



PITCH QUALITY SUPPORT PROGRAMME UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE FINAL, RAMON SANCHEZ PIZJUAN STADIUM, SEVILLA, 2021/22

"Throughout the entire project, Sevilla proved to be a challenging one. During the first visit, the grounds team was transitioning from warm season grasses to cool season grasses. Due to the Bermuda grass base, the Lolium presents a challenge because over a winter period it can suffer from soft growth. We were really starting to see the Lolium thrive once we got out of the winter and into spring. Andalucía is one of the hottest places in Spain and the weather is very challenging for a cool season grass. Highs of 36 degrees were recorded in the week leading up to the final, and the pitch itself was a natural hybrid made up of roughly 50% Bermuda and 50% Lolium. As a result, we were able to produce a surface that was unique and fit the occasion perfectly. On matchday, we almost lost the Lolium in front of our eyes due to heat stress, but we managed to overcome the challenge by taking the smartest approach possible"

Dean Tingley – Pitch quality expert, UEFA Europa League Final, Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan Stadium, Sevilla, 2022

