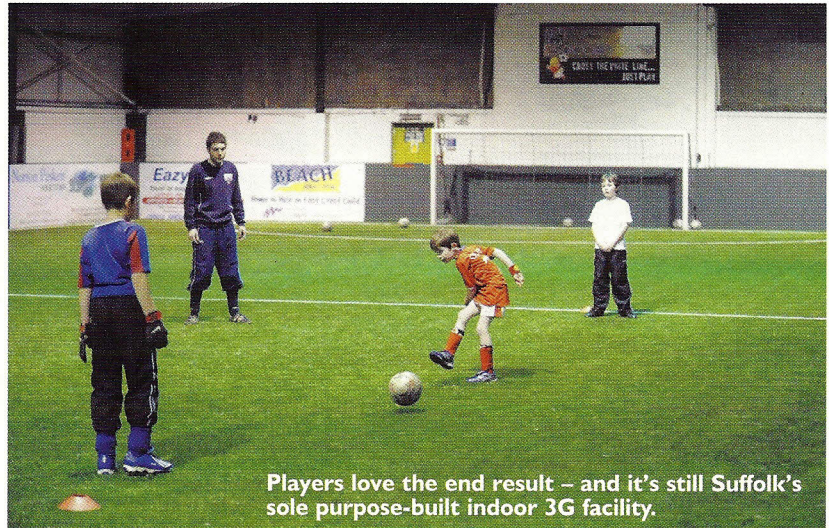


CASE STUDY: Raw Soccer centre Lowestoft, Suffolk

Bitterly cold weather isn't ideal conditions for laying artificial surfaces, but the result was a FIFA-approved indoor pitch



Players love the end result – and it's still Suffolk's sole purpose-built indoor 3G facility.

Raw to the core

SPORTS turf contractor specialists 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 10 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 commented: "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

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best possible playing surface and latest FIFA approved surface for the local community in a unique indoor environment.

The centre is now celebrating its sixth year of providing indoor football facilities, and is still the only purpose built indoor 3G pitch in Suffolk.

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£1.3million boost for sport

SPORTS facilities in Grimsby will soon be of a Premier League standard thanks to Agripower's imminent completion of the Bradley Road Football Pitches contract worth over £1.3million.

The synthetic pitch – along with four natural pitches and a pavilion – is due to be finished ahead of schedule and is currently awaiting an upgrade to FIFA 2-star accreditation. Works included the topsoil being stripped, subsoil graded, drains installed, stone formation laid followed by all edgings, floodlight bases, path surrounds and fencing being installed, said Agripower's Grant Holmes.

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LEFT: work gets underway on the re-surfacing

RIGHT: The new surface – fully approved by FIFA.

