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Spring training home of the Pittsburgh Pirates, McKechnie Field in Bradenton, FL, was once dreaded by those who had to play on it. The combined efforts of 26-year-old Mike Hurd and his crew, the city and county, and the Pirates organization turned the once-tired field into a winner.

16 MODIFIED ROOTZONES: GOING UNDERGROUND

Few native soils, especially those subjected to heavy traffic, make an adequate rootzone that will allow the turfgrass to thrive. That means almost all native soils subjected to intense traffic require some modification or amendment. Steve Wightman of San Diego's Jack Murphy stadium presents an overview of modified rootzone design and maintenance.

20 SPRING SEEDING AND TOPDRESSING: SPREADING SUCCESS

When it comes to getting a field ready for play after winter, the value of spring seeding and topdressing can't be overestimated. There is no "catch-all" program for topdressing and seeding — each must be tailor-made to meet the conditions of the specific field and the goals of the sports turf manager.

24 PREVENTION CURES IRRIGATION HEADACHES

You wouldn't you let a top-notch mower, aerator or any piece of equipment you depend upon frequently to fall into disrepair — ongoing maintenance prevents that. The same preventative service approach should be applied to sports turf irrigation systems, explains irrigation consultant Robert Healey, ASIC-CID.

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