OLSEN FIELD: COLLEGIATE DIAMOND SPARKLES

Leo Goertz had every intention of becoming an agricultural economist when he joined his older brother at Texas A&M University in College Station. But a part-time job as a student manager at the university’s new Olsen Field, which Goertz took to help pay for his education, has since become a full-time one as head groundskeeper. He has no regrets and this year his hard work at Olsen Field won the Baseball Diamond of the Year Award for the collegiate level.

CHANNEL DRAINS

A growing number of sports turf managers and groundskeepers are discovering the advantages of channel-type drains. The tall, narrow drains provide a greater tolerance to slope and simplify installation. Drainage problems can be remedied without expensive equipment or major surface disturbance.

POSTEMERGENCE WEED CONTROL: HELPING TURF ON THE REBOUND

Sports turf is in a constant state of recovery. It is gouged, trampled, mowed low, aerated, verticut, and played on when injured or dormant. Yet, with proper care and use, it rebounds within days. A major part of that care is weed control, both preemergence and postemergence. In this article, turf specialists from across the country describe key problem weeds and their control once they have become established.