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An in-depth look at the two winners of the first Baseball Diamond of the Year Awards: Heritage Park in Albany, NY; and Fitton Field at Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA. John Liburdi cares for the municipally owned Heritage Park as if it were Yankee Stadium. In fact, it is the home field for the team's double-A Albany-Colonie Yankees and is also the site of many events normally held at major professional stadiums. Jim Long and his crew at Holy Cross have proven that a baseball field can be maintained to professional standards within the budget and manpower restraints of a small college.

20 SUPERINTENDENT WORKS OVERTIME FOR BETTER TURF

Louis Miller, superintendent of Louisville Country Club, Louisville, KY, was prepared when high temperatures and humidity caused a serious outbreak of pythium throughout the Ohio Valley last summer. During 19 years at the club, Miller has rebuilt every green, reconstructed many of the holes, and instituted maintenance practices to guard against such an occurrence. He has also generously contributed his time to golf organizations and area schools to help others improve the quality of their turf. It all adds up to many 80-hour weeks for Miller, but he enjoys every minute.

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COVER: Ron Guidry pitches before an overflow crowd at Heritage Park in Albany, NY.