

Sports

Rugby teams promise excitement

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Rugby is a traditional English game that combines the excitement and strategies of both soccer and football.

In rugby points are gained in four different ways. The most common way, called a "try" is like a touchdown in football and is worth four points. After a



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Members of the Oregon men's Rugby I team scrum with Bend during their Oct. 24 match.

to the backs who move in for the score.

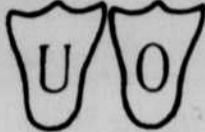
On the field, rugby players are aggressive and competitive, but off the field rugby players enjoy a camaraderie. Doug Marshall, one of the University team coaches, explains the unique bond among rugby en-

thusiasts as being "a world wide fraternity."

Men's rugby has been active on campus since the beginning of the Club Sports Program. Presently there are about forty committed players who devote

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try has been made the scoring "side", or team, then has the opportunity to score another two points with a conversion kick.

When a major penalty takes place, the opposing side is given a field goal shot worth three points. The quickest and most exciting score is the drop kick which is used in close matches and is worth three points.

The rugby match begins with a kickoff similar to that in football. The oval-shaped ball is run down the "pitch", the playing field which is the same dimensions as a soccer field.

Through a series of backward passes a "side" attempts to score. When a minor infraction occurs, like an illegal forward pass, a "scrummage" takes place. The forwards mass together attempting to receive the ball through a "ruck" or "mall". The rugby quarterback, or "Scrumhalf", passes the ball

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