

Tart set to help men's soccer overcome woes

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David Tart believes in the power of teamwork and thinks it might hold the magic it will take to bring the Gamecocks' men's soccer team out of last season's slump.

The 22-year-old senior captain said the team worked through its disappointing last season, when it finished 8-9-2 under head coach Mark Berson, with a spring full of position and attitude changes.

"Coach was concerned with players' team concept, but he did a good job explaining to us (captains) and we relayed that to the team," said Tart, a biology major who hopes to go to medical school after graduation.

"Through us, the younger guys understood how things needed to be done — as a team," he said, with an emphasis on the word "team."

Tart will be playing defense for the Gamecocks this season as a right fullback. He had been a midfielder, but because of the style of play and Berson's decision to move players around, Tart will be in a new spot.

"We didn't have the season we wanted last fall," said the Garner, N.C., native. "But spring was productive and things look better."

Tart said USC was one of the top four teams in the country two years ago, but they lost in the first round of the NCAA Tournament after a bad game. The team was then ranked No. 4 in the preseason last year, but finished unranked, and for the first time in five years, without

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an NCAA Tournament bid.

"We were confident we would win the national championship," Tart said. "But the team chemistry and team attitude were not where they should have been."

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Tart said USC has a great recruiting class for the 1997 season, which includes some players who have previous NCAA soccer experience.

"It's a hard transition from high school to college, and it's easier because they have played college ball," he said.

Tart said he visited and was recruited by North Carolina State, North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Greensboro, Furman and South Carolina out of high school, when he was on the Under-17 National Soccer Team.

"I had ties to N.C. State, and I visited the other schools, but Coach Berson impressed me and my parents, and I was impressed by the program," Tart said of why he chose Carolina.

Tart was redshirted his first year after breaking his leg. Despite the injury, he made a great recovery and has earned his place as a 1997 team captain, as well as four varsity letters. He was also a scholar-athlete All-American in 1996.

He has a positive attitude about the season ahead. Tart said the spring games, workouts and attitude changes were necessary to boost the team spirit and get them ready for the 1997 schedule.

"I hope we're not ranked so the young guys feel like they have something to prove," Tart said. "Win one game, and then concentrate on the next game, then the NCAA Tournament, and then look to the Final Four."



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Men's soccer senior captain David Tart (12) fights off a defender. The Gamecocks are hoping to fight back from a disappointing 1996 season in which the team finished 8-9-2.

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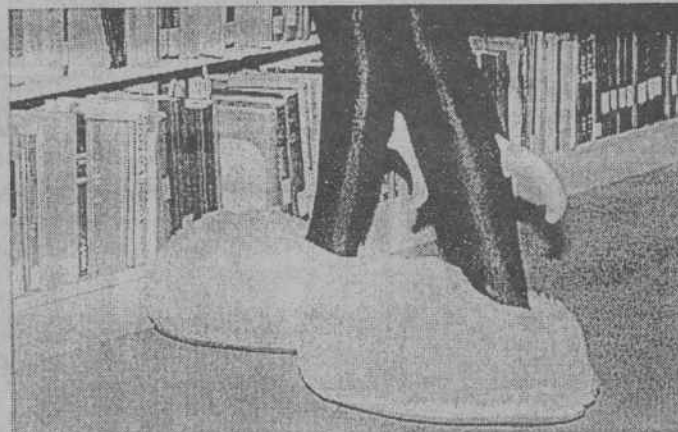
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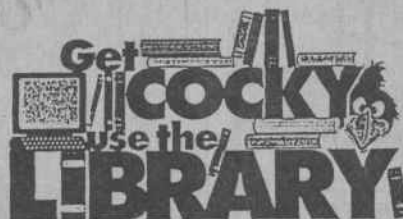


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