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## MAIN EVENTS

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Ever since the release of Pennncross in 1955, this seeded creeping bentgrass has dominated greens construction and renovation. The introduction of a number of new varieties over the past few years has been received by superintendents and golf course architects with a certain amount of reluctance. This story reveals that universities have been breeding and evaluating hundreds of bents in their research plots for 20 years or more. Only recently have a few of these varieties been released for commercial use. The National Turfgrass Evaluation Program bentgrass trial, the first coordinated effort to compare creeping bentgrasses, will start producing results in the spring of 1991. In the meantime, a number of golf courses have begun using the new varieties with excellent results.

### 16 CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF BASEBALL INFIELDS

Four experts reveal the keys to their success in baseball infield construction and maintenance. Whether your fields are Kentucky bluegrass, bermudagrass, or just dirt, you can pick up a number of valuable tips from this story.

### 25 LABATT PARK: BASEBALL NORTH OF THE BORDER

Baseball is not the first game that springs to mind when you think of Canada. . . hockey is. But when the Detroit Tigers went looking for a Canadian home for its AA affiliate, they discovered that London, Ontario had an interest in baseball and a stadium field that rivaled those in the states. In fact, Mike Regan, head groundskeeper for London's Labatt Park, left the city's hockey rink to maintain the diamond nearby. Labatt Park is the winner of the Baseball Diamond of the Year Award in the Professional Category.

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