B2 Multiple Choice: Rugby Football

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Fill in the gaps in the text with the correct option (A-D). Only one answer may be possible.

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4. A. on              B. with          C. from          D. to
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