The History of American Football
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History of Football

I. College Football
   A. Influences
      1. Rugby, which began in 1823 in England
      2. Soccer
   B. Beginning of College Football
      1. Princeton students played game called ‘Ballown’
         *used fists and feet to advance ball
      2. Harvard students played game called “Bloody Monday” due to roughness of the game
      3. 1867 Football is patented
Football Continued…

C. First Game
   1. November 6, 1869 between Princeton and Rutgers Universities
      *Final score was 6-4 Rutgers!!!!

D. “Father” of College Football
   1. Walter Camp, coach at Yale, revolutionized the sport of football
      *Set players at 11, instituted the size of the field at 110 yards, introduced a system of downs

**Football was considered by many to be too brutal, was blamed for 18 deaths, and was even banned by many colleges!!!

***This led to rule changes, including banning locking arms in an attempt to block and instituting a neutral zone between offense and defense
Early Football equipment
II. Professional Football
   A. Beginnings
      1. 1920 American Professional Football Association is formed
         *renamed National Football League two years later
   B. Teams: APFA had as many as 23 times, while the NFL was limited to 10
      1. 1970: NFL and AFL merge, forming a 26-team league
         *Only two original teams: Chicago Bears and the Arizona Cardinals
   C. First Super Bowl: Jan 15, 1967 Green Bay Packers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 35-10 in only Super Bowl not be be sold out!!!
Football History Quiz

1. What were the influences of the early game of Football?
2. Who played in the first ever football game?
3. Who is the “father” of professional football?
4. What was the first professional football league?
5. Name One of the two original football teams
   • Extra Credit…
     – When was the first Super Bowl? Who played and what was the final score?
     – What game did Harvard Students play that was really rough???
Answers to Quiz

1. Rugby and Soccer
2. Princeton v. Rutgers, Rutgers won 6-4
3. Walter Camp
4. American Professional Football Association
5. Chicago Bears, Arizona Cardinals
   - Jan 15, 1967 Green Bay
Packers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 35-10
   - Bloody Monday
Next Assignment

• NFL team letter
  – You are going to write a letter to your assigned NFL Team
  – In the letter, you are to explain the NFL Team Poster assignment
  – You are also to list at least TWO FACTS you learned about your team
  – The letter should be typed and edited and is due at the end of next class!!
  – We will be sending the letters to the teams!!!