



Press Release

New Thiolon® artificial turf system for Superdome (New Orleans)

The Superdome in New Orleans (Louisiana, USA) has an all-new turf playing field based on Thiolon® fibres of TenCate.

On August 29, 2005 Hurricane Katrina badly damaged the Louisiana Superdome. At the height of the storm, part of the roof of the facility was torn off. In the aftermath, virtually every part of the building was damaged. There even was speculation that the structure would need to be torn down. Just a year later, the Superdome is back. On September 25 last, the Superdome hosted the first home game in the completely renovated facility of the New Orleans Saints. At the center of the action was a new, state-of-the-art Thiolon® based turf playing field of TenCate.

The new field is a Sportexe Momentum surface and features Thiolon® grass fibers manufactured by TenCate Grass North America. Thiolon® grass fibers are designed to withstand the rigors of competition for all levels of play and for scores of other facility events, while providing NFL and collegiate football players with a fast, consistent surface that helps protect players from injuries. This infilled turf recreates the playing characteristics and safety of a natural grass playing surface.

The Superdome is the home of the New Orleans Saints, Tulane University Football, Nokia Sugar Bowl, New Orleans Bowl, Essence Music Festival, Bayou Classic Football, and Endymion Extravaganza. It is one of the most versatile structures in the world, and is the world's largest steel-constructed venue unobstructed by posts. It has hosted a record six Super Bowls (1978, 1981, 1986, 1990, 1997, and 2002) since its opening and more Final Fours than any other domed stadium. It has also hosted events such as the Republican National Convention in 1988 and the largest indoor concert (87,500 for the Rolling Stones in 1981).

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