

## Bruno Labbadia and additional former professionals do their magic on 'Infill Bionic Fibre®' infill granules

### Opening of the new court in Soccer Dome Detmold

Melle, 2nd December 2013: On 15th November 2013, a new artificial turf pitch of the latest generation was opened at the Soccer Dome Detmold as part of a football tournament. On the occasion of the opening, the owner of the indoor soccer hall and former professional footballer Roland Kopp invited some of his old teammates, and put in one of the three competing teams together with Ansgar Brinkmann and former Bundesliga top scorer Bruno Labbadia.

The former professionals of the German Bundesliga were challenged by a team made up of staff working in the local media at Radio Lippe and the Landeszeitung newspaper, as well as the staff team from Melos GmbH, who supplied the new "Infill Bionic Fibre®" infill granules for the pitch. Over the course of the mini-tournament, the former professionals showed they had lost none of their skills, and made their way into the final to take on the Melos GmbH staff team, who also strengthened their ranks with a former professional footballer - Ronald Maul. At the end of the regular playing time, the final score was 5:5. Since both teams put one away in extra time, it was left to the Golden Goal to decide the match. Whether it was down to the greater experience of the former professionals or the tired legs of the Melos players, Bruno Labbadia finally scored the match-deciding goal, ensuring the former professionals were the winners.



The new pitch at the Soccer Dome Detmold passed its ordeal by fire with flying colours: those who played in the tournament found the playing characteristics on the new court to be excellent, especially Bruno Labbadia: "The pitch had a very comfortable feel. In recent years a lot of absolutely sensational artificial pitches have emerged." Above all else, they are substantially more hard wearing than grass pitches.

The infill on the new court in Detmold is made from sulphur cross-linked EPDM infill granules called "Infill Bionic Fibre®". Bionic Fibre stands for reliability, and offers a playing experience that is just like natural grass thanks to its organic material form. In this context, sports functionality is also in focus: along with the recommendation made by the DFB, sports associations and sports doctors that the use of artificial pitches is kinder on the skin and joints, and guarantees a high degree of playing quality. In combination with the latest generation of artificial pitches, the infill granules at the Soccer hall in Detmold offer the latest interplay between the individual components and a playing experience which is otherwise only experienced by professionals.