

Goal Post Safety Vital

RECENT DEATH DRAWS SPOTLIGHT

Montreal parks crews were busy securing soccer goals across the city this week as a teenager killed by a fallen soccer net was laid to rest.

An unanchored soccer goal weighing about 100 kilograms claimed the life of Shane Diabo, 14, Friday morning when it unexpectedly toppled.

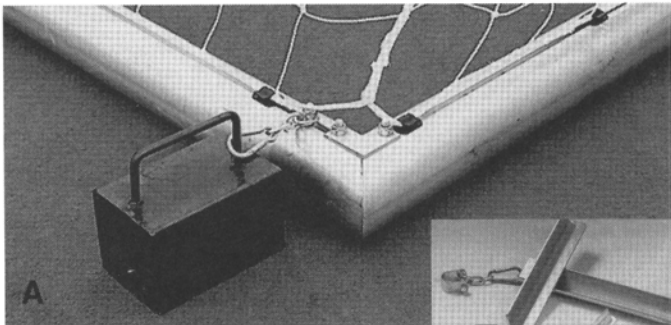
Claudette Lalonde of the Montreal department of parks and green spaces said each of the more than 100 goals in Montreal parks would be fitted with extra anchors.

In nearby Kahnawake, about 50 classmates joined hundreds of mourners at the funeral service for Diabo. The students went to the service on the Mohawk reserve from the private school in Montreal that Diabo attended.

Diabo was at a Montreal park last Friday for a soccer game as part of his gym class. He was swinging on the crossbar of the soccer net when it tipped over, causing severe head injuries. The goal posts weren't anchored to the ground. A private Mohawk ceremony was held later for the teen. ♦

— *Canadian Press, The Record, September 12, 2001*

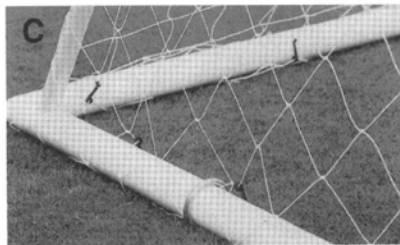
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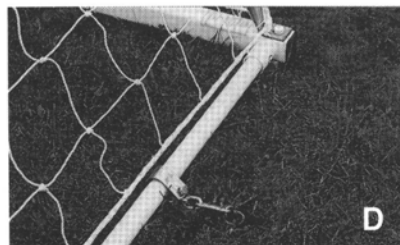
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A) Proper goal anchors are vital.

B) These pegs will secure most light goals.

C) An example of good goal anchorage.

D) Safety is paramount in good frame fixings.

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For more info, see Vol. 12 (2), June 1999, *Sports Turf Manager*.

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