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User Story

EGU's National Golf Centre praises Huxley All-Weather Surfaces.

Six years after installation in 2004, the four Huxley Golf All-Weather Surfaces at Woodhall Spa continue to play a key role in providing top quality practice surfaces at the EGU's National Golf Centre.

Used by golfers of all abilities and ages, the Huxley Premier All-Weather Surfaces selected by the EGU for the National Golf Centre include a 12ft wide x 20ft long (3.66m x 6.10m) nylon turf teaching area, two nylon turf practice tees measuring 12ft x 50ft (3.66m x 15.25m) and 6ft x 75ft (1.83m x 22.88m) respectively and a 20ft x 30ft (6.10m x 9.15m) nylon putting green.

The Huxley nylon turf teaching area is located in front of the teaching studio at Woodhall Spa's driving range and is used primarily by the EGU National and Regional coaches, when working with England's leading amateur golfers, which include the England Squad, England A Squad, England Under 18 Squad, England Under 16 Squad and Regional Squads.

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In common with the teaching area, both of the Huxley nylon turf practice tees have been installed to reduce the pressure and reliance on the natural turf which, says EGU Director of Operations Richard Latham, would be in a parlous state without the Huxley All-Weather alternatives.

The longer of the two Huxley practice tees is located within the short game area at Woodhall Spa, where it is used primarily for wedge shots. The second practice tee has been installed on the driving range to complement two existing grass tee areas, enabling a full range of shots to be played at any time of year and in any conditions without compromising the adjacent natural turf.

Finally, the Huxley nylon putting green is located in front of the main entrance to the driving range, providing a first-class all-weather facility for the large number of golfers who visit the National Golf Centre every week for coaching, for practice or to play Woodhall Spa's two superb 18 hole golf courses.

Sam Rhodes, the Courses Manager at Woodhall Spa, added: *"The Huxley All-Weather products have been fantastic and have extremely low maintenance requirements, needing little more than a stiff brush once or twice a week. This means that all four surfaces can be easily looked after by the staff at the driving range, leaving the specialist greenkeeping team free to concentrate on the fine turf areas on the course. The Huxley surfaces take the pressure off natural turf without any detrimental effects from either the playing or maintenance point of view."*



Illustrations:
front page & back page right - Members of the England Squad on the Huxley Golf Putting Green.
back page left - Members of the England Squad on the Huxley Golf Practice Tee.
back page middle, left to right -
Sam Rhodes (Courses Manager)
Richard Latham (Director of Operations)
David Ridley (Lead Coach for the England Squad)
Peter Mattsson (Director of Coaching at the EGU).

"The Huxley Golf surfaces really are first-class, still providing a true and life-like alternative to natural turf over 6 years after they were installed. They also look wonderful," commented Richard Latham. "Golfers understand why we need alternatives to natural turf and are delighted that the surfaces we have selected allow them to play a normal golf shot. The feedback is always extremely positive."

Echoing Richard Latham's praise for the surfaces, EGU Director of Coaching Peter Mattsson commented that the leading English amateur players attending coaching sessions at the National Golf Centre had no qualms whatsoever about playing a full range of shots off the Huxley All-Weather teaching and practice surfaces. *"I am most impressed with the natural and responsive feel that the surfaces provide and we are extremely fortunate to have them at our disposal for the coaching of the National Squads," he said.*

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