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# CLUB HISTORY

The club and the active members of the club have joined together over the years to help successfully maintain the atmosphere to the required standard of the football club. For this joint effort in maintenance of high level football clubs throughout the year 2000 different centres like 'A' and 'B' are involved in their respective areas. This concern with the League, Divisional, youth and Reserve teams has given birth to the Second Division and the Five Divisions.

Our history dates back over 100 years from our early days through to League, Divisional and 'B' sides in 1900, and other forms of amateur football and the first move at big club football. This could start by their arrival from overseas in Pennsylvania during the mid-nineties, continuing onto St. Louis in the 1920s, moving onwards, through the 1930s, the First Division, a large number and long term involvement between 1940-50 plus their path into the Management path. The first one off setting this movement then went down to the possible chance arising of going to the amateur, who after they moved into the A-B Division Football they had considerable experience in this Division. It was unfortunately here that they started into the National League. This again after offering sufficient time to settle in the USA opportunity and then finally their present home after the Second World War.

Between 1946-50 and 1948-50 they were thoughts around the one and the following year 1949-50 to 1951-52 started in Division 1. In 1951-52, during the second year, the club moved to the new stadium and now situated in El Cajon, San Diego, California and now known as the 'Cajon Park'.

Unfortunately several seasons later and over time there has been continual interest shown and it has been felt that now the club of Encinitas Knights will be given the recognition it deserves. Our thanks goes to the Encinitas Knights, and the youth coaches and volunteers and those who have their culture in mind continuing the tradition and continue our success which will be the main aim for the future for the club. We thank the 12 years past for their progression in the youth field.

In 1969-70 they discussed youth and amateur and senior teams in Encinitas Knights football. In 1970-71 the start of the Encinitas Knights youth division was established and the first team to compete with Encinitas Knights for the title of a local division. Encinitas did well throughout the year and the first team won their first 4 games.

In the 1971-72 year Encinitas again topped the senior team and being offered to play a game at a school that had kept it's name when their school moved in a new building but it was turned down to be played at Encinitas Knights stadium.

The following year, 1972, was another top year and the Knights and youth team took 4th place in the National and senior team won 4th in the regional. Both the youth and senior team ended their season with successes in their tournaments.

In 1986-87, under the new name the Encinitas Knights, finishing an impressive 1st winning 47 games and suffering only two losses. In the same year, for the recognition of being deliberately founded and competing over 20 years, but in the other year moved into BB, the next year the Knights were crowned the Southern California

In the close season of 1982 Alan Clarke signed them from Leicester City for a fee of £145,000. Though slender in build Alan was a sharp customer round the penalty area and designed to take attention away from Mick Jones. During his first season, he was McDermott's though to be the best young League and Cup scorer with 24 goals. After a slow start they overhauled Everton in the table and scores were set for a unique double. Their efforts in the European Cup were going well as were the efforts in the FA Cup, but the World Cup being played in Mexico led to eventual fixture congestion and a marathon semi-final with their great rivals Manchester - three games in 13 days robbed them of everything.

This is relatively new history, and will be well known by their supporters. On March 14th they drew 0-0 with Manchester United. Four days later they beat Standard Liege 3-0 to secure a place in the semi-final of the European Cup. The following Saturday they played Wolverhampton Wanderers a way (and beat them) to stay at the top of the First Division. The following Tuesday the team played at Villa Park and again the result was a goalless draw and a second replay was scheduled to be played at Stobbs two days later when Billy Brannan scored the only goal to end the stalemate, but the players were so fatigued mentally and physically that they were in no condition to face an Easter programme in the Football League. On Saturday they lost at home to Southampton (a side facing relegation) and on the Monday were forced to field a Reserve side at Derby which lost 4-1 and thereby surrendered the Championship to Everton. As a result of fielding this reserve side they were fined £5,000 by the Football League.

#### One down, two to go

There were still two cup competitions. On the Wednesday they lost 1-0 to Celtic in the 1st leg of the European Cup semi-final, and the next day just after England full-back Paul Madeley in a controversial League game at West Ham. On the 11th April they travelled to Wembley to compete in their second Cup Final. In the replay, on one of the worst Wembley pitches ever witnessed, they completely outshone Chelsea but despite being ahead twice early on, drew four out later. Celtic won the European Cup second leg semi-final by 2-1 at Hampden Park and they were out of the European Cup.

#### Two down, one to go

The FA Cup final replay was to be staged at Manchester, the last replay successfully since 1912, and the remained their only chance to resurrect at this time their luck had completely deserted them and disaster loomed for the home part of the game. Chelsea scored a late winner and claimed the winning goal late in extra time.

In what could have been possibly the most wonderful season in English League Football they had gone for three major honours and finished with none. Their only consolation from the last wonderful season was that the skipper Gary Sprake was voted Footballer of the Year and Manager Don Revie elected Manager of the Year for the second consecutive year.

This then is a story of the Club since its origin.

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