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## MAIN EVENTS

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The stakes have become too high in sports today to leave the condition of playing surfaces up to nature alone. The sports turf manager must not only install and maintain the sports landscape to withstand unpredictable weather, he must also possess the skills to present spectators, television viewers and athletes with "their impression" of what a field or golf course should be even when conditions do not allow turf and plants to look their best. Paints and colorants help him make nature look its best. New uses for colorants also help the sports turf manager improve efficiency of pesticide applications while reducing waste and avoiding overapplication.

### 22 TEXTILES FOR TURF AND LANDSCAPE

Sports turf managers have pioneered the use of textiles, membranes and matrixes to provide solutions to drainage, wear and weather problems. Products related to the fabrics that keep fans and players warm serve a number of important turf and landscape uses. They can keep mud and silt from plugging drain lines, help turf seed germinate despite cold fall temperatures, reduce winterkill and speed up spring green-up, protect turf from suffocating beneath thousands of rock concert fans and keep weeds from emerging in plant beds. Geotextiles are becoming multifaceted tools for turf managers.

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**COVER:** Colorant enables applicator to spray golf course fairway with preemergence herbicide without wasteful overlaps or skips. Photo courtesy: Milliken Chemicals.