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Cup, women's soccer has been around almost as long as its male counterpart, flourishing in England during and after World War I. From

the rise of women's soccer following Title IX legislation in the early seventies to the watershed 1999 World Cup performance that turned the American team into instant celebrities, soccer is now the most popular sport for girls and women, with participation growing exponentially worldwide. Beyond "Bend It Like Beckham" presents the first in-depth global analysis of the women's game-bo