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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
