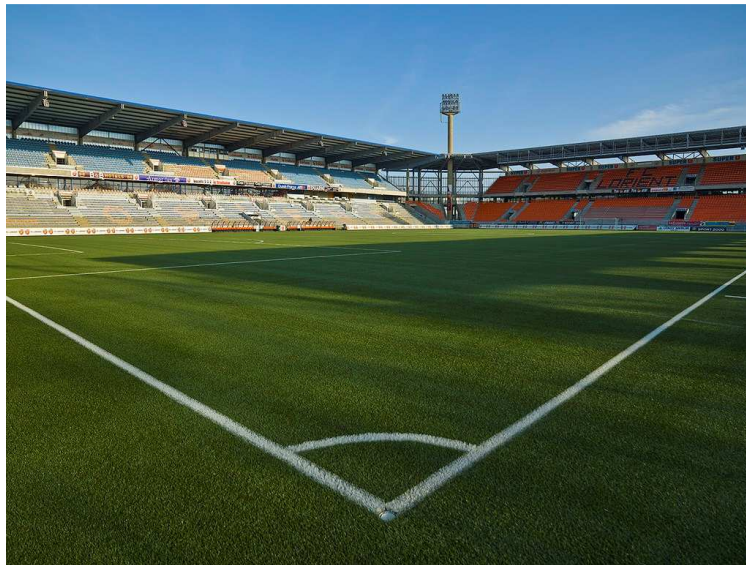


## FC Lorient – PROFESSIONAL CLUB AWARD (ESTO member company: Polytan)

Top-flight French club FC Lorient has been playing on a synthetic football pitch at its home ground, the Stade du Moustoir, since the 2010/11 season. Christian Gourcuff, the head coach of FC Lorient, is very pleased:

*“Such a turf guarantees the optimal conditions for perfect ball handling. The quality of play gains in every respect. Not only that, but synthetic turf is much less expensive to maintain than a traditional field and has a much longer life.”*

This year the installation will be recertified as FIFA Recommended 2 Star for the 4<sup>th</sup> time. There is no better evidence for the quality of an installation than achieving the high requirements of the FIFA for several years.



We talked with players and Managers of the Club:

Ecuele Manga (team captain):

*“Football grass today is much more comfortable to play on than 20 years ago. For us it’s an advantage to play at home on football grass (synthetic grass)”*

Jérémie ALIADIÈRE (top scorer):

*“I like to play on football grass because the game is much faster and I can play my technical strength.”*

Sébastien Guillin (chief operating officer):

*„We need a perfect performance on our pitches independent by weather impacts. Additionally for us the cost benefit ratio is important. After balancing these reasons our decision was clear. We installed a high performing football grass“.*

Arnaud Tanguy (club manager)

*„For us the installation of football grass in the Stadium was the best decision. As most of our guest teams are not used to play on football turf, the fast gameplay is absolutely an advantage for us. Furthermore we have less costs for maintenance and we don't have problems with the quality of the grass after using the stadium for other events.“*

As result of complete satisfaction the club installed another synthetic pitch in the Training area of FC Lorient.