

TRIPLE CROWN

Terraplas announces their latest hat-trick of contract awards from prestigious venues the Singapore Sports Hub, Millennium Stadium and Levi's Stadium.

For today's modern stadia and arenas, the hosting of non-core events plays an essential part in their revenue-optimisation. The variety of non-core events has expanded exponentially over the last decade, and now includes everything from incredibly complex concert sets and festivals, to exhibitions, gala dinners, car and truck rallies, and even ice shows held on temporary ice rinks at outdoor stadia.

The extreme rigour that these types of events place on the venues' playing surfaces is something that drives fear into the hearts and minds of Grounds Managers across the globe; as the onus is on them to deliver premium turf (natural or artificial) regardless of the event.

No two venues are the same, even if one's design is considered to be 'similar' to another's, their location, climate and the types of events they hold mean they have bespoke requirements. This is why it is so imperative that venues have the very best products and services at their disposal, ones that complement one another, whether it be the grass itself, its maintenance regime, or the

pitch protection system utilised during non-core events to keep it safe.

PIONEERING TURF PROTECTION

Since turf protection was first pioneered by Terraplas back in 1991, a number of other manufacturers have recognised their success and brought products onto the market that claim to do the 'same', 'similar' or even a 'better' job. However, it is evident that Terraplas' unrivalled global experience – which spans more than two decades – sets them apart from the competition.

Terraplas recognises that it cannot afford to stand still or rest on its laurels, and have therefore consistently developed their range of products to address the very specific requirements of protecting quality stadium turf. As part of their ongoing commitment to delivering the highest-quality solutions on the market, Terraplas have incorporated new and revised features to their product range, which have delivered further improved performance, with features that have been proven to be beneficial enhancements.



PRESTIGIOUS HAT TRICK

Three extremely prestigious venues, the Singapore Sports Hub, Millennium Stadium, and Levi's Stadium, have all recently made soul-searching decisions to ensure optimal returns at their facilities, and tellingly, each have chosen Terraplas systems to ensure their turf protection needs are met:

Kicking off this impressive trio is the Middle East's Singapore Sports Hub, which is now complete and ready to open its doors to visitors this summer. Having installed a hybrid GrassMaster pitch from Desso, the venue's next task was to choose a turf protection system from a selection proposed. After much deliberation, many comparisons, a huge amount of research, and numerous financial evaluations, they took the decision to purchase Terraplas' terratile system, which will be delivered in time for the Sports Hubs' imminent opening.



The Singapore Sports Hub have chosen a terratile system (above right) for their turf protection needs.

The Welsh RFU – owners of the Millennium Stadium – have chosen terratrak plus (see inset), which can be driven on by very heavy loads, including cranes.

Next is the Welsh Rugby Football Union (Welsh RFU), owners of the National Stadium of Wales, or Millennium Stadium as it is known, who also undertook a similarly rigorous regime of due diligence before announcing Terraplas as their preferred supplier. This time the choice of product was Terraplas' terratrak plus system, which can be driven on by very heavy loads, including cranes, even when in-situ on the pitch.

Rounding off this phenomenal hat-trick is the USA's new Levi's Stadium – home of the San Francisco 49ers – who, having conducted an extensive period of research, evaluation, testing, and financial comparisons, chose a combination of Terraplas products to address their turf protection requirements.

MAKING AN INFORMED DECISION

In all three cases, despite being the most expensive option of those proposed, each of these venues chose to award their turf protection contracts to Terraplas, which is a huge achievement and also extremely impressive.

Chairman of Terraplas Plc, Robert Else, said of these significant contract awards: *"I believe it is due to Terraplas' use of superior-quality materials,*

vast experience of the sector, huge number of satisfied clients, state-of-the-art engineered design, extremely fast turnaround times for setup and breakdown, and the incredible proven lifespan of our products that ensure Terraplas' systems continue to be the most cost-effective turf protection solutions, bar none." ■

Levi's Stadium have chosen a combination of Terraplas products to address their specific turf protection requirements.

