



*Medway Park,
Medway's new centre
of sporting excellence*

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Medway Park's new facilities receive international plaudits 28.04.10

Medway Park, Medway's new centre of sporting excellence, part funded by the Government and the University of Kent at Medway, has successfully hosted the third round of the Modern Pentathlon World Cup. The four-day competition was the first test for the £11 million facility, which was completed just last month. The feedback from the international teams was very positive, with Dr Klaus Schormann, president of the International Union of Modern Pentathlon (UIPM), describing it as a "special destination" during his closing speech.

Two Kent architects were involved in the scheme. Lee Evans Partnership began work on the delivery of the centre in March 2009 and their involvement in the project included a multi-purpose sports hall incorporating a 12-court badminton court, 4 basket ball courts, 3 five a-side football pitches and 3 volley ball courts, all built to international standards, as well as associated dry changing rooms and changing facilities for both players and officials for outside events. The Practice's involvement also included delivery of a 2-storey health and fitness suite for private membership as well as a spectator's 'bund' and viewing 'pergola' for the new athletic track.

Jan Bartu, Pentathlon GB's performance director, has been impressed by the venue, and there are plans to host further World Cup events in the future. He said: "It shows it is possible to put together a top class event like this. The fantastic thing about it is everything is within walking distance. Once the athletes are in place as a spectator you can see the whole event. We'd love to see all World Cups done this way."

The centre will also be used as a training resource for the Paralympics 2012 and as an Olympic pre-Games training camp venue.

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