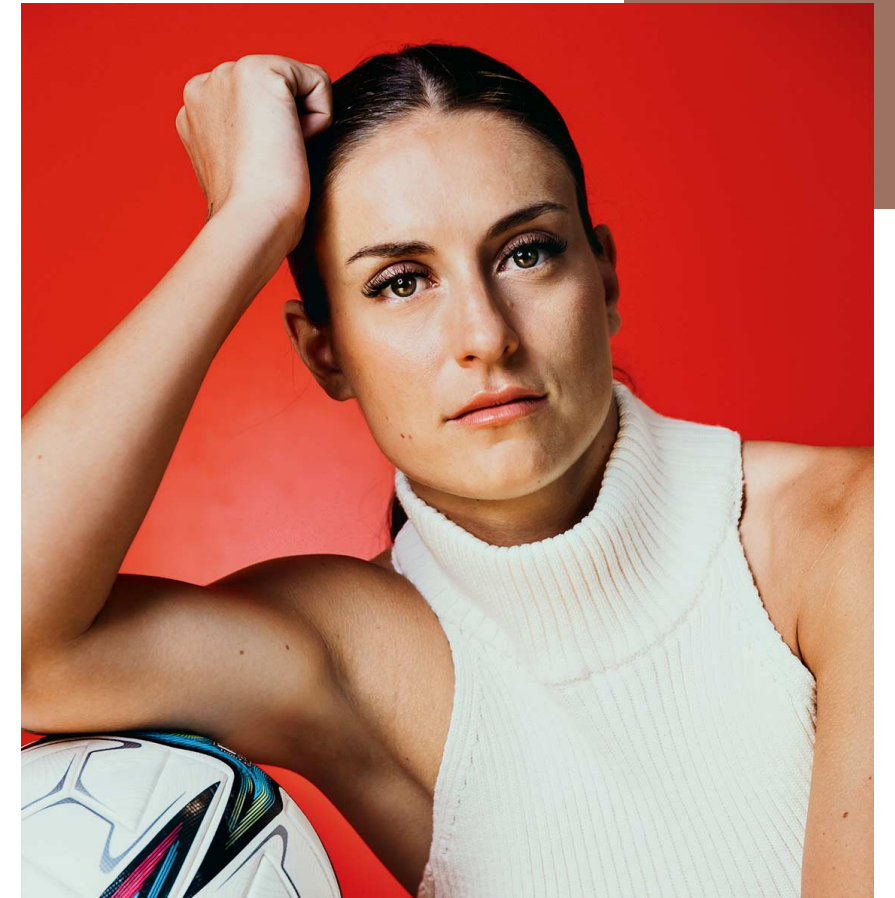
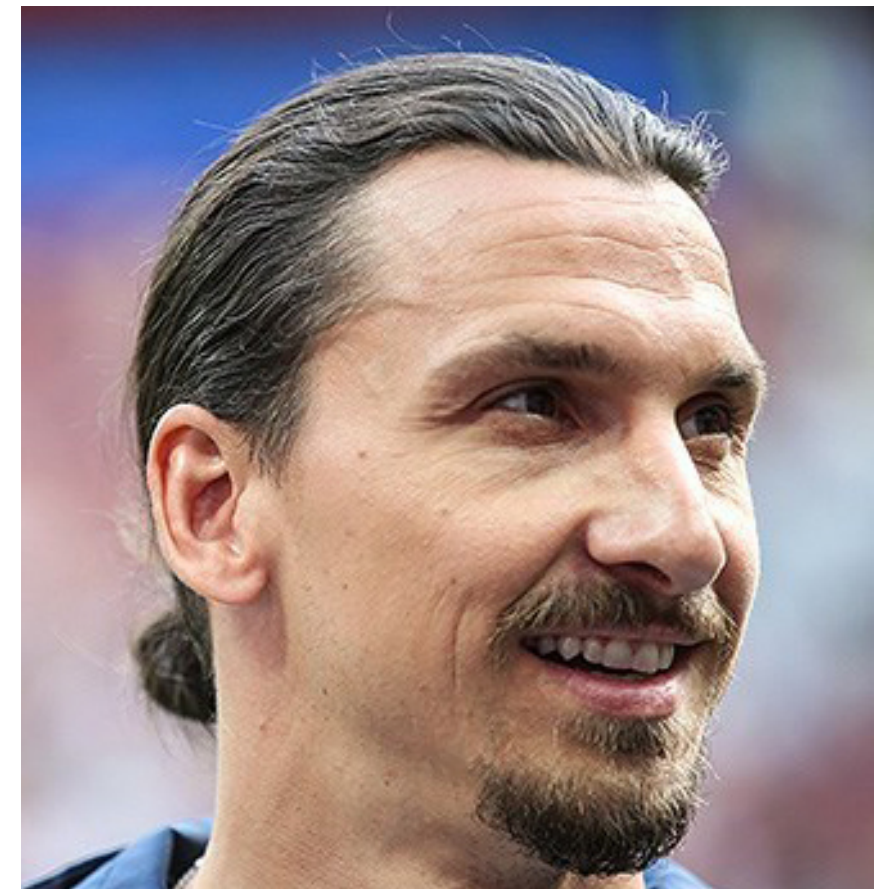


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Discuss

Why is men's
football more
popular than
women's
football?



Listen to the recording and answer the following questions:

- 1) Why is women's football less popular than men's football?
- 2) When was the first official women's football World Cup?

A: 1970

B: 1988, or

C: 1991

Does this answer surprise you?

Gemma Clarke: *The men's football association were panicked by seeing women doing so well and they banned all women from playing football on association grounds and that lasted for about 50 years. It was a very concerted effort to keep women's football at amateur status and ensure that there weren't crowds watching them play.*

Catherine: *So the men were really worried by the success of the women's game. They thought that it might take money and supporters away from the men's game.*

Sam: *So they banned woman from playing on their pitches. This means that they no longer allowed them to use the pitches anymore. This effectively killed the professional women's game as up to then they had been using the same facilities as the men.*

Match the words with their definitions.
Listen to the rest of the recording and check
the answers.

1. a backlash
2. to ban
3. to make a concerted effort
4. to dampen enthusiasm
5. to have agency
6. a struggle

- a. something difficult to do and might involve a lot of hard work or conflict
- b. to have control over a situation
- c. a negative reaction
- d. to make people less interested in something
- e. no longer allow someone to do something
- f. to try hard to do something



Fill in the gaps with the words from before and discuss the questions.

1. Should football players be b_____ from the game for bad behaviour off the pitch?
2. Will football ever s_____ to bring profit?
3. Can the weather d_____ football fans' e_____?
4. Do the media make a c_____ e_____ to spam the sports news with football?
5. Do you think that women's football h_____ a_____ and is taken seriously?
6. Can you face b_____ for supporting two football teams?

Articles wanted

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Write an article telling us how young women can be convinced to play professional football.

Do you think it's possible to make it a popular sport?

Write your answer in about 100 words.

