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# Welcome to the **Home of Cricket**

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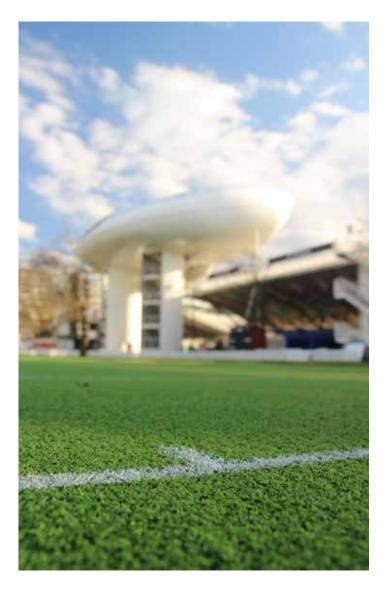


# LORD'S CRICKET GROUND

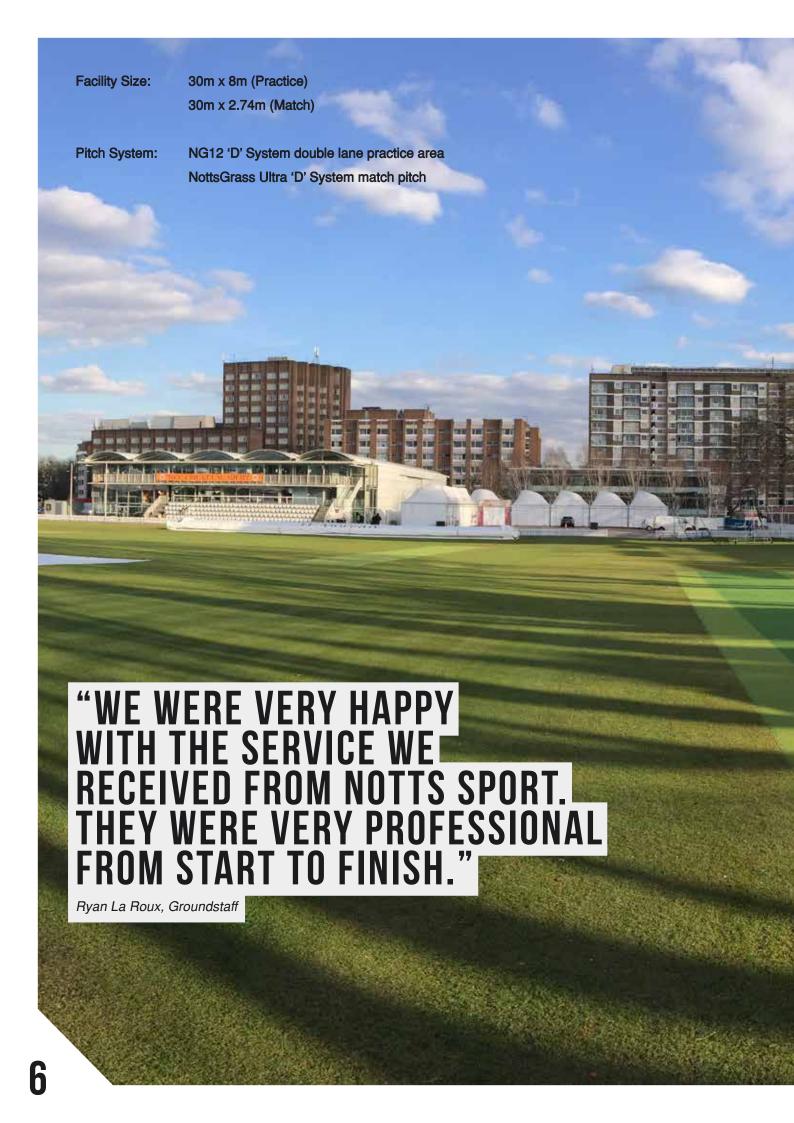
Notts Sport has spent over two years developing the first truly new non-turf surfacing technology and is delighted to work with Lord's to complete the world's first state of the art NottsGrass Ultra installation.

Due to the success of the work Notts Sport completed at the iconic Lord's Cricket Ground in 2016, the ground staff and Director of Cricket were keen to ensure that they had the latest and leading cricket surfacing technology available to the teams playing at the "Home of Cricket". In 2016, Notts Sport refurbished the two practice lanes by extending their length, laying new NottsBase performance pads and NottsGrass NG7 carpets.

Ryan Le Roux, part of Lord's groundstaff team, commented: "We were very happy with the service we received from Notts Sport. They were very professional from start to finish."











#### LA MANGA CLUB

Cricket Ireland has joined forces with Cricket Scotland and La Manga Club in a ten-year deal to create a European Cricket Performance Centre in La Manga: the first of its kind in Europe.

Notts Sport was welcomed on board to facilitate the state of the art Performance Centre in Spain, designing 6 new first-class grass pitches, and 2 artificial wickets on two existing grounds; plus 18 grass and five artificial net lanes with 25 yard run ups. In addition, specialist grass fielding, catching and wicket-keeping areas were also being developed.

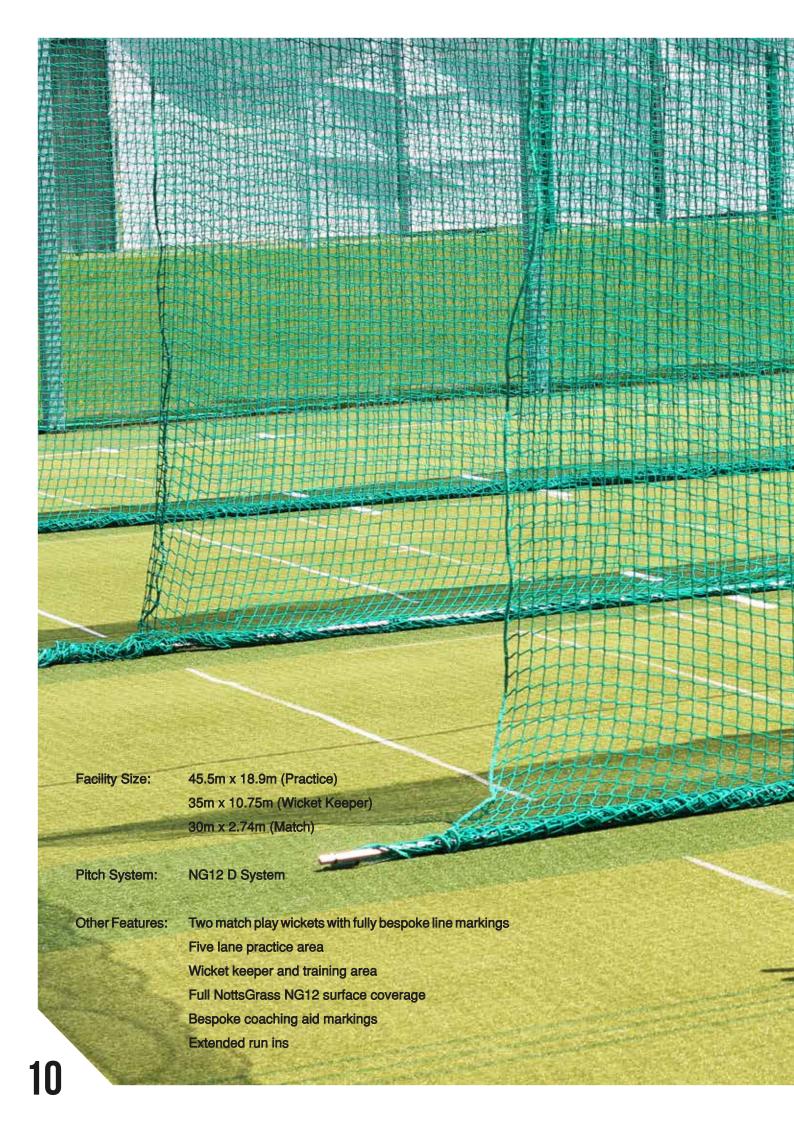
Scott Hawkins, Head Groundsman at La Manga Club, worked with Notts Sport throughout, and has also been able to play on the new 'D' System surface as a club player: "It plays very similarly to natural turf. It's a good resemblance of what you would play on a natural turf pitch environment: you do get pace, bounce and a lot more consistency. It's easy to go from the natural turf to the artificial."

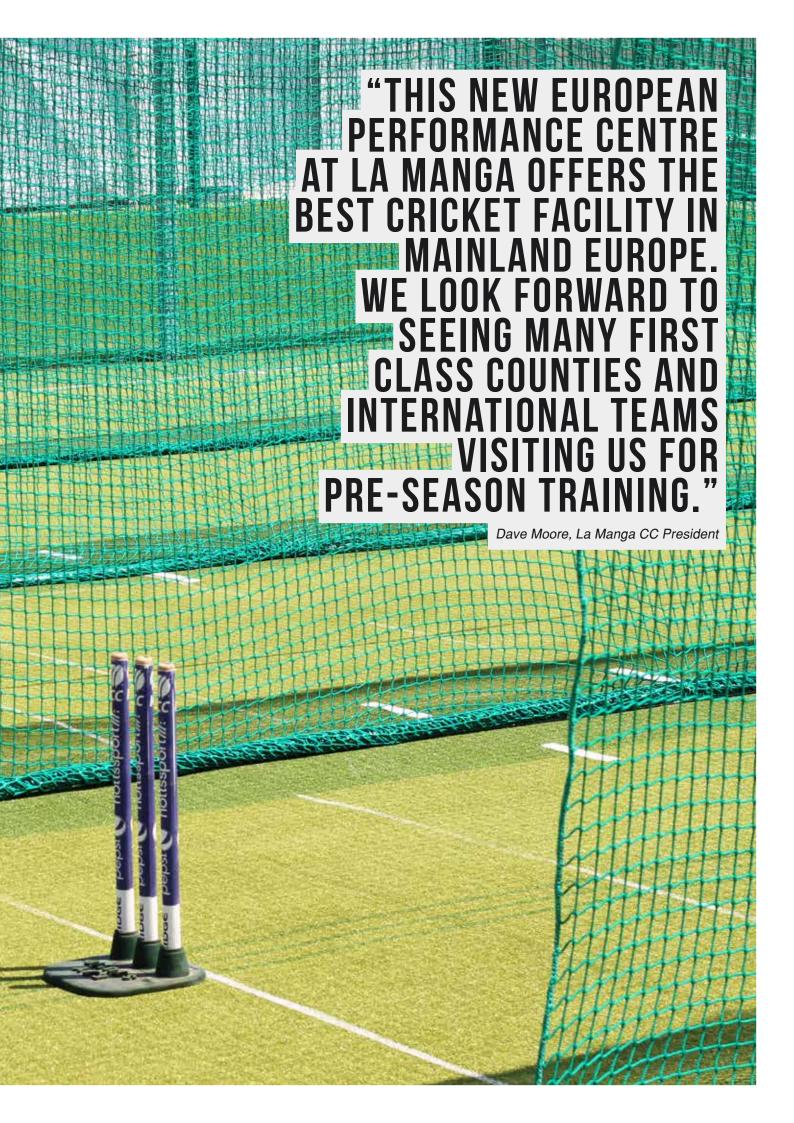
"The practice facility is a good training aid because you do get confidence from knowing it's going to be consistent, and also the knowledge that it's going to resemble what you go and play on in a match environment. Everyone that's been here to train on this – whether it's been club or international cricketers have benefited from playing on this surface, and have been enjoying how good the quality is. They're making individual improvements as well as team benefits at the same time."

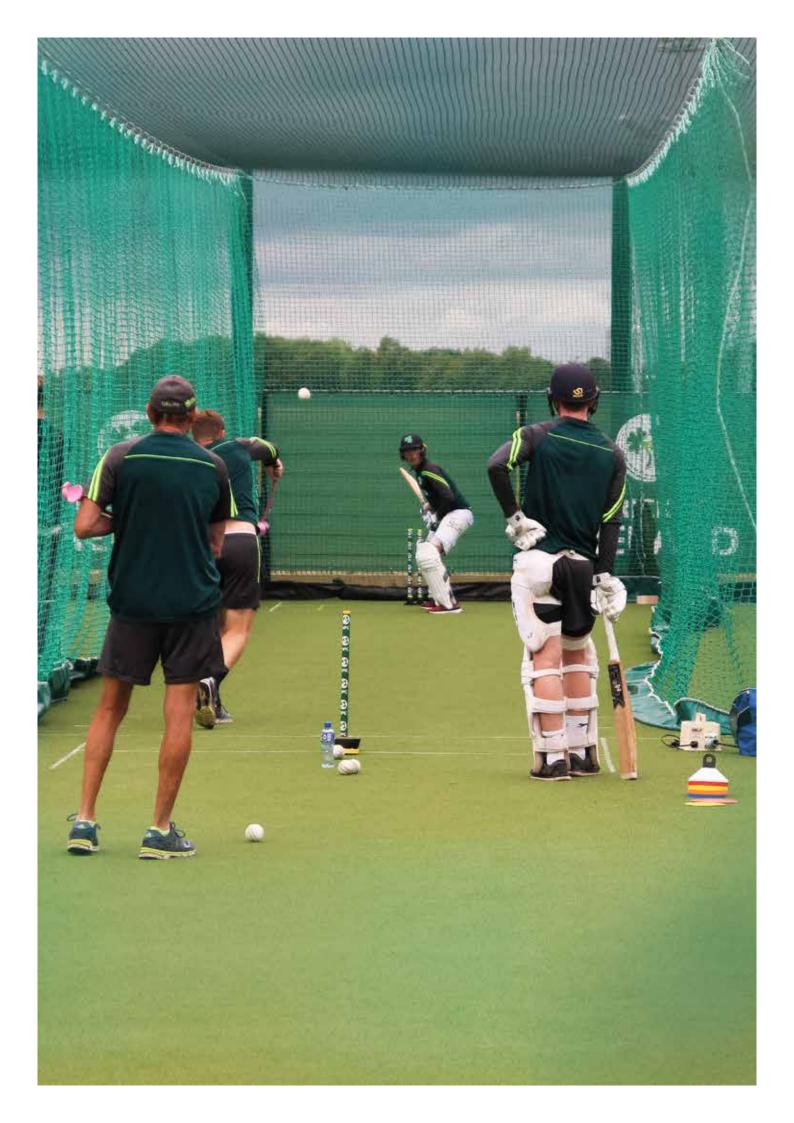
Since completion in early 2017, David Moore, La Manga Cricket Club President has seen much activity within the new facility: "Club players and our juniors had first use of the nets in March 2017, all of whom were very impressed. The batsmen were happy with the bounce and being able to attack the ball."

"We have had a very full programme of cricket in April, with our Classic T20, Last Man Standing European Open, UK Schools Tournament and Madrid Cricket Club T20. The artificial pitches played extremely well with all competing teams complimenting the new facilities. We as the home club are extremely impressed with the new facilities, and can now watch professional and international players training on a regular basis."

Under the terms of the partnership, Cricket Ireland and Cricket Scotland will have exclusive booking options for using the centre as a warm weather training and playing base for its men's and women's national and provincial senior and youth teams.







## CRICKET IRELAND

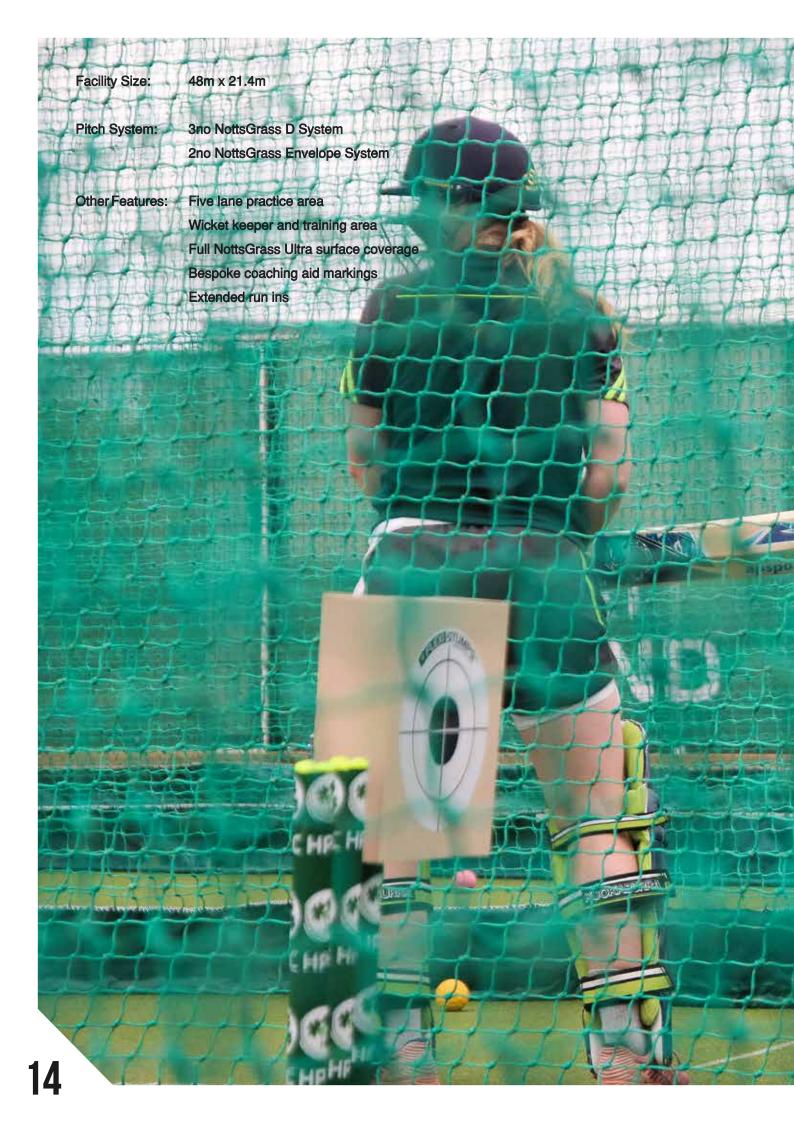
In 2018 Notts Sport worked with Cricket Ireland to provide a world-class practice facility at the new state-of-the-art performance training centre at the Sport Ireland National Sports Campus in West Dublin.

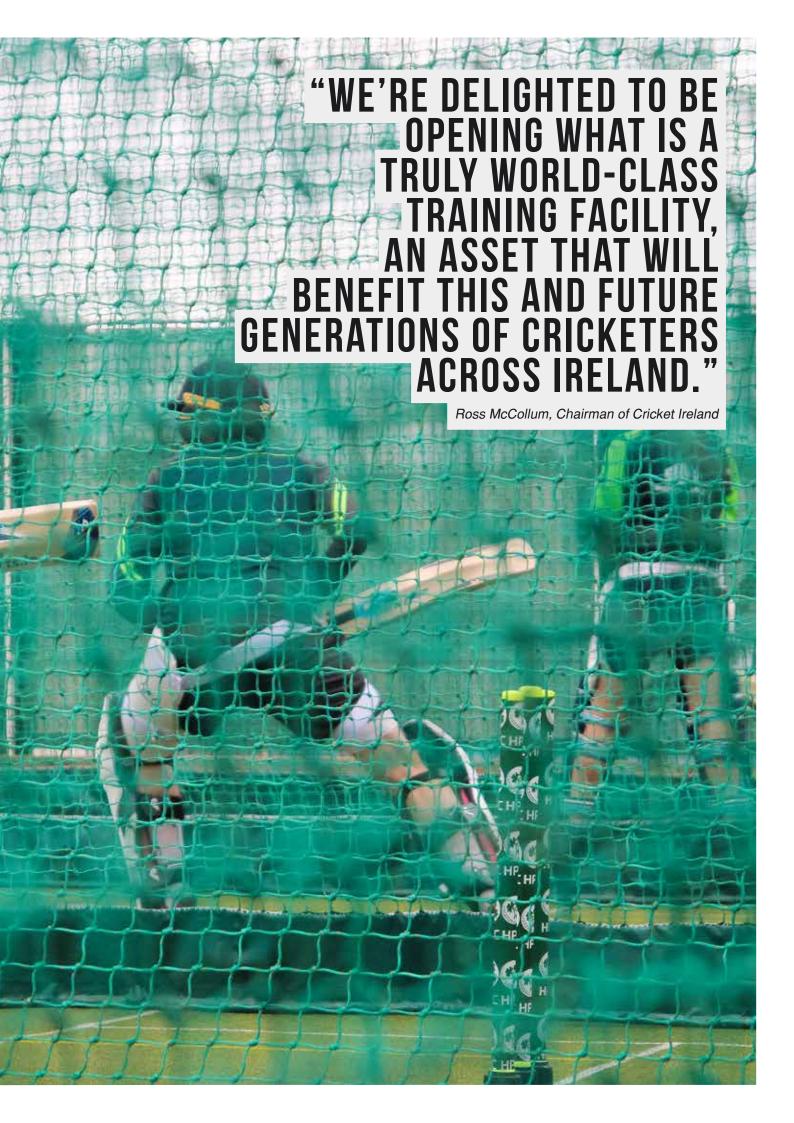
The facility includes a five lane NottsGrass Ultra artificial practice area with 25 metre bowler's run-ups and a 6.2m high safety netting surrounding the section. Each lane is retractable allowing players to have a double net with more space, or even an open net using the entire area – this can then utilise fielders in more match-like conditions.

Ross McCollum, Chairman of Cricket Ireland, said "The design of this facility has been developed through significant research of the world's best cricket training facilities by our coaches and performance staff. We're delighted to be opening what is a truly world-class training facility – an asset that will benefit this and future generations of cricketers across Ireland."











## **NOTTSGRASS ULTRA**

Notts Sport is proud to announce the launch of its pioneering new cricket surface NottsGrass Ultra.

Incorporating a state of the art texturised monofilament yarn brings huge advances in cricket surfacing technology and catapults non-turf cricket surfacing into the 21st Century. Indeed, due to the unique position Notts Sport has in the hockey market, we were uniquely placed to take the yarn and surfacing innovations in hockey and apply that technology to create the first monofilament cricket surface in the UK.

Combining the NottsGrass Ultra with our proven non-turf cricket systems combines the best of traditional system technology with a new surface and fibre advances and sets new parameters for how a cricket surface and system performs.

Creating consistent performance is at the heart of all our research and development for cricket systems and NottsGrass Ultra has been developed to maintain performance at all times. This ensures that coaches and players are confident that ball to surface interaction will be as consistent as possible resulting in better teaching, coaching and playing experiences.

Independent laboratory test results show that the NottsGrass Ultra fibre maintains critical performance characteristics for longer when compared to previous NottsGrass surface technology. This significant development will provide coaches, players and customers with improved playing performance over a much longer period of time which, in turn, creates more realistic and consistent performance throughout the life of your cricket facility.

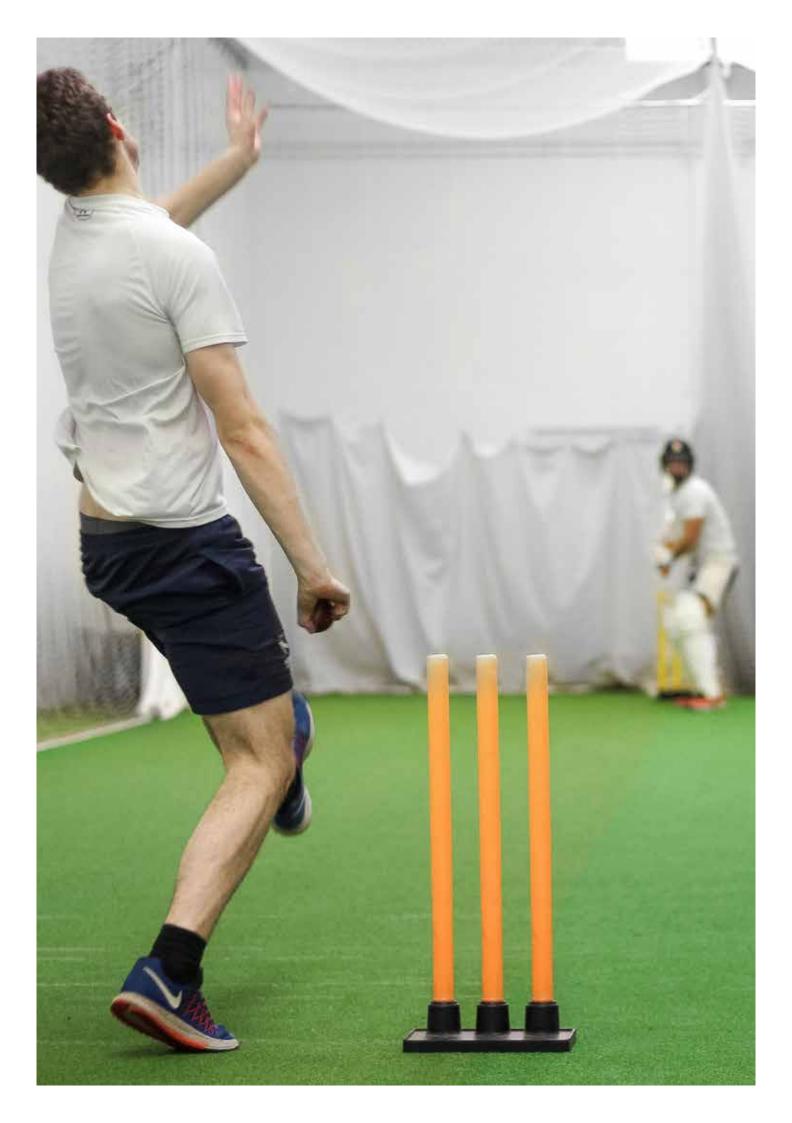
These yarn and surfacing advances means NottsGrass Ultra is substantially more durable to long-term wear and tear than our already long-lasting NG7 and NG12 surface materials. This reduced wear will result in NottsGrass Ultra maximising consistency of play throughout the life of the surface as fibres remain intact and upright as close to day one as possible whilst also maximising consistency for coaches and players alike.

By offering a state of the art non-turf surface, we are able to be in a position to future proof your strategic investments along with any wider designs and specifications required incorporating NottsGrass Ultra as the latest non-turf technology.

The first installations are already completed at Lord's Cricket Ground and at leading independent schools as part of the ECB approval process and as such we are now able to offer customers a true state of the non turf technology for your cricket facility.







# NORWICH SCHOOL

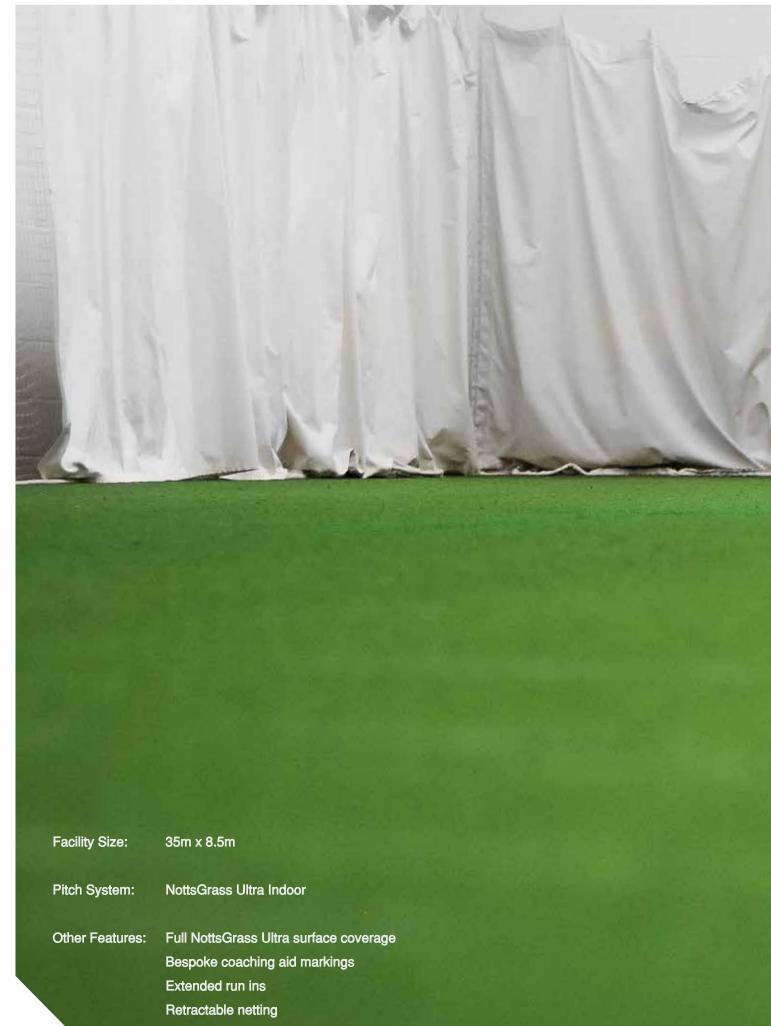
Established in 1096, Norwich School is amongst the oldest schools in England. The independent day school is set in the beautiful grounds of Norwich Cathedral.

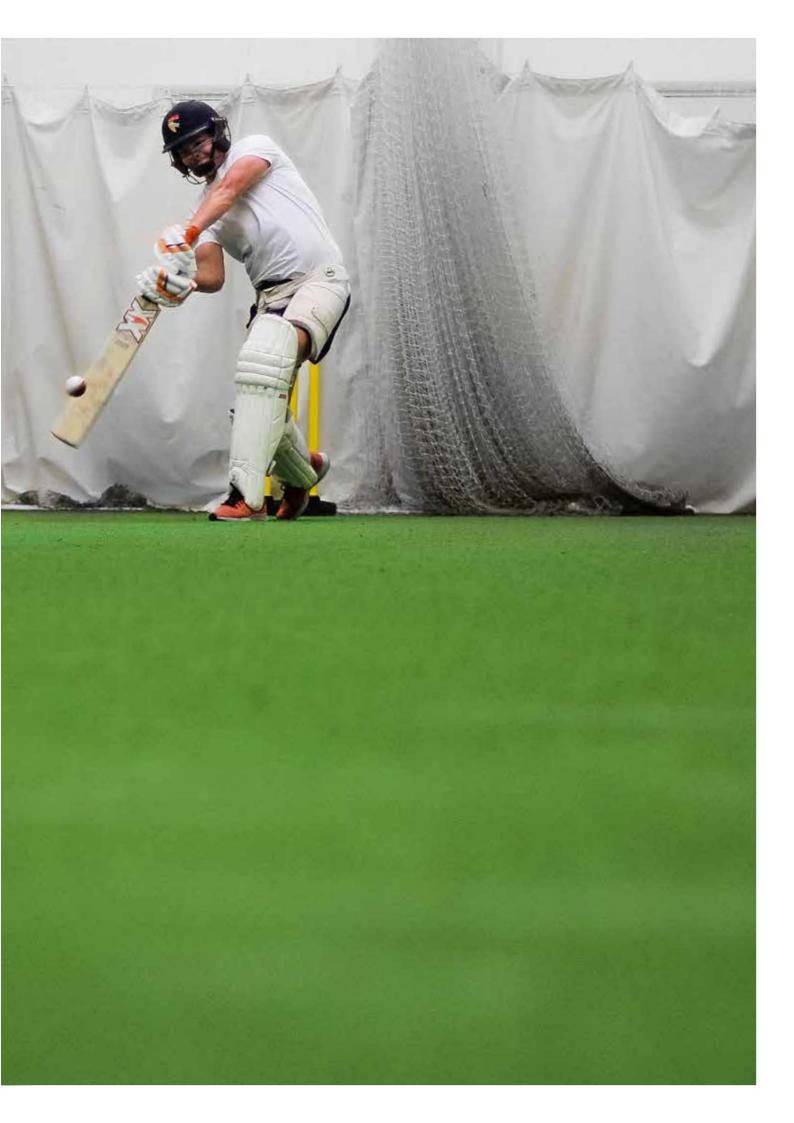
Notts Sport was asked to visit Norwich School to look at replacing its existing two lane indoor cricket facility, with the existing top surface being in disrepair. The works ultimately comprised of removing the original surfacing and laying shockpad across the length and width of the facility, to provide a more realistic and consistent level of pace and bounce.

The pioneering new cricket surface NottsGrass Ultra was then laid over the shockpad, with one lane having in-laid coaching aid lines. The school now has a long lasting consistent playing practice facility to aid the development of players of all ranges and abilities.











## **OUNDLE SCHOOL**

The vision at Oundle School was to deliver an elite level 1st XI Hockey pitch on the footprint of an existing hockey pitch, with the construction of 2no. new international standard hockey pitches capable of supporting tennis activities in the summer term.

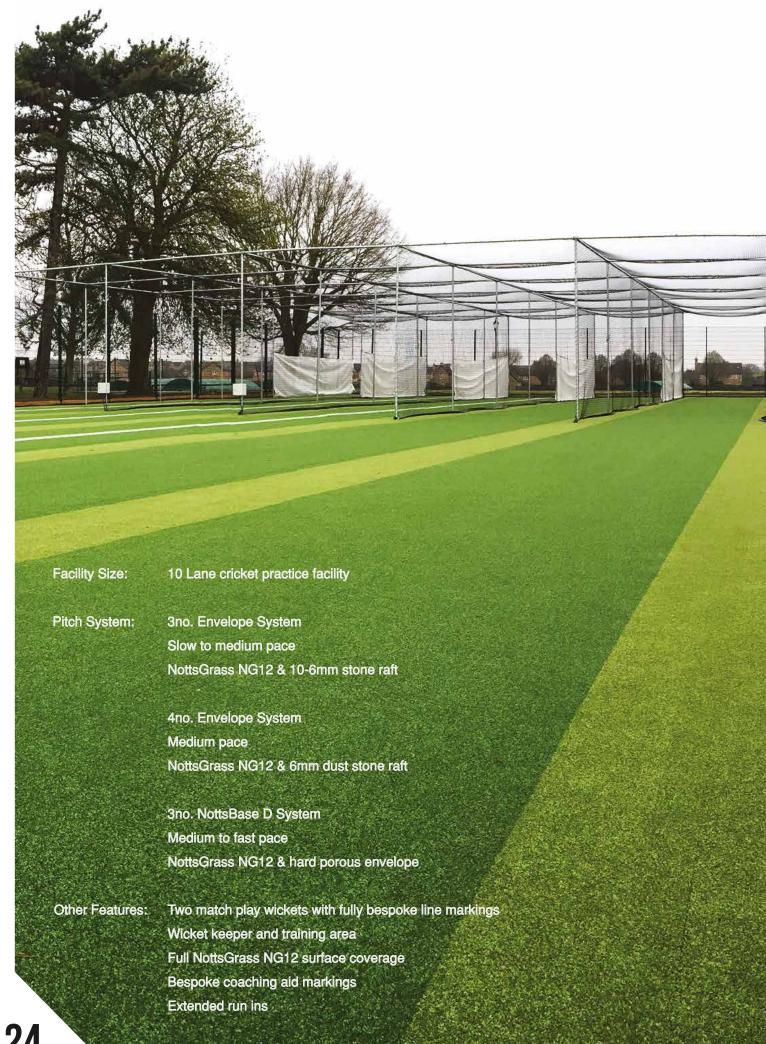
In addition, the school's cricket facilities were in need of improvement so a new state of the art 20 lane cricket practice facility (10no. lane non-turf and 10no. lane natural turf) was developed to meet the schools requirements for elite performance and capacity.

"We have slower spin nets at one end, the middle lanes are medium pace and at the other end they're quick, so we can manoeuvre kids about. It's great. We have a big link with the Northamptonshire Premier League club and their cricketers use them and look forward to it massively every time they come along, so it's wonderful for everyone."

"Notts Sport has put in one of the best facilities in the world – it's excellent." John Crawley, Director of Cricket











## LEICESTERSHIRE CCC

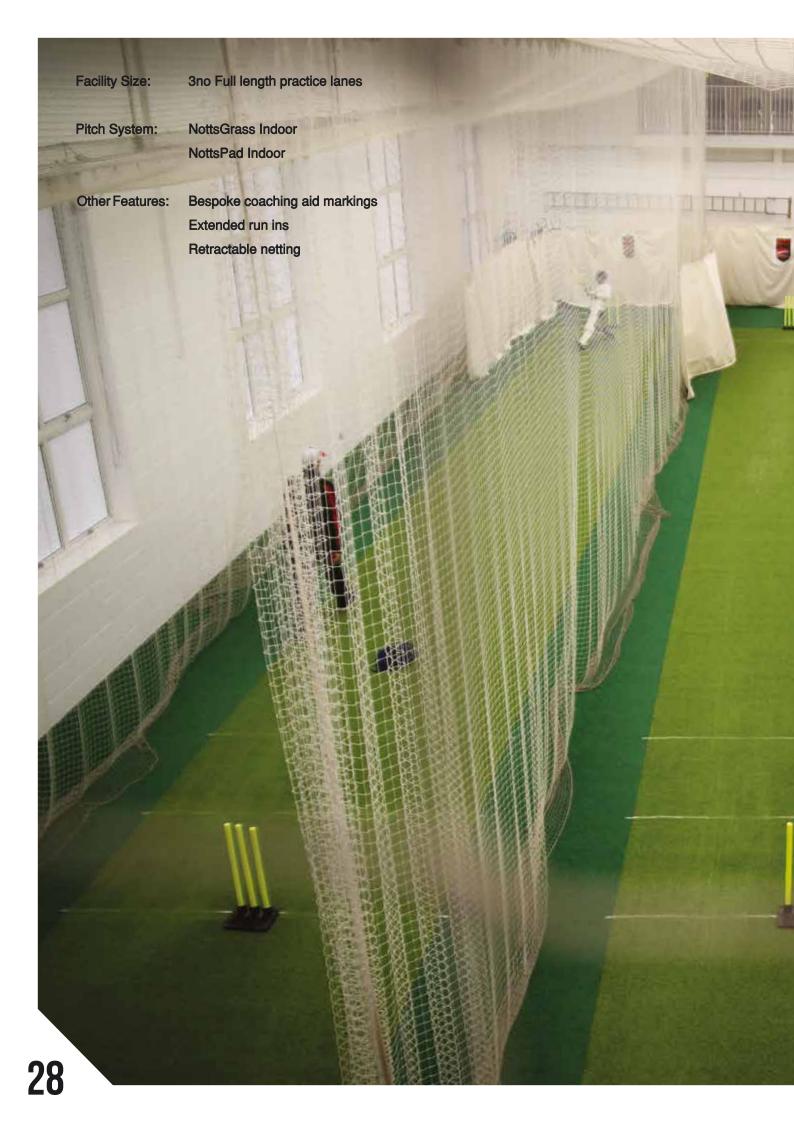
After experiencing inconsistent performance from their indoor net facility in the previous season, Notts Sport were engaged by Leicestershire County Cricket Club to transform the nets into an International Standard facility, with consistent performance for the club's professional players as well as junior players. This challenge was met head on by Notts Sport's dedicated Cricket department and since installation the feedback has been universally positive from players of all standards, including coaches, professionals and managers.

Leicestershire Wicket-keeper and Batsman, Lewis Hill said "It's been fantastic. It is key for us as professional sportsmen to practise on a quality wicket and this is certainly a quality facility to use. It is very close to an outdoor wicket, which is what you want."

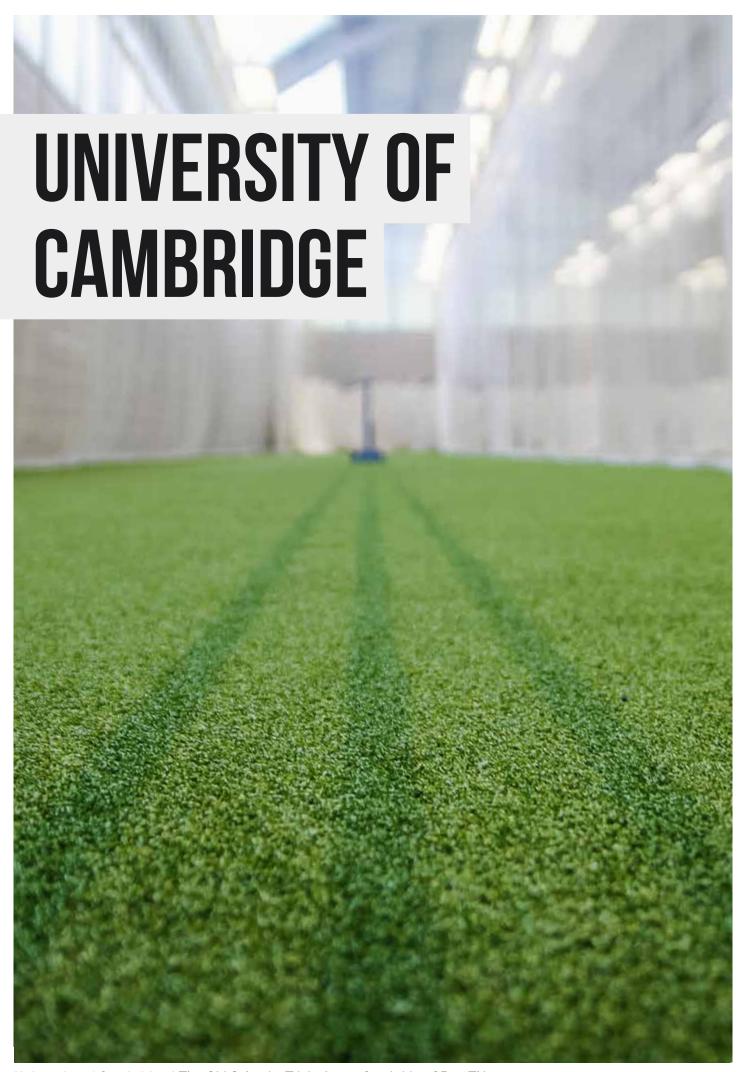
Keith Piper, Leicestershire Elite Development Coach. added "The previous surface was quite uneven and players didn't want to bat in here, but now with this new surface from Notts Sport everyone wants to! The shockpad underneath makes it so much more realistic in terms of bounce and pace."











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#### **University of Cambridge**

Notts Sport was approached by the University of Cambridge to refurbish the triple lane training facility at the Fenner's Cricket Ground indoor school which was in need of an upgrade. Having visited the comparable indoor facility at Leicestershire County Cricket Club, which Notts Sport designed back in 2016, the University decided this was the design they were looking for.

The Notts Sport pioneering cricket surface, NottsGrass Ultra, was installed along with a new NottsPad shockpad layer to offer an improved performance, along with coaching lines installed within one of the lanes to provide guidance for bowlers. The training area has been designed with full width surfacing and retractable netting to open up the facility allowing players to use the entire area and include training for fielders.

The indoor school is used by the University along with local clubs and communities for players of all abilities.









40.6m x 12.90m

#### Pitch system:

- NottsGrassUltra
- NottsPad high density indoor underlay shock pad

#### Other features:

- Three lane practice area
- Inbuilt coaching lines
- Full NottsGrass Ultra surface coverage







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