

THE RUGBY GAME.

RUGBY UNION RULES.

1. A Drop Kick or Drop is made by letting the ball fall from the hands, and kicking it the *very instant* it rises.
2. A Place Kick or Place is made by kicking the ball after it has been placed in a nick made in the ground for the purpose of keeping it at rest.
3. A Punt is made by letting the ball fall from the hands and kicking it *before* it touches the ground.
4. Each Goal shall be composed of two upright posts, exceeding 11 feet in height from the ground, and placed 18 feet 6 inches apart, with a cross-bar 10 feet from the ground.
5. A Goal can only be obtained by kicking the ball from the field of play direct (*i. e.*, without touching the ground, or the dress or person of any player of either side) over the cross-bar of the opponent's goal, whether it touch such cross-bar, or the posts, or not; but if the ball goes directly over either of the goal posts, it is called a *poster*, and is not a goal.
6. A Goal may be obtained by any kind of kick except a *punt*.
7. A Match shall be decided by a majority of goals only.
8. The ball is *dead* when it rests absolutely motionless on the ground.