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### Goalposts

It has taken a long time for the present style of goal posts to evolve. Early forms of the game did not always require goals: the goal was often simply to get the ball across a distant line, or hit a certain wall, or merely to be in possession of the ball at the end of the game.

- The Eton wall game used a garden door at one end of the pitch and an elm tree marked in white at the other
- The goalposts at a match in Ireland were said to be two willow twigs in the ground, a small distance apart, with their tops twisted to form an arch. Poles rather than the Irish arch caught on during the 19th century.
- The Cambridge rules allowed for two poles (of indeterminate height) to be placed 15 feet apart. A goal was scored if the ball passed between the posts at any height.
- The Football Association ruled that a tape should be placed across the poles.
- A cross bar was required between the poles
- The 8 yards wide, 8 feet high goal posts became law.
- The final ruling - posts shall not exceed 5 inches in width or depth. They can be square, round, half-round or rectangular.
- Nottingham Forest were the first club to use elliptical posts (developed by a Nottingham company).
- Elliptical posts were approved by the Football Association. Every League club in England subsequently adopted the elliptical posts.
- For more interesting facts on the game of football visit:

### Test Questions:

1. How many metres would a ball-boy cover if he ran all the way around a football pitch measuring 120metres by 90metres?

- a) 440m                      b) 420m  
c) 210m                      d) 9020m

2. The Molineux stadium holds twenty-eight thousand, five hundred and twenty five spectators.

What's this in figures?

- a) 285,025                      b) 28,5025  
c) 28,525                      d) 2,852

3. The figure in Q2 rounded to the nearest thousand would be:

- a) 28,000                      b) 30,000  
c) 29,000                      d) 20,000

4. In a match Wolves had 53% of the possession in the game. 53% is:

- a) a little more than half b) more than two thirds  
c) a little less than half d) about a quarter

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### Grin or groan?

#### Football (mis) quotes

"We were a little bit outnumbered there, it was two against two."

"Newcastle, of course, unbeaten in their last five wins."

"If England are going to win this match, they're going to have to score a goal."

"An inch or two either side of the post and that would have been a goal."

A striker who came from Devizes  
Did little to help to win prizes.  
When asked for a reason,  
He said, 'Well, this season  
My boots were of two different sizes.'

### They think it's all over- it is now!

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