

THE HISTORY OF THE FOOTBALL

"Stop playing with your food!" If you hear this sentence in **medieval times**, it can have a different meaning¹: before the English **Football League** is created in 1888, people often enjoy playing football with a pig's head. And victorious² English soldiers play football with skulls³ of dead enemies⁴.

The first real ball is a pig or sheep's bladder⁵. It is **tied with** a string⁶ at the end, and **covered with** leather⁷ **for protection**.



Between 1862 and 1910, footballs are already round **because of** the invention⁸ of a **rubber bladder**, which is covered with stitched⁹ leather pieces. But these balls are too heavy when it rains, so they can be very dangerous for players.

The first completely synthetic ball used for the **World Cup** is *Adidas Azteca*. It is used in Mexico in 1986.

Vocabulary:¹význam|²vítězný|³lebka|⁴nepřítel|⁵měchýř|⁶provázek|⁷kůže|⁸vynález|⁹sešitý

Language notes: the football=fotbalový míč|medieval times= období středověku|Football League=fotbalová liga|tied with=zavázaný(čím)|covered with=pokrytý (čím)|for protection=kvůli ochraně|because of=kvůli|rubber bladder=měchýř z gumy|World Cup=mistrovství světa

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