

Injured player's \$4-million award upheld

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B.C.'s Appeal Court decided Tuesday to uphold a \$4-million award to junior hockey player Bill Zapf, who was rendered a quadriplegic after he was checked from behind and sent headfirst into the boards.

The court, in fact, added another \$50,000 to the original judgment awarded to the young hockey player, who will be confined to a wheelchair for life after breaking his neck.

"He's extremely please," said lawyer John Laxton. "Finally, the courts have given hi a chance for a life." Laxton said Zapf now is living in Edmonton with his parents and will require fulltime care for the rest of his life.

The incident occurred Nov. 2, 1992, while Zapf was a defenceman for the Nanaimo Clippers, in a Junior A game against the Merritt Centennials.