



PITCH QUALITY SUPPORT PROGRAMME UEFA EUROPA CONFERENCE LEAGUE FINAL, EDEN ARENA, PRAGUE, 2022/23

"The climatic geography of Prague presented a challenge for this project. A natural turf was laid on the pitch in November 2022 after the pitch was reconstructed. The establishment of turf in Prague during the winter period is a challenging process, and it took some time before we achieved roots that really anchored the new turf to the growing medium. As this venue was still in the establishment phase, it was extremely challenging to achieve the desired playability characteristics. Therefore, player safety was the primary focus as we approached the final. A well-timed maintenance program and a positive change in temperature enabled us to achieve a very good surface for the final. As if that wasn't challenging enough, we experienced extreme rainfall for three days straight before the game, which affected the pitch during ceremony rehearsals. We were luckily fortunate to have a dedicated grounds team willing to work unsociable hours to prepare the surface for the final."

Dean Tingley – Pitch quality expert, UEFA Europa conference League Final, Eden Arena, Prague, 2023

