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豬膀胱食得又玩得？ Playing with Pigs' Bladder?

欖球起源於英格蘭一個名為 Rugby 的城鎮，並於 1823 年由足球演變而成，而初期的欖球物料竟然是豬的膀胱！起初人們「吹起」豬膀胱並以皮革及針線縫上，因應豬的膀胱有不同大小，令初期的欖球大小不一。及後因為使用豬膀胱不時出現衛生問題，加上各人對欖球形狀及大小有一致要求，豬膀胱很快便被淘汰，而慢慢形成今天如你所見，以塑膠及其他物料組成的欖球。

Rugby is said to have originated at the town of Rugby, England. Rugby was transformed from football in 1823 and early rugby balls were made by stitching leather around inflated pigs' bladders. Given that different pigs' bladders would not be the same in size and shape, it was hard to standardise the ball. In addition to the hygiene problems caused by pig's bladder, it was later replaced by rubber and other materials and formed today's rugby ball!



1864 年 Rugby School 的男生

Young gentlemen of 1864 from Rugby School.

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