

One key player thrives after a major injury due to support from his team

# IT'S ALL IN *your head*



**all day, every day** ■ Goalkeeper Caleb Steenkamp (10) examines the field and waits for the ball to come his way. PC: Conner Howard

**T**here's a saying that goes two wrongs make a right, but in this case three ignored wrongs made a major wrong.

Late to a soccer match, junior Victor Gomez headed toward the locker room thinking he would just be benched for the game due to his tardiness.

"The first ignored mistake was slipping on a puddle in the locker room and hitting my head," said Gomez.

Gomez felt fine, so he just shook it off, only to come to his next discounted blunder: he was called to play in the game, and not even thirty minutes in, he was elbowed in the head by an opposing member. Once again, he reassured everyone that he

felt fine; however, moments later he was struck in the head a third time by a soccer ball. That third strike was all that Gomez could handle.

"I stayed with him in the hospital. We couldn't know for sure if he'd be fine, and I was so worried about him."

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As the team moved to huddle around him, Gomez lost consciousness. Athletic trainer Kyle Cheke immediately tended to him, calling an ambulance to take him to the hospital.

"I honestly have no recollection of what went on during the hospital or the ride there, but I was told that people were there to help

me get through it," Gomez said.

Fortunately, his team was fully supportive, visiting him often as he recovered. Even though he suffered temporary memory loss, he recovered fully. ■ Bevin Creel & Crysta Selman

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