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## Day One

# The DiMartino Sisters

### Part 1: Silent read

→ Find out about the talent that these four sisters share. Read silently.

Christina DiMartino is a skilled playmaker for professional women’s soccer. She can score when she needs to, but her real value to the team is creating plays that allow her teammates to score. She reads the field, anticipating what the defense will do. At crucial moments, she makes impressive passes. Having great teammates helps, she says.

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The four DiMartino sisters are all gutsy soccer players. While playing college soccer for UCLA, oldest sister Christina was the Pacific Conference player of the year. Second sister Gina helped the U.S. youth team win the FIFA World Cup in Chile. Just like Gina, third sister Vicki played soccer for Boston College and started for the U.S. youth team. And Rosie, the youngest, was called a “rising star” when she was still in high school.

Over the years, the DiMartino sisters honed their skills by taking shots on their dad, a New York firefighter. He stood in goal for nightly family pickup games. The sisters’ creative style developed at home, away from coaches and structured practices. Today, the DiMartinos still play two-on-two when the family gets together. “No one holds back,” Vicki says. “It gets pretty rough and physical. But I can’t complain. It makes us all stronger and more determined to win.”



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Part 2: First timed read

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## Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What do the four DiMartino sisters have in common?

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How did playing backyard soccer help the sisters?

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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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