As another baseball season winds to its climactic conclusion in the World Series, those less fortunate teams are left to ponder their shortcomings over the long off-season. Just what elements do go into the making of a championship team—skill, determination, and a little bit of luck, but most of all, the true champions find an edge that makes them just slightly better than the competition. This is often the element that propels them to the top of their game.

Sports turf managers are always looking for that edge too, and at the First International Sports Turf Conference and Show, January 13-15, 1989, they will find all the tips and answers that will fine-tune a healthy program and help rebuild an ailing one.

STMA has appropriately chosen Dodgertown for its 1989 annual meeting, conference, and trade show. Dodgertown, the spring-training home of the Los Angeles Dodgers, is located in Vero Beach, FL.

The Dodgertown complex is a veritable turf manager's dream. The site includes 220 acres of sports turf—the four baseball diamonds used for spring training and 6,000-seat Holman Stadium, plus a 27-hole championship golf course.

The conference program will include presentations by experts on all the different segments of the sports turf industry, demonstrations of new and unique approaches to turf maintenance, and an opportunity to discuss problems or successes with other turf managers from around the country.

Members will have direct input into association operations for the coming year, and will elect the officers for 1989. The Annual Awards Banquet will feature the presentations of the STMA scholarship awards and the Baseball Diamond of the Year Award.

The conference will also include the STMA annual business meeting, a trade show and field demonstrations, educational seminars, and a special tour with "the Pro's" at Holman Stadium.

If you are not a member of STMA or would like more information about the conference, please contact the STMA office, 400 N. Mountain Ave., Suite 301, Upland, CA 91768, (714) 981-9199. A conference registration form is on the next page for your convenience. Don't delay, early bird rates expire the end of this month. See you in Dodgertown!