



## The first FIFA\*\* pitches in Belgium

### *DOMO rolls out a first again*

*DOMO Sports Grass in Sint Niklaas, for years the Belgian market leader in artificial grass playing fields, has brought out another first. After having laid the first and only five Belgian FIFA\* pitches in Belgium (including Club Brugge in 2003), they are now again the first to install FIFA\*\* pitches in Belgium.*

*A FIFA\*\* pitch is suitable for competition and there is growing demand for them. Clubs and local authorities are prepared to invest more so that their players can play on the best pitch.*

#### **Strict technical tests guarantee the best playing characteristics**

A FIFA\*\* pitch must meet the strict technical requirements imposed by FIFA, and to this end strict tests are done by an accredited lab. This also results in top quality artificial grass pitches. The pitches of Heist-op-den-Berg and Saint Ghislain were tested by the RUG in Ghent. Mariakerke-Ghent, Haren and Neder over Heembeek were inspected by ISA-SPORT.

The production of a FIFA\*\* pitch requires a great deal of expertise. The specialists at DOMO are well prepared for this. Philippe Dierkens, the DOMO R&D manager has an internal technical laboratory where all characteristics of the grass pitch are tested down to the last details. The technical test values that a FIFA\*\* pitch must satisfy have been set on the basis of values measured on an ideal natural grass field. There are three basic categories in which tests are done: the durability of the surface, the impact of the ball, and the impact of the player on the artificial grass. The most important difference is a shorter ball roll and a more natural impression of the player's foot into the surface in both a running and turning position.

#### **FIFA\*\* artificial grass pitch, perfectly tailor-made for every local authority or club**

A FIFA\*\* artificial grass football pitch can be created with different constructions. A number of types of artificial grass surfaces can be combined with soft or hard bases. DOMO has the expertise in house to build a FIFA\*\* concept from these different elements.

In Heist-op-den-Berg they chose a grass pitch with a 100% monofilament yarn, the DOMO Champion Monofoot. For the other pitches, they used artificial grass based on a unique patented combination yarn, DOMO VarioSlide Supreme, the most sold artificial grass in Belgium.

The DOMO Champion Monofoot grass pitch is a 100% monofilament grass pitch made from high-quality polyethylene. This material ensures optimum elasticity. Monofoot also uses an innovative yarn with a unique propeller profile or S profile that ensures that the yarn springs back upright after being pressed down.

The DOMO VarioSlide Supreme grass pitch is produced with the patented DOMO Duo Yarn System, a combination of two types of yarn. The propeller yarn to keep the artificial grass nicely straight and a fibrillated yarn that immobilises and covers the rubber infill such that it cannot spring up during play and is less liable to heat up and emit odours in the summer.

In brief the clubs of Saint Ghislain, Heist-op-den-Berg, Mariakerke, Haren and Neder over Heembeek are now guaranteed many prosperous years of playing on a pitch with the best playing characteristics. Nothing stands in the way of their sporting talents, great or small, delivering top performances.

**DOMO SPORTS GRASS. A powerful experience.**

DOMO® SPORTS GRASS is a pioneer in the field of artificial grass for sports. Our passion for top performance and our admiration of sports heroes drive us to develop the perfect playing surface. For champions and all other sportsmen and women who inspire us every day to put all our knowledge and experience in the service of that one moment when it really matters: an unforgettable moment of strength, release and emotion.

**EXPERT IN ARTIFICIAL GRASS**

Across the world, Domo® Sports Grass is responsible for more than 50 million m<sup>2</sup> of installed artificial grass for football, hockey, tennis, American football, rugby, golf, skiing and multifunctional sports applications. A good 25 years of experience and close cooperation with local authorities, borough councils, schools, sports federations and top players have made Domo® Sports Grass an expert in the development and installation of durable and easy to maintain artificial grass fields. Domo® Sports Grass helps you make the best choice: we offer advice on the grass surface, the base and infill systems, drainage and maintenance. Our partners deal with the installation and after-care such that your playing surface is always in a perfect condition.

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