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National Football League teams train all year for the opportunity to play in the Super Bowl. It's the job of George and Chip Toma to make sure the field meets the expectations of NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle, the two best football teams in the world and 130 television viewers. This year the Super Bowl returned to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, CA. The Toma crew, working with the Rose Bowl crew under Richard Gonzales, spent five busy weeks preparing the Rose Bowl and two practice facilities for the champions of football, the New York Giants and the Denver Broncos. Despite bothersome rain and unusually cold temperatures, the field for Super Bowl XXI was a shining example of the skill involved in being a professional sports turf manager. The steps necessary to make the field spectacular are covered in this detailed article.

20 WEED CONTROL IN COOL-SEASON ATHLETIC FIELDS

Dr. Thomas Turner, specialist in athletic field weed control at the University of Maryland, provides the latest word on herbicides for cool-season grasses as well as the keys to preventing and controlling weeds in heavily-used athletic fields. Effective weed control involves proper drainage, grading, soil texture, turf density and proper timing for overseeding and weed control. But, it's only possible with the proper financial support and sensible use of athletic fields.

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