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SOCCER RULES!

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The Global Game

Soccer is the world's most popular sport. But watching a game can be confusing. Learn about soccer's rules, positions, and moves. Then enjoy the game with soccer knowledge.

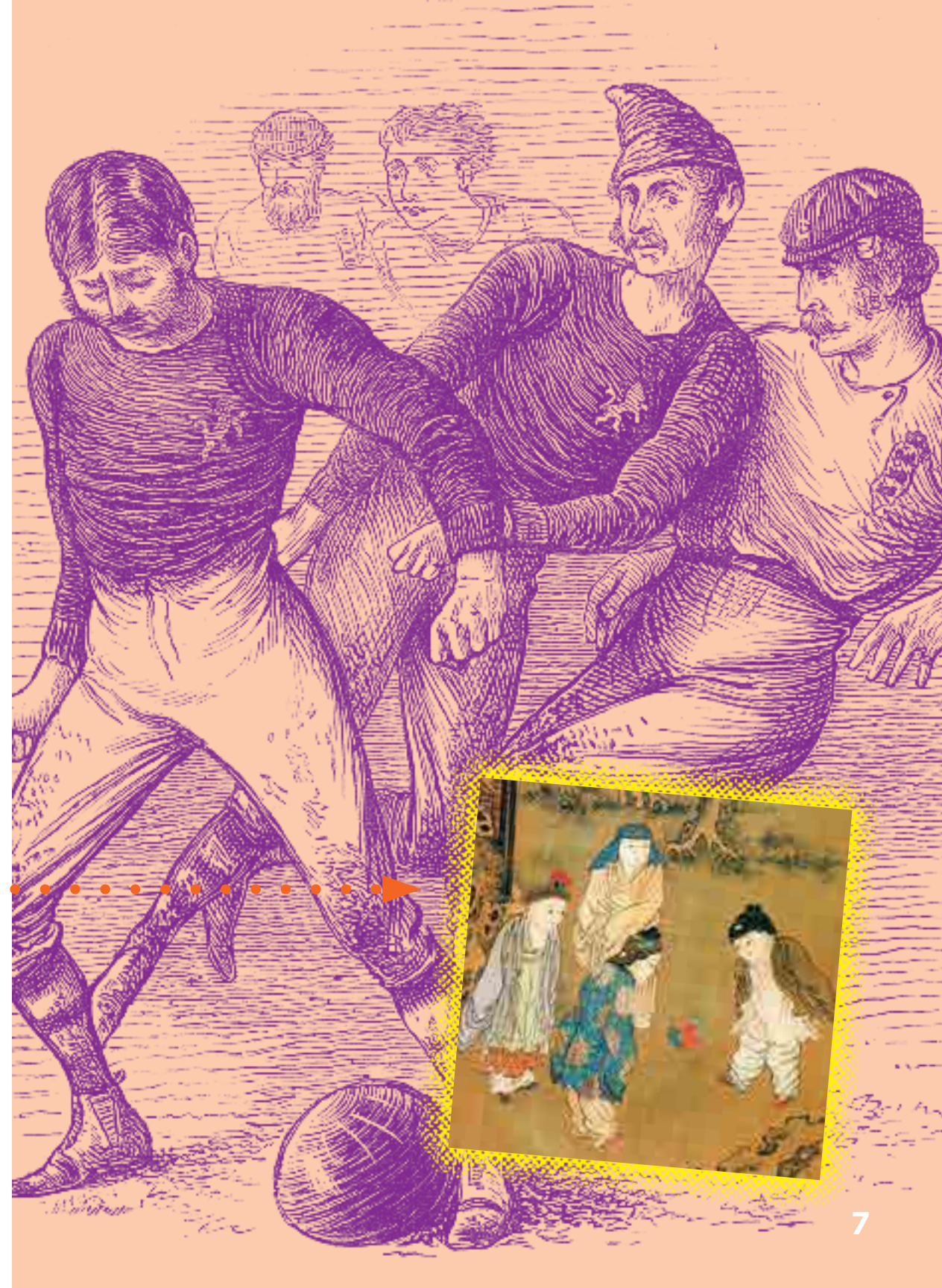
Soccer is called football in much of the world.

The History of Soccer

In the **Middle Ages**, soccer was a wild game. Crowds in England played in the streets. There were no rules. Players often got hurt.



No one is quite sure where or when soccer began. Around 400 BC, people in China played Tsu' Chu. Players tried to move a ball through bamboo goalposts. This might have been the start of soccer.





Soccer History Timeline



1863

FA forms. The group organizes England's soccer.



1872

First FA Cup Final is played in London.



1877

Length of a match is set at 90 minutes.



1885

First international game is played outside Great Britain.



1904

International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) forms. FIFA organizes world soccer.

Joining Together

In 1863, players from 12 London clubs met. They formed the Football Association (FA). Modern soccer was born.