



BUILDING WORK: Rubb is constructing the new indoor training facility for SAFC

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Rubb staff have been pitching in to complete a new indoor training facility for Sunderland Association Football Club.

Sunderland's First Team Black Cats and stars of the future will begin using the Rubb training hub at the Academy of Light, Cleadon in 2012.

The sports building features Rubb's largest span width to date at 82.4m. The facility measures 64m long with sidewalls of 7.75m and a central internal clearance of 10m high.

The structure stands 12.5m high at its apex and comprises a galvanized steel frame, a white PVC clad roof, a large gutter system, a Fullflow syphonic drainage system and four large vent roof cowls along the apex.

The translucent roof will allow natural daylight to illuminate the interior which will include a full size football pitch.

The sidewalls and gables will be constructed with stone filled gabion cages up to 3.8m high with the upper part clad with Larch timber.

A large roller shutter door (7.6m x 3.8m) will provide access via the south gable of the building along with three personnel doors. Two additional personnel doors complete the north gable.

Technical Sales Engineer Ian Mackley secured the project with construction company Tolent and SAFC on Rubb's behalf before his retirement in June.

Ian said: "We are delighted to be associated with such a prestigious project in the north east of England. This is our largest span building to date and our third training facility for a premier league football club. We are looking forward to seeing the end result."

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