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## MAIN EVENTS

### 12 MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY: THE WORLD'S BIGGEST CLASSROOM

Mississippi State University installed the first Prescription Athletic Turf football field in the South in 1974 when other universities were choosing artificial turf. The faculty of the school and the campus landscape department recommended the sand-based design. MSU continues to involve its faculty and students in the design and maintenance of 1,000 acres of campus landscape and sports turf. The result is a unique arrangement between the faculty and the departments of athletics and physical plant...and some of the best fields in the conference.

### 20 OKLAHOMA TOWN RALLIES AROUND NEW SOCCER PARK

While other communities in western Oklahoma are cutting back on services due to the depressed oil industry, Clinton just completed a seven-field park for a sport not usually associated with the state—soccer. The city manager worked closely with the Clinton Soccer Club to solve problems with water, space and budget. Now the town has some of the best fields in the state and expects to host the district soccer championships in the next two years.

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