

NEWCASTLE RACECOURSE ALL-WEATHER: THE FACTS AND FIGURES

Newcastle Racecourse in Numbers:

£12,000,000: Arena Racing Company's total investment in Newcastle Racecourse redevelopment project.

£150,000: Prize money for the new all-weather John Smith's Northumberland Plate.

£75,000: Prize money for the new Northumberland Vase, for horses unable to get into the Plate.

£65,000: Prize money at 188BET First All-Weather Raceday.

105: Number of entries for 188BET First All-Weather Raceday.

8: Months of work from start of construction to completion.

61,000m²: Area of Tarmac laid as a base for the all-weather track.

18,000: Tonnes of Tapeta laid.

44: Floodlights erected by Musco Sports Lighting.

37: All-weather fixtures at Newcastle in 2016.

Development Timeline:

John Smith's Northumberland Plate Day, June 2012: Torrential rain causes day to very nearly be lost as turf gets saturated. Idea first forms of an all-weather track.

December 2013: Consultation on the proposal of an all-weather track.

April 2014: Newcastle City Council approve plans.

September 2014: ARC reiterates commitment to the project while issues around rule (F)26.1 are resolved.

June 2015: ARC confirms construction will go ahead with the Stobart Group and Tapeta Footings.

September 2015: Work begins. National Hunt racing continues throughout development work.

April 2016: Track completed.

May 2016: Trail gallops and 188BET First All-Weather Raceday on 17 May.

23-25 June 2016: Betfred Northumberland Plate Festival, which will include the £150,000 John Smith's Northumberland Plate and new £75,000 Northumberland Vase, a reserve race for horses that do not qualify for the Plate.