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REBOUND

Congratulations on the excellent article by Bob Milano in the June 1993 edition of *sportsTURF*. Mr. Milano's article, "Take a Systematic Approach to Irrigation Trouble-Shooting," was a pleasure to read and, in some ways, has vindicated me in the eyes of my peers.

Employed in the field of turfgrass irrigation for a central California school district, I am often approached by administrators, managers, teachers and coaches looking for a quick solution to "dry spot" problems. Often it is impossible to persuade these people that sometimes the problem is only a symptom of soil problems or a greater irrigation disease, that being one of overall system design flaws or improper initial installation. I have always subscribed to the adage that a sprinkler system is an interrelated and interdependent body, and that the whole system must be investigated in a systematic manner. It is so tempting in our profession to replace one

sprinkler head or perform the "quick fix" in order to please a multitude of individuals without contemplating the overall system effects.

One solution to the "broken-wire" syndrome which I have incorporated into all my design plans is to run additional color-coded ground and control wires through each valve box. The initial extra cost is minor compared to the alternatives. In the event that the wire break location cannot be found, a spare wire can be quickly and easily connected to rectify the problem. This is one alternative to opening up the ground and disturbing a playing surface and has saved time and money on more than one occasion.

Again, thanks for a very timely and well-written article. My subscription to your magazine has indeed been worthwhile, and it will continue.

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