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People say soccer is life, but if this game is a metaphor for society, then it's not going well. For the FW23 fashion show CORMIO takes on the most masculine world of all, Italian football. Our all-female metaworld is here to remind you of how women's sport is still emblematic of our status in society: in exchange for their bravery, female players, of all kinds, need to work twice as hard to be recognised, and be patient while enduring one test after another. We expect them to bounce back no matter how hard they fall. Absorb that malicious joke. Duck that shoe like only a US president at a press conference can.

The good news is their success is nobody else's. If you want to join them, you must start by acknowledging their power, girl power in all its brawn and resilience, whether that's an emo rock princess fantasy in the key of Betsey Johnson or Bend it Like Beckham. Girlhood is a state of mind laced with vengeance. The collection is assembled in this spirit with spontaneity striped through nostalgic sports uniforms. Raglan sleeves, pajama thermals and rugby collars are dropped with glee into the glittering embrace of raw cut silk chiffon. Soccer balls find second lives as purses. Sexist slurs are appropriated and printed onto sweaters in silver foil. In this world, wounds are bandaged with bows. And once we put them on, we get up and run. Letting the jokes we make light the way.

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