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Labor relations in basketball: the lockout of 1998-99

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The lockout resulted in the owners losing about \$1 billion and the players forfeiting roughly half that amount in foregone salaries; the salary explosion was contained, but whether caps can effectively limit salaries in the future remains to be seen. This article examines the background of basketball labor relations, why the lockout occurred, its key issues, the dynamics of the bargaining process, and the eventual settlement.

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