



PITCH QUALITY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Propitch carried out the Pitch Quality Support Programme exclusively for UEFA to ensure that all pitches used during UEFA Women's EURO 2022 in England met the highest standards of quality. This programme was an essential part of the tournament's preparation, as it ensured that players could perform at their best, and that the matches were played on the best possible playing surface.

In addition to 10 stadiums, Propitch was provided with 37 team base camps/transfer training grounds by UEFA. Prior to conducting a consultant pitch assessment on site, pitch questionnaires and risk assessments were completed on all venues. To ensure all pitches met the desired standards and were consistent across the board, the ProPitch team compiled all this information before creating maintenance plans and renovation inputs.

On every matchday of the tournament, ProPitch had a consultant on site completing a pitch assessment and managing the pitch maintenance team on behalf of UEFA. In addition, ProPitch consultants attended any team base camps during the tournament to resolve any issues that arose.

As the highest attended women's international tournament in history, the tournament was a roaring success. A meticulous plan from ProPitch consulting team led to improved pitch quality at every single venue, with all nations delighted with the surface conditions.

2021/2022

Pitch questionnaire given to provide risk assessment

Risk analysis generated

ProPitch pitch assessments and site visits

Maintenance and renovation plans drawn up



BEFORE



INITIAL SITE VISITS

This surface scored 2* for pitch quality upon first inspection, a very soft surface with a high weed content and poor infiltration values recorded. Appearance was Average with poor sward colour. After implementing a succession plan this site reached outstanding quality which can be seen in the picture below

AFTER



FIRST TRAINING SESSION

The pitch was expertly presented for the first team training centre and was a credit to the hard work, great planning and delivery of all involved. The feedback was excellent from the team and throughout the tournament



MATCHDAY CONSULTANT SUPPORT

In every matchday, an expert from ProPitch was on site to ensure that the pitch standards were compatible with UEFA sanctioned events. Matchday pitch assessments were conducted and delivered to UEFA three hours before kickoff. In addition, our consultants helped with maintenance duties and worked with the grounds team to prepare the stage for the players.

PROPitch SUMMARY REPORT



PROPitch SYSTEM USED TO TRACK PROGRESS

Tracking the progress of pitches was done with the ProPitch system throughout the tournament. By uploading pitch assessments to our secure portal, we are able to fine tune playing surfaces to meet and exceed desired criteria.

