

Contractor lays FIFA approved synthetic pitch

SPORTS TURF contractor Agripower recently chipped off the ice and broke new ground with a UK debut.

The re-surfacing of the Raw Soccer centre at Lowestoft, Suffolk consisted of the removal of an existing 40 x 20m sand-filled surface and re-laying with the latest product from leading synthetic manufacturer Lano.

The new MXSi 60 product has the highest face weight of any product currently on the market and was best suited to the highly intensive use at the centre.

The client's choice was driven by the decision to install the same

product for the Norfolk Football Association's 5-a-side facility at Bowthorpe Park, where Agripower are currently in the process of re-surfacing ten pitches.

With bitterly cold weather and temperatures well below freezing, Agripower heated the indoor centre by use of temporary gas heating equipment to ensure the correct working temperature for the adhesive.

Agripowers' Contracts Manager, Mark Swatton said:

"The prevailing weather conditions were challenging to say the least, but with a short programme, we had to use the

heaters and work through the night to ensure we hit the completion date on time. The finished surface looks fantastic and we are very pleased with the results".

Raw Soccer Director Jamie Houchen was delighted with the new pitch, providing the best possible playing surface and latest FIFA approved surface for the local community in a unique indoor environment. The centre is now celebrating its 6th year of providing indoor football facilities, and is still the only purpose built indoor 3G pitch in Suffolk.

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