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The popularity of horse races on turf tracks has grown steadily since 1958 when Suffolk Downs in East Boston, MA built a seven-furlong turf oval inside its dirt track. From Memorial Day to November, six races per week are run on the perennial ryegrass turf course. In 20 years the number of races on the turf has increased from 60 to 260 a year. For three generations, it has been the job of the Pini family to keep both tracks in top racing condition. Steve Pini recently improved the drainage, mowing and maintenance of the turf track as part of a major improvement program by Belle Isle Limited Partnership, a group led by Boston sports figure Buddy LeRoux.

22 WEMBLEY STADIUM: THE "SUPER PITCH" OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Next month the Denver Broncos and the Los Angeles Rams will treat a sold-out crowd of British sports fans in Wembley Stadium to only the third exhibition of American football ever held in England. Since the first exhibition game between the Minnesota Vikings and the St. Louis Cardinals in 1984, Sam Monson of the Vikings has advised the Wembley head groundsman on how to turn the historic pitch into a "Super Bowl" for one day in August. Monson has learned to work between frequent rain showers to get the pitch ready for this international event. The National Football League, pleased by the success of Wembley, is exploring offers from other cities outside the U.S. for pre-season exhibitions of American football.

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