

New playing surface to be laid at Hampden in time for League Cup Final



A new surface will be laid at Scotland's National Stadium in time for the Scottish League Cup Final, Presented by Utilita Energy, between Hibs and Ross County on Sunday 13th March.

Supporters of both teams had become concerned that the playing surface was in a poor condition and the news from Glasgow has been welcomed.

Peter Dallas, Managing Director of Hampden Park Ltd said: "In light of recent speculation regarding the condition of the playing surface at Scotland's National Stadium, Hampden Park Ltd can confirm that a new natural grass pitch will be laid ahead of the Scottish League Cup Final.

"Like many surfaces across Scotland, Hampden Park has suffered due to prolonged inclement weather and, in particular, heavy rainfall since the turn of the year. This has been exacerbated by the programme of fixtures for Queen's Park FC, who play their home matches at Hampden Park.

"While the best efforts of the ground staff have ensured Hampden's playability, nonetheless, with a series of showpiece matches due to take place this spring – the League Cup Final and Scotland Vauxhall International Challenge Match against Denmark next month, the Petrofac Training Cup and the William Hill Scottish Cup semi-finals in April and the Scottish Cup Final in May – the Board of HPL Ltd has taken the proactive decision to provide the best possible conditions for these matches.

“Work on relaying the pitch will commence immediately after the Queen’s Park match against Berwick Rangers on 5th March.

“The National Stadium also has a busy summer ahead with four spectacular concerts announced. The appearance of four globally renowned acts – Coldplay, Rihanna, Beyoncé and Bruce Springsteen and the E-Street Band – reaffirm Hampden Park as a world-class sports and entertainment venue.”