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10 *The Beam Clay 1995 Soccer Field of the Year: Sportscore Soccer Complex, Rockford, IL*

The floods that devastated the Midwest in 1993 destroyed the soccer fields at the Sportscore Soccer Complex in Rockford, IL. Incredibly, Sportscore Superintendent Steve Roser and his staff were able to get the fields back in shape in time for limited play during the winter soccer season, and by the start of the 1995 season the fields were back in top condition. Bob Tracinski has the inside scoop on how Roser and the Sportscore crew brought the fields back to life.

14 *Spreaders and Sprayers: Precision Application Depends on Regular Calibration*

Spreaders and sprayers are essential tools for turf managers. To get the proper results from any turf product — seed, fertilizer, herbicides, pesticides or fungicides — the rate of application must be consistent. To assure proper application rates, spreaders and sprayers must be maintained properly and calibrated correctly. Steve and Suz Trusty outline the proper procedures for calibrating equipment.

20 *Integrated Pest Management: Discouraging Diseases With Cultural Management Techniques*

Cultural management is one of the most overlooked methods of discouraging turfgrass disease. Proper fertilization, irrigation and mowing are key elements in disease prevention and are critical to maintaining healthy athletic fields. Dr. J.M. Vargas Jr. of Michigan State University explains how cultural management can keep your turf healthy.

24 *Turf of the Month: Zoysiagrass*

Zoysiagrass has been called "The Living Astroturf" and offers tremendous potential as an athletic turf. However, zoysiagrass, though popular as a home-lawn turf in both warm climates and the transition zone, has not yet developed a niche in the sports turf market. Zoysia producers are continuing work on improved varieties that will offer faster germination and better recovery from injury, the two major drawbacks of zoysia.

28 *Guidelines for Summer Mowing*

Summer mowing is a crucial element of any turf management program. Many fields, such as baseball fields, are in use during the summer, and turf managers must keep the grass short enough for optimum playing conditions but not so short that the health of the turf is threatened. Other fields that are not in use during most of the summer, such as many football fields and soccer fields, still require mowing and maintenance to prevent turf damage and to keep the field in prime shape for the next season. Joe McDonald, product manager for John Deere, offers some summer mowing tips to help keep your turf looking great.

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The Sportscore soccer complex in Rockford, IL, hosted a total of 3,700 games in 1994 after recovering from devastating floods in 1993.

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