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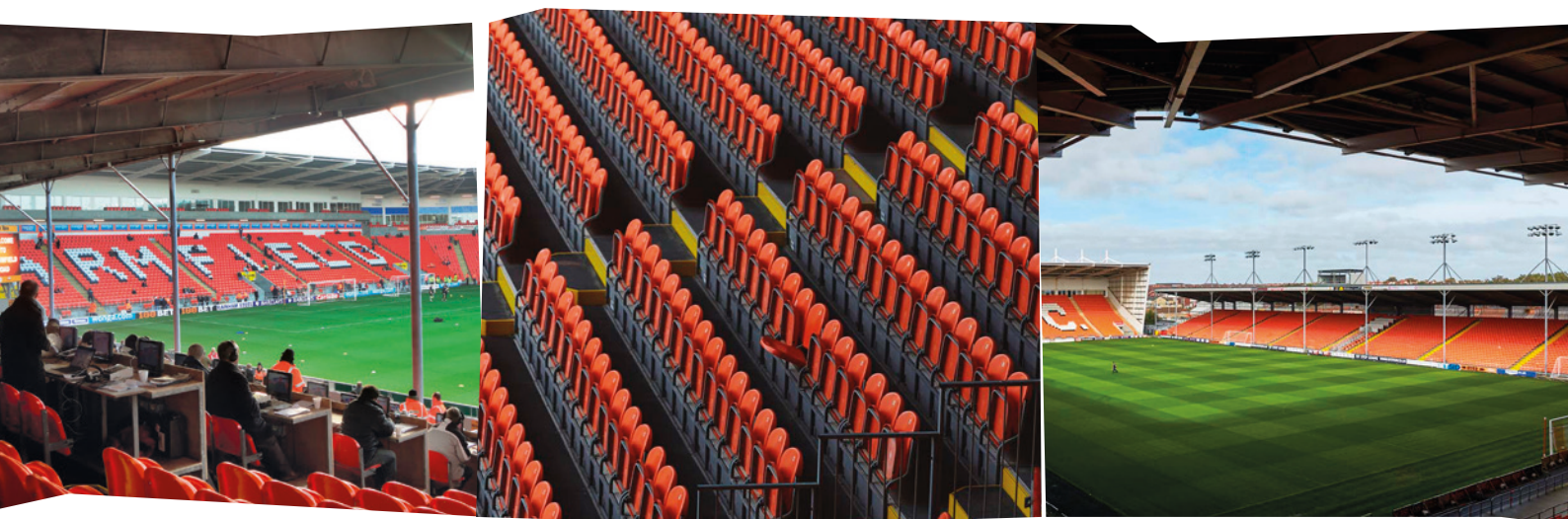


Blackpool FC Case Study

The East Stand needed to be redeveloped fast to boost capacity in response to a successful Premiership promotion. Cash was tight and time constraints were even tighter; while the project posed several challenges, including a significant ground-level variance.

The Club required the stand to meet all the necessary football regulations for premier league football grounds.

Several challenges needed to be overcome during the project including the ground level variance of 1.8m and working within an extremely tight site boundary.



Once initial plans were finalised the build got underway, starting with the demolition and removal of the club's existing seating facility. After removal, the ground was prepared for the third phase construction of the steelwork stand. The structural steel is supported on 120 steel piles driven to a depth of 22m and encased in concrete, attached to the piles is the stand frame with 7m legs to the rear and 14m legs at the front - initial designs had included plans without front support legs but time constraints prohibited the additional work required.

Seating was installed for 5,070 spectators, plus a camera platform and more than 100 press and media positions.

GL events UK delivered the entire project, from initial design to final fit-out, in just eight weeks, on time and within budget. Best of all, the team handed over a future-proofed solution: The East Stand is scalable and future options may include removal of the front support legs and the addition of hospitality and concessions facilities.

Build specifications

- › **Capacity:** 5,070 general admission, 70 press and 32 communications positions.
- › **Structure:** Steel framework supported on 120 piles driven to a depth of 22m.
- › **Seating Structure:** Seating frames, decks and risers mounted onto steel framework.
- › **Additional facilities:** 7m x 3m camera platform 12m high at the front of the stand.
- › **Access:** Front access/egress only.
- › **Scalability:** Possible removal of front support legs and the potential addition of hospitality and concessions facilities.
- › **Timescale:** Design and preparation: three weeks; build: five weeks.
- › **Construction phases:** Four - Demolition | Ground preparation | Stand construction | Final fit-out.

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