

This week's story is about a young lady who loved sport when she was young...



Little Megan grew up with her family in Redding, California. She was born eleven seconds before her twin sister, Rachael. Life was double the fun, playing in their backyard, or catching crayfish.



The two sisters loved all kind of sports: basketball, street hockey, and of course... soccer. It was their brother Brian's favorite game. Chasing the ball like a wild animal, Megan ruled the soccer field.



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Megan felt different from most of the other girls. She preferred sweatpants to skirts, and short hair to ponytails. But she knew there were lots of ways to be a girl. She just wanted to be herself.





Junior high was tough for Megan. Still, there was one place where she felt at home: the soccer field. With Rachael covering her back, her parents cheering from their seats, and her teammates giving her support, she was invincible!



Soon, Megan and Rachael started playing for a team in the Women's Premier Soccer League. It took them two long hours to get to training but, at the end of the season, they both received the best trophy: a college scholarship.

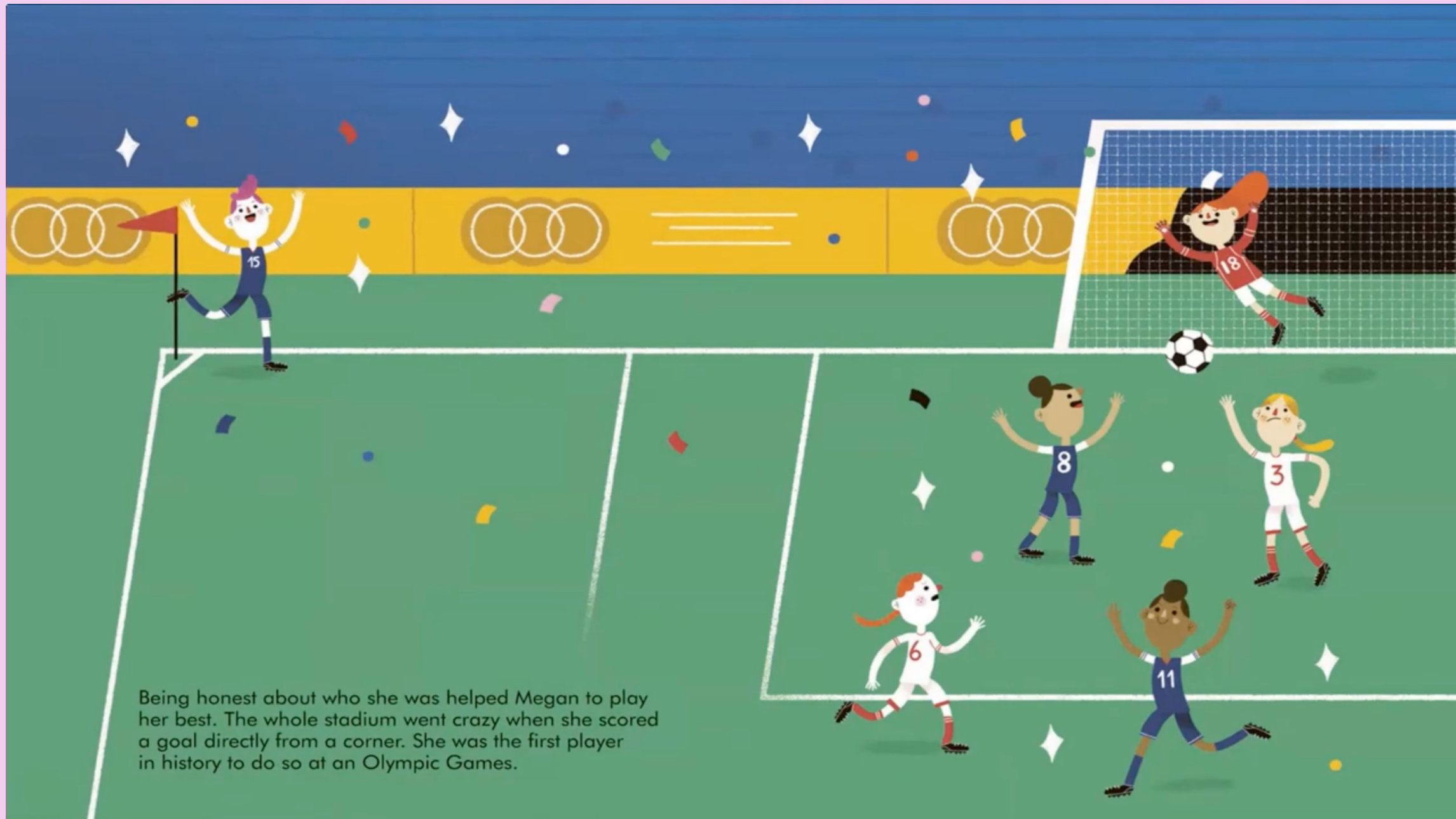




Megan played as a midfielder for the University of Portland before turning pro. She started in Chicago, then Australia and Europe... soon, everybody was talking about this amazing winger, always playful and inventive.

While Megan was at college, she realized she was attracted to women. Before she went to the London Olympics, she told the world that she was gay. She wanted to be an example for other gay athletes.





Being honest about who she was helped Megan to play her best. The whole stadium went crazy when she scored a goal directly from a corner. She was the first player in history to do so at an Olympic Games.

The US team won the Olympic final and three years later, Megan and her teammates won the World Cup, too. Never before had a women's sports team been honored with a ticker tape parade in New York City.



Four years later, Megan received both the Golden Boot and Golden Ball Awards in the World Cup. She was not just the top scorer of the tournament, but also the best player; leading her team to victory one more time.



Megan was always ready to defend the causes she believed in: from equal pay to equal rights for everyone. Together with Rachael, she ran a camp for kids, based on the values that made her great: working hard and having fun.





And by being truly herself on and off the field, little Megan became one of the most beloved soccer players in the world—and the best possible Megan she ever dreamt to be.

Did little Megan hide away
from being a bit different to
her peers?

Does it look like the other
children were kind to her at
school? What would you do to
help her?



School Reflection

This is our school,
Let peace dwell here,
Let the rooms be full of contentment.

Let love abide here,
Love of one another,
Love of mankind,
Love of life itself.
Let us remember

That as many hands build a house,
So many hearts make a school
Help us to learn, play and share together.

We hope our school will be a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.
May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love,
A place where everyone is respected, and all are deeply valued.