

## Painted line hazard

THE BUILD-UP of painted lines on a synthetic pitch can cause annoyingly uneven ball roll and bounce. But it can also pose a slipping hazard to users if left unchecked, according to maintenance company, Technical Surfaces.

At Dame Alice Owen School in Potters Bar, applications of football and hockey pitch markings over the years had caused a gradual accrual of paint build-up across the surface of the synthetic pitch.

The school had chosen to include a safety inspection report as part of its annual maintenance contract, so the problem was identified at an early stage. The company removed the lines using specialist equipment, before giving the surface a thorough clean and football and hockey lines were re-marked on the surface, restoring the pitch to a safe and usable condition.

Safety inspection reports monitor the condition of the playing surface along with the pitch equipment, perimeter fencing, surrounds and access.



## Cricket carpet joint venture

WITH MANY hard pressed schools and cricket clubs having to make their budgets go a lot further, two companies – one in sales and manufacture of artificial surfaces, the other in installation and maintenance – have joined forces to deliver more value for money.

Technical Surfaces and Playrite have launched Cricket Carpets Direct, to meet a broad range of needs, whether clubs want a full carpet installation or to replace the carpet on the existing strip, a maintenance programme designed or simply order accessories.

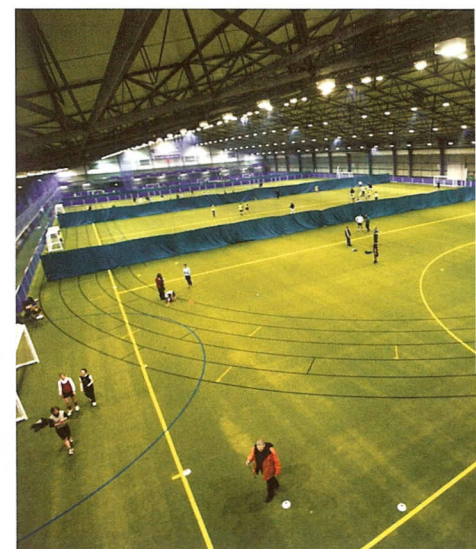
Technical Surfaces has experience of the first artificial cricket pitches installed by Dunlop back in the 1970s, while Playrite has been manufacturing woven cricket pitches since 1988, and is currently sole supplier of woven carpets to the ECB.

## Simultaneous sports

ULSTER'S Meadowbank Sport Arena has indoor and outdoor facilities for a variety of sports and events all taking place at the same time. In a single session, a full size hockey/football pitch and four mini-pitches, all the size of badminton courts, can be in use.

Over 9,000sqm of Playrite's multi-sport system Match-Winner with Match Pad shockpad was installed in partnership with local sports surfaces supplier, Laydex. The total surface measures 137m x 70m.

Playrite director Chris Pickles is confident the diverse programme in the Arena makes full use of the new surfacing system: "In one hour we watched soccer, cricket, lacrosse and tennis being taught in a single PE lesson," he said. ■



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