

# La Salle pays \$7.5M over football brain injury

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A Philadelphia university will pay \$7.5 million to settle a lawsuit over the severe brain injury a former football player suffered in a 2005 game.

Lawyers for Preston Plevretes of Marlboro, N.J., say the brain injury occurred when Plevretes returned to play a month after he had suffered a concussion in practice at La Salle University.

They say La Salle failed to properly handle his complaints of headaches. La Salle settled the suit without admitting any wrongdoing.

The 23-year-old Plevretes now has limited speech, can walk only short distances and has short-term memory loss.

Lawyer Shanin Specter says the settlement will cover his need for lifetime, round-the-clock care.

The injury stems from a hit the then-sophomore took in a Nov. 5, 2005, game at Duquesne University.