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## MAIN EVENTS

### 10 STMA Soccer Field of the Year:

#### University of Wisconsin, River Falls

Despite a tight budget, groundskeeper Tom Foley utilized his experience with the Chicago Bears and Kansas City Chiefs to turn a bumpy intramural field into a regulation-size, top quality soccer field for the University's new NCAA women's team.

### 14 Are You Improving Drainage or Just Burying Your Money?

Soils expert Chuck Dixon explains that incorporating sand or digging trenches in a poorly draining field could be a waste of money. Don't cover up your French drains with soil, he says. Let sand on the surface direct water to the trenches for removal.

### 17 Portable Pumps Work in a Pinch

If rain is a common occurrence in your area, a portable pump would be a wise investment. Puddles can be eliminated in minutes with the pumps to enable the game to go on.

### 19 Field Covers, The Foul Weather Player

You can protect your field from rain, snow and concert crowds with an assortment of field covers. You can also speed up germination and turf establishment.

### 23 Playability Equals Profits

Teams pay to play at Cal State in Fullerton, so mistakes in design or maintenance can spell financial disaster. Merton Johnson, landscape manager, justified the cost of installing improved drainage by satisfying professional and World Cup Soccer clubs.

### 25 First Industry Survey Establishes Benchmarks

Results from a survey of 2,000 sports turf managers reveal the similarities and differences among types of facilities. The joint STMA/sportsTURF project is the first in history.

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The now-famous circular mowing pattern creating by Eric Adkins at Chicago Soldier Field during World Cup '94.  
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