

Soquel High Knights Play Their First Game Under the Lights

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On Friday, Sept. 23, fans packed the stands at Soquel High to watch the Knights play their very first game ever under the lights on their own field — a monumental occasion that alumni, faculty and neighbors have been working toward for many years.

In theory, bonds passed in the 1990s paid for the new stadium lighting system, but infrastructure renovations took first priority. The football team has been playing all home games on Saturday afternoons, with plenty of spare room in the

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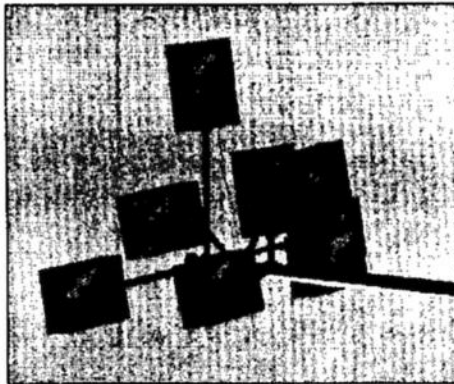
almost entirely by games. They also believe that Friday night games will provide a safe place for students to gather.

"Night games are a great opportunity for youth in our area who don't have very many options on Friday nights," said Caren Spencer, parent and member of the Site Council and Bond Oversight Committee. "When I was a student at Cabrillo College played at Soquel High, we under the lights, and that's what you did on Friday nights." And students and players seem to be just as excited as the parents who have worked on the project for years.

"This season is going to be a lot of fun," said Zach Bischoff, Soquel High Senior and Varsity Quarterback. "The school is more into football games now. You don't have to take time out of your Saturday. A lot of kids work and have other priorities. Friday night, under the lights, is a great time to hang out with friends." ■

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stands. "It was a humbling experience for me to see it all come together," said Football Coach and Athletic Director Ron



Myers, who also mentioned that the Knights won 20-12. "It was the biggest crowd we've ever had."

Parents and faculty believe Friday night games will continue to draw larger crowds and provide much-needed extra revenues for the Athletic Department, which is funded

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