

Claims

1. Goal apparatus (101), comprising:
 A frame (102), a net (103), and
 5 A first pliable goalpost member (105), a second pliable goalpost member (106) and a pliable crossbar member (107);
 Said frame (102) presents a first lower net connection point (201) and a first upper net connection point (202), and a second lower net connection point (203) and a second upper net connection point (204);
 10 **characterised in that** said frame (102) is configured to:
 Support said first pliable goalpost member (105) in tension between said first lower net connection point (201) and said first upper net connection point (202),
 Support said second pliable goalpost member (106) in tension between said second lower net connection point (203) and said second upper net connection point (204), and
 15 Support said pliable crossbar member (107) in tension between said first upper net connection point (202) and said second upper net connection point (204); such that said first and second pliable goalpost members (105, 106) extend substantially parallel to each other and said pliable crossbar member (107) extends substantially perpendicularly to said first and second pliable goalpost members (105, 106); wherein the first and second upper net
 20 connection points (202, 204) of the frame (102) are biased apart laterally from a position relative to each other and wherein the net (103) presents an enclosure when assembled.
2. Goal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said frame (102) comprises:
 A base member (205), and
 25 First and second post members (206, 207) connected to said base frame (205);
 Said base member (205) presents said first and second lower net connection points (201, 203),
 Said first and second post members (206, 207) present said first and second upper net connection points (202, 204) respectively; and
 30 Said frame (102) is arranged to be placed in compression by manual reconfiguration of said first and second post members (206, 207) relative to said base member (205).
3. Goal apparatus according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein said frame (102) comprises a plurality of releasably connectable members (206, 207, 208).
- 35 4. Goal apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein said first pliable goalpost member (105), said second pliable goalpost member (106) and said pliable crossbar member (107) are provided as part of the net (103).

5. Goal apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein each of said first and second upper net connection points (202, 204) comprises an open end of first and second post members (206, 207) respectively, and

each of said first and second upper frame connection points (408, 410) comprises a pin (502) configured to be received within the said first and second open ends (501) respectively.

6. Goal apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein each of said first and second lower net connection points (201, 203) comprises a projection (503), and

each of said first and second lower frame connection points (407, 409) comprises an eyelet member (504) configured to be hooked over said first and second projections respectively.

7. Goal apparatus according to any preceding claim, configured as a portable football goal.

8. A goal apparatus according to any preceding claim, further including securing means (607) to secure said goal apparatus to a supporting surface.

9. A goal apparatus according to any preceding claim, further comprising a bag (801) to facilitate manual transportation of said goal apparatus (101).

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10. A frame (102) for use in the goal apparatus (101) of claim 1, comprising:

A base member (208) for resting on a support surface; and

First and second post members (206, 207): wherein

Said base member (208) presents first and second lower net connection elements (201, 203)

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said first and second post members (206, 207) present first and second upper net connection elements (202, 204) respectively, **characterised in that**

Said first and second upper net connection elements (202, 204) are normally biased apart from a position at which the frame (102) is placed in compression.

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