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# LOSING THE COLLISION?

The schools game is pioneering ways to bring

rugby union back to a game of evasion

**C**OLLISION (NOUN) – the instance of one moving object or person striking violently against another.

Precisely when rugby union started being referred to as a 'collision' sport instead of a 'contact' one is hard to identify. For my money, I'd say around 2009-10, some 15 years after becoming the last mass participation sport to embrace professionalism.

By then, in the aftermath of the brutal Lions tour to South Africa, when team doctor James Robson described professional players as "too bulky and muscle bound", the die had seemingly been cast for a 'good big 'un' to forever trump a 'good little 'un'.

As players got bigger, faster and stronger, so too did the forces →

