant** (basketball) – **$101.4 million**.

Additionally, **Oleksandr Usyk** and golfer **Jon Rahm** earned **over $100 million**, but did not make the ranking.

According to **Forbes' calculations** since **1990**, the only athlete to earn more than **Ronaldo** during their sports career was **American boxer Floyd Mayweather**, who made **$300 million in 2015** and **$285 million in 2018**.

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