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Super Bowl XXIX was played at Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami on a fresh surface of hybrid Bermudagrass shipped from Southern California. Photo courtesy: West Coast Turf.