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## MAIN EVENTS

### 18 **FESCUES EMULATE SCOTLAND ON THE LINKS AT SPANISH BAY**

When the golf course design team of Robert Trent Jones II, Frank Tattum and Tom Watson were commissioned to create an authentic reproduction of the historic golf courses of Scotland on the Pacific Coast near Monterey, CA, they decided the single most important ingredient of the project was the use of fine fescues. Despite the warnings of skeptics, fescues were sown, the course opened on time, and it was named the top new resort course in the nation by *Golf Digest* magazine. Seed consultant Dr. Richard Hurley and superintendent Carl Rygg have proven that maintaining fine fescue greens, tees and fairways is not only possible in this country, but it allows American golfers to experience the natural beauty and challenge of linksland golf.

### 29 **JOE ROBBIE STADIUM PREPARES FOR SUPER BOWL XXIII**

When the National Football League selected Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami to host Super Bowl XXIII, the facility was no more than a set of architectural drawings. Robbie, owner of the Miami Dolphins, wanted to finance the stadium strictly with private funds... and he insisted on a natural playing surface. As a result, the stadium is perhaps the only natural turf facility built largely as a stage for the Super Bowl. The NFL's George and Chip Toma, turf consultant Tom Mascaro, and new groundskeeper Gary Morris spent the holidays preparing for the biggest football event of the season, Super Bowl XXIII.

### 36 **FIRST ANNUAL MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The staff of *sportsTURF* proudly presents its first Man of the Year Award to a pioneer in both the golf and athletic field industries, Dr. Fred V. Grau. His career spans more than 50 years, starting with the United States Golf Association, and most recently includes his work with the National Sports Turf Council. Throughout his career, Grau has believed that the potential of the turfgrass industry is far greater than most people realize. Join us in honoring Grau as the first *sportsTURF* Man of the Year.

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