

NOTEBOOK...

Artificial turf given the boot!

THE artificial turf at Queens Park Rangers football ground is being lifted and replaced with washed Rolawn turf on a Cell System based pitch.

The turf is specially treated with high pressure, high volume jets of water to remove soil from the turf. Then it will be laid on an all-sand base that incorporates a sophisticated irrigation and drainage sub-system.

"The washed turf roots quicker into an all-sand construction without a layer of soil which can impede drainage and cause problems," said Robert Laycock technical director of Rolawn Ltd. "Washing off the soil also demonstrates the strength of the Rolawn root system".

From a modest beginning in Scotland in 1975 the Rolawn company has firmly established itself as Europe's largest turf grower. Today, there is over a thousand acres of

Rolawn turf being cultivated in different parts of the country and a national distribution network has been set up.

"High quality turf is much in demand", said Ken Dawson, founder and managing director of Rolawn. "New research and developments in the pipeline will allow us to produce more than ample supplies of the finest texture turf for golf and bowling greens ever seen in this country".

Rolawn turf is grown and maintained for up to two years before harvesting. The turf is lifted in uniform square yard rolls which are thinly cut, exceptionally strong and easy to handle.

A range of grades have been developed for different applications.

Custom grown turf, using special grass varieties and soil types can be produced successfully to customer require-



Britain's first automatic turf washer uses water from the river to direct high pressure, high volume jets to remove soil from beneath the Rolawn turves.

ments. Any of the Rolawn grades of turf can be supplied washed to allow use of mature turf on all-sand constructions.



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