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## World Cup title converts people to soccer

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Steve Siville is a rugby guy. Been playing since the '70s. Loves the grit and toughness that's required of being clobbered sans helmet and getting back up for more.

As such, he's not much of a soccer guy — or, at least, he wasn't. He owned a shirt that read, "If rugby were easy they'd call it soccer."

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And then Carli Lloyd and Abby Wambach happened. Hope Solo happened. The U.S. Women's National Team happened.

On Sunday night, in a Canadian stadium turned red, white and blue, the American women pasted Japan 5-2 in a vengeful World Cup victory.

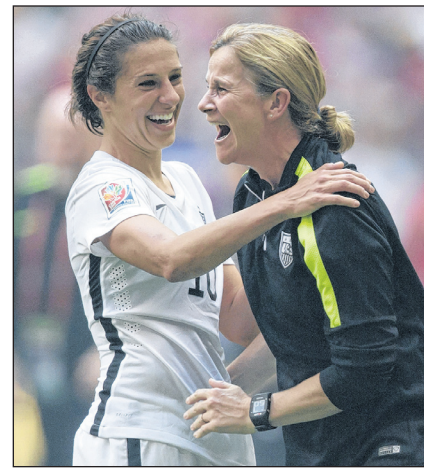
Lloyd accounted for the only hat trick in Women's World Cup final history — in 16 minutes. She scored with her left foot. She scored with her head. She scored with her right foot from midfield. "Praise the Lloyd!" read the headlines on Monday morning.

The Yanks' performance turned Siville into a soccer guy. "What those women did," he said, "well, I think that has to be huge for girls' soccer, right?"

It's a question being asked by many, no doubt. Soccer, in

America, typically piques people's interest three times every four years: The men's and women's World Cups and the Olympics.

The women have struggled to sustain a professional league, having seen two attempts fail since the U.S. last won the World Cup in 1999. The National Women's Soccer League is currently in its fledgling stages, and the Cup victory will help, certainly, but that same thought predominated



United States coach Jill Ellis, right, and Carli Lloyd celebrate after they defeated Japan.

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## High cost of a free ride

It takes hard work — but also hard cash in many cases — to land a Division I athletics scholarship

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**N**AVARRE — The list reads like a MasterCard commercial gone wrong:

- USAV tournament in Gulf Shores, Ala.: \$35.
- Recruiting service: \$2,400.
- Court showcase in Mobile, Ala.: \$80.
- AVP Next tournament in Louisiana: \$40.
- Dream in Gold Clinic with Misty May-Treanor: \$135.
- AAU tournament at LakePoint: \$30.
- College showcase in Gulf Shores: \$100.

- Beach Dig Collegiate Showcase in Pompano Beach: \$169.
- Tournament entry fees for the season thus far: \$1,469.
- Seeing your daughter sign a full ride Division I scholarship: Far from guaranteed. Sue Wachob is the mother of Beka Wachob,

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Internet proves invaluable as recruiting tool

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It's not difficult for Pete Shinnick to recall the days of his high school football recruitment, although explaining the process to a high school junior today may be as easy as teaching Arabic to a toddler.

He had a highlight tape, like any other athlete in the pre- or post-Internet era, only his "highlight tape" actually had — imagine this — tape. A 16-millimeter tape. And he had one copy.

He would mail it to a university. They would receive it, review it, make their evaluation, and send it back. Then Shinnick would do it all over again, one school at a time. With one tape. On VHS.

Shinnick is now the head coach at the University of West Florida, the school's first ever football coach. There are not

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Left, Sue Wachob holds a stack of receipts from a recent volleyball trip with her daughter, Beka Wachob. Top, Sue Wachob, right, poses recently with her daughter Beka Wachob, 18, at the beach volleyball courts next to the Navarre Fishing Pier.

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Beka Wachob sets the ball during a recent workout.