

PRESS RELEASE

DLF-TRIFOLIUM grass for the U21 European Championships in Denmark

When the U21 European Championship starts on June 11th, the turf is ready and trimmed for the tournament. DLF-TRIFOLIUM is grass supplier to the majority of the Danish Superliga stadiums, including the four stadiums in Viborg, Herning, Aalborg and Aarhus.

As Denmark is a significant grass seed producing nation it is natural that the grass for the championships are both produced and delivered from the Danish Seed business.

-The requirements for professional football is high, and we have developed special seed mixtures, which both establish themselves quickly and are durable, says Søren Halbye, Chief Commercial Officer in DLF-TRIFOLIUM.

-It is the combination of our top varieties giving the good mixes. Thanks to our research activities, that supplies our portfolio with the best characteristics, we have a unique opportunity to hand pick the best varieties. It is the mixtures from our Masterline brand that forms the backbone of the pitches. A special Superliga Masterline, with contains wear tolerant and fast establishing ryegrass varieties specially formulated after sowing on very hard-loaded soccer pitches.

The good experience with the grass from last year's championships in South Africa have resulted in the development of a new grass mixture which is particularly suited to repair wear and winter injury on the football pitch, like in the goal area.

-In our new Turbo Masterline, we have combined the best of the two grass species - perennial ryegrass and westerwoldic ryegrass. The specificity of westerwoldic ryegrass is that it germinates and establishes faster than perennial ryegrass - even at lower temperatures. This makes it ideal for early repair of winter damage. With AXCELLA the bare patches are faster covered and then the permanent and durable general ryegrass takes over, says Søren Halbye

-We are reseeded the pitches 6-7 times during the season, and the consumption of seeds lies in the range of 1 tonne, "says groundsman Anders Nielsen, who is responsible for the grass on the Herning Stadium, which usually is the homepitch of FC Midtjylland.

"The recent re-seeding was conducted in early May with two Master Line mixtures, and the grass looks absolutely perfect," says Anders Nielsen.

Herning Stadium will host the matches between Spain, England and Ukraine in the first round as well as the semifinal on June 22nd.

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