EuroHockey 2023 in Mönchengladbach

**DHB and Polytan extend partnership**

Hockey fans are hyped for the hockey event of the year, the men’s and women’s EuroHockey Championships 2023, which will be played at the 9,500 seat SparkassenPark Mönchengladbach, Germany from 18-27 August.

With 8 men’s and 8 women’s teams battling to be European Champions, the competition features the very best, including the World Cup and Olympic champion Dutch women’s team, the World Cup winning German men’s team, the Belgium men who won gold at the Tokyo Olympics.

In the run-up to the European championships, the German Hockey Federation (DHB) and sports surface specialist Polytan announced the renewal of their long-standing partnership.

Niclas Thiel, Commercial Director of the DHB, commented: “Polytan and the DHB have a successful history together. We are delighted to have Polytan at our side as a sustainable and innovative partner. We want the hockey championships in Mönchengladbach to be an unforgettable experience for everyone involved, and this partnership helps us achieve this goal.”

Polytan have installed *Poligras Tokyo GT* hockey turfs in the SparkassenPark main stadium and the warm up pitch. This hockey turf was developed for the Tokyo Olympics and is made with 60% sugarcane.

“Having developed turfs for eight Olympic hockey tournaments, including Paris 2024, we have the responsibility to set the new standard for innovation and performance,” explains Friedemann Söll, Chief Product Officer Global at Sport Group Holding GmbH. “With *Poligras Tokyo GT*, we have shown that green technology hockey turf can help the sport become more sustainable and still allow elite players to perform at their best.”

With the renewal of the partnership, Polytan will remain the “Official Supplier of the German Hockey Federation” and be recommended to German hockey clubs as a “Preferred Producer” – especially as the development of its Poligras hockey turfs is constantly progressing towards ever greater sustainability.

Friedemann Söll: “For the Olympic Games 2024 in Paris, we developed *Poligras Paris GT zero*, the world’s first carbon-zero hockey turf. *Poligras Paris GT zero* takes our green technology to another level and advances hockey’s environmental and player performance, not only in Paris, but in clubs, colleges and communities all over the world.”

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In Mönchengladbach, the playing field has been decked out with Polytan’s blue Olympic hockey turf Poligras Tokyo GT.

Polytan EuroHockey 2023\_02

The venue for the 16 teams is the SparkassenPark Mönchengladbach, which has capacity for up to 9,500 spectators.

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*We Make Sport* a healthy and exciting reality for thousands of communities and millions of people around the world each day.

Since 1969, with our market-leading synthetic turfs, tracks and courts and the largest sports surface installation network in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific, Polytan has provided surfaces for the Olympic Games, World Cups and clubs and communities around the world.

As sport embraces sustainability Polytan is committed to ‘making sport greener’, with a range of Green Technology (GT) surfaces that are the result of years of ongoing research into renewable raw materials, resource-saving manufacturing, and end-of-life recycling.

Polytan’s manufactures and installs surfaces for football, hockey, athletics, rugby, tennis, American football and multisport, including fall protection surfaces. Polytan also provides line painting, repair, cleaning and maintenance.

All products comply with the current national and international standards, and feature certifications from international sporting associations, such as FIFA, FIH, World Rugby and World Athletics.

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