

EverBank Field Renovation

HOME OF THE JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

In December 2015, Matrax Inc. was contacted by the General Contractor that was in the process of providing a \$90M renovation to EverBank Field, home of the Jacksonville Jaguars. A significant component of the project consisted of retrofitting the US Assure Club sections on the east and west side of the stadium. This included the removal and replacement of heavy sections of precast concrete.

In order to complete the work, a Manitowoc 2250 Series 3 heavy lift crawler crane, weighing approximately 350,000 lbs. was needed to lift the sections of concrete onto 48' flatbed trucks. The cranes and flatbed trucks had to access specific work areas inside the stadium on the field. The challenge was to cover the field with a material that would provide heavy vehicular access, concentrated

loading and protect the shallow irrigation system just below the playing surface. EverBank's Sports Field and Grounds Manager, Mark Clay, along with the General Contractor, Brasfield and Gorrie were collectively tasked with identifying a solution that would satisfy the conditions described.

Matrax Inc., a full service matting manufacturer and contractor, traveled to the project, met with the project team, and developed a cost effective matting solution and work plan that was reviewed, evaluated and accepted. In a matter of days, Matrax installed over 50,000 square feet of contiguous work

surface over the field using 15 truckloads of Dura-Base® composite mats. Each mat measures 8 feet x 14 feet, 4.25 inches thick and weighs 1050 lbs. Dura-Base has an overlapping flange system that is pinned together thereby creating a work surface that equally transfers loading that minimizes impact to the field and associated underground systems below.

