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## Day One D.C. Rugby

Part 1: Silent read

Find out how students from Washington, D.C. discovered rugby. Read silently.

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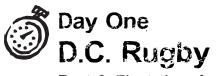
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The first season, the team lost every game. People said, "You're crazy, that's a White person's sport," said senior Lawrence Lee. But the students stayed hopeful, and the team improved. They completely dominated their league. The team was undefeated in playoff games for years.

The team's huge success took them across the country. They even traveled to Texas and California. Sophomore Alex Pettiford said new places and new experiences are part of the game. "Rugby brings the world to you and you to the world," he said.

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Part 2: First timed read

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tow was the Hyde team different from most rugby teams?	
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## Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- → Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- → Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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☐ I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.

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