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To whom it may concern,

There has been much discussion regarding the playing surface at the new courts at Lewes Canal Front Park. Please allow me to address some of the characteristics and expectations of the Premier Court system.

Premier Court is a foam-polyurethane composite mat system intended to overlay courts where the sub-base is less than ideal, either through cracking or excessive movement. Premier Court is a solution, short of repaving the entire surface, that allows some movement to continue with the surface below, because it is not fully adhered to the surface. On the flipside, because it is not glued down, the court does need to conform to the sub-surface and needs to settle in over time. That's one of the reasons why we recommend it be installed during the warmest parts of the season.

When you've got a mat system floating over a surface, any areas where the mat is not touching or perfectly laid against that surface will leave a tiny gap, which could serve to dampen the bounce of a ball, however slightly. As the system settles in over a properly prepared surface, those situations should minimize, but it could take the better part of 6-12 months to fully conform.

We are sorry to hear about your concerns with the playing surface as it is, but we believe the situation will resolve itself. We have been in constant communication with ATC and are confident that, with their extensive experience with this system, that this is not an issue of workmanship.

I hope this information helps. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Magner". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Tom Magner  
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