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Bosworth wins case

SEATTLE (AP) — Former Seattle Seahawks linebacker Brian Bosworth is entitled to collect \$7 million from Lloyd's of London because of a shoulder injury that cut short his NFL career in 1989, a jury ruled Tuesday.

Bosworth filed the U.S. District Court suit after Lloyd's refused to pay his claims under two policies totaling \$5.1 million that were taken out by the Seahawks.

The seven-woman, five-man jury ruled Bosworth should get that money plus \$1.9 million in interest. His lawyers had asked for 12 percent interest.

Lloyd's lawyers argued that Bosworth's three-year, 25-game career with the Seahawks was ended by arthritis, a condition they said was not covered under the policies.

The jury deliberated about 10 hours in the three days after a 10-day trial before Judge William Dwyer.

After the verdict was read, Bosworth hugged a weeping Katherine Nicastro, the mother of his 14-month-old daughter, Alexa Bosworth.

"It's not the monetary thing at all," Bosworth said. "To me, this was more of a case of principle. It's been very emotional."

Bosworth, 27, of Plano, Texas, said he felt the jurors didn't have any choice but to award him the money.

"I'm not sure if there was anything that swayed the jury," he said. "I thought it was a very simple case. This was the right thing."

Gary Wichard, Bosworth's agent, said Bosworth rejected a settlement offered by Lloyd's before the trial got underway because Bosworth wanted all his money as a matter of principle. Wichard said he advised Bosworth against accepting the settlement.

"Whether it's \$100,000 or \$7 million, I believe, Brian believes, Katherine believes, you just fight, you just fight," Wichard said.

Henry Jameson, Bosworth's lawyer, said he thought it was an easy decision for the jurors.

"(Lloyd's) owed the money under the policy and I ultimately thought at some point in the legal system that somebody would tell them that," Jameson said.

Tom Merrick, a lawyer for Lloyd's, said the insurer had not decided whether to appeal.

"We're going to take a very close look at that over the next month or so," Merrick said.

Player robbed, shot at

SAN LEANDRO, Calif. (AP) — Seattle SuperSonics guard Gary Payton narrowly escaped injury in a confrontation with a gunman who fired once during a struggle before fleeing with \$60,000 worth of cash and jewelry.

The shot was fired into the ground when Payton grabbed at the robber's gun in the holdup Sunday night at an apartment building parking lot. There were no injuries and the gunman remained at large, said Lt. Ted Nelson of the Alameda County Sheriff's Department.

Payton, Seattle's starting point guard and former Oregon State star who is averaging 14.5 points per game, sprinted to safety after the shot was fired and the gunman disappeared with Payton's valuables.

A native of Oakland, Payton had returned to the San Francisco Bay area with his girlfriend, Monique James, to visit friends and family during the NBA All-Star break. They were staying with James' mother, at whose apartment building in unincorporated San Leandro, 25 miles east of San Francisco, when the robbery took place.

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Although closer seats are usually available, 20-year Eugene residents Merlin and Issy Hill have made it a habit to sit in the

third balcony.

"The seats move with the crowd," she said. "When everyone cheers, it's like an earthquake up here."

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