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## MAIN EVENTS

### 14 ST. LOUIS PARK CARRIES TORCH FOR U.S. SOCCER

The Soccer Capital of the U.S. and the King of Beers have joined together to provide a year-round base for soccer in this country. St. Louis Soccer Park is the dream of the St. Louis Youth Soccer Association and Dennis Long, president of Anheuser-Busch Inc. It is the first soccer-only facility in the U.S. with both natural and artificial fields. Pat Gray, a former golf course superintendent, keeps both surfaces in play regardless of rain, floods, and snow. The park is busy year-round with tournaments and clinics to help train future U.S. soccer champions.

### 22 AERATION TAKES ROOT IN SPORTS TURF

Poor drainage and compaction are the greatest foes of quality sports turf. Dr. John Harper explains how using aerators to maintain the underground half of the turf community increases the effectiveness of surface maintenance. This detailed story tracks the history of mechanical aerators and provides a comparison of the models on the market today. It's vital information for every sports turf manager to know.

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