

Press release

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Topping out of new Spurs training centre

The topping out ceremony of the new KSS designed Tottenham Hotspur FC Training Centre took place September 13, 2011.



L-R – Stuart Sydell & Mike Dick (both Stace), Phil Pringle & Kevin Taylor (McLaren), Donna Cullen & Matthew Collecott (both Spurs) Harry Redknapp, David Keirle (KSS), Ledley King, James Budd (KSS).

Hosted by contractor McLaren Group the event included Tottenham Hotspur FC directors, first team manager Harry Redknapp, Club Captain Ledley King, architects KSS and the wider team, as well as key industry guests.

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Daniel Levy, Tottenham Hotspur Chairman said: "We are delighted to have reached this major landmark in the construction process and to be well on the way to delivering a new state-of-the-art training facility for Spurs that will not only be the best in England but in Europe. We look forward to seeing this iconic facility completed and becoming our new home for training."

Harry Redknapp, Tottenham Hotspur Manager, said: "It's great to be here and see the centre taking shape. What a fantastic facility for players to come and work in every day and to attract young players who are thinking about coming to Spurs. You won't find a better training centre than this anywhere. It's got everything a top class player would need."

Tottenham Hotspur Club Captain, Ledley King said: "It's great to be here to mark today's event having been here to see these works begin just under 2 years ago. Having come through the ranks here at Spurs and understanding the value and importance the Club places on developing home-grown talent, there is no doubt this facility will provide a fantastic platform both for our First Team and Academy."

David Keirle, Chairman of architects KSS, commented: "It's a great day for all the team and especially for ourselves to see the building really coming together. As we move into the final phases of the project you can feel the excitement of the Club at what they will take possession of in the summer of 2012."

Kevin Taylor, Chairman, the McLaren Group commented on the landmark ceremony: "We are immensely proud of this development and are delighted to be able to mark this point in the project with all of the team members who have worked so hard to get us here, as well as display to the Club the world-class facility where they can look forward to training."

"An example in cutting edge design, engineering and construction techniques, the training centre is set to be testament to what can be achieved through a shared vision, innovation and practical collaboration at every stage of a project."

A flagship project, once complete the state-of-the-art facility will be the new home for the Club's First Team and Youth Academy and provide an additional base for the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation. It includes:

- 11 outdoor pitches; one artificial pitch and ten natural grass. The main pitch will be delivered to the same quality and design as the pitch proposed for the New Spurs Stadium; complete with undersoil heating.
- A two storey training centre, designed by architects KSS to be an integral part of the landscape. The building has been designed around a 70 x 50m indoor artificial pitch which features a transparent ETFE roof similar to the EDEN project in Cornwall.
- A main building with a sedum ('green') roof that houses a learning centre for the Academy and educational space, medical facilities, a hydrotherapy / swimming pool, altitude room, fitness centre/gym, changing rooms, a canteen and media centre.

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