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## Sodexo wins contract at new University of Nottingham sports complex

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Sodexo has won the 10-year catering contract worth £5m at the University of Nottingham's new David Ross Sports Village which opens next month. Sodexo will run The Clubhouse, a sports café, in the £40 million sports complex at Nottingham's University Park campus.

Sodexo currently operates five outlets at the university's Sutton Bonington campus, on the border of Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire, 10 miles south of the main university site.

The café will serve healthy and nutritious food, with a focus on salads and smoothies. Former England rugby world cup winner, and Sodexo's health and wellbeing ambassador, Matt Dawson, has been an advisor on menus, to make sure they incorporate the latest thinking on sports nutrition.

**Sodexo Universities account director Jonathan Keitch said;** "In The Clubhouse we've put together a really high quality, stylish eating environment and a fantastic food offer to meet the needs of the students, athletes and general public who will use the sports village."

**Nicola Penn, commercial business manager, Nottingham University said;** "The David Ross Sports Village is an exciting development for us and will help deliver the University's ambition to significantly increase participation in sports at all levels – from encouraging students to experience a range of new sporting pastimes, through to the enhancement of elite performance at a national and international level. We are pleased to have Sodexo on board with an innovative and exciting concept to support sports nutrition at the village."

Sodexo will employ 12 people at The Clubhouse and the Sodexo's Sutton Bonington campus account manager Debbie Dawtrey and her team will support the mobilisation and operation of the new café.

Work began on the sports village in March 2015 and is being supported by Nottingham Law alumnus and Carphone Warehouse founder David Ross.

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