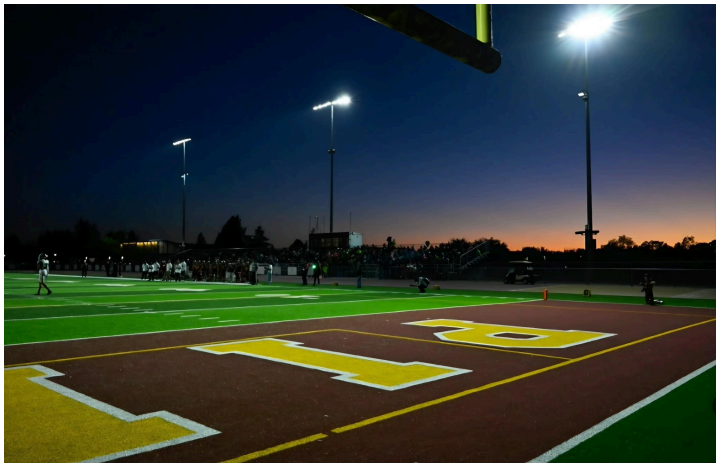
# What is American Football?

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American Football is a sport that is mainly famous in the United States. It is played professionally and in schools. American football was not invented by a particular person. It was inspired by those watching American rugby and soccer in the 19th Century.

In New Brunswick, New Jersey, on November 6, 1869, the first intercollegiate American Football game was played featuring Rutgers Princeton University. The rules were closer to soccer rules than what the modern football rules are now because they used to kick the ball rather than throw it and they had 25 players on each side.

Harvard and Yale changed the game's rules toward more of a rugby-style which allowed the players to run with the ball and tackle their opponents. Later, Yale player and Coach Walter Camp changed the sport by creating  the line of scrimmage, 11-player teams, and the systems of downs during the 1880s which has continued to this day.