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Jack Trice Field, the playing surface at Cyclone Stadium and the home of the Iowa State University Cyclones, was converted from artificial turf to a sand-based natural grass surface prior to the 1996 football season. By the end of the year, the field had earned both the praise of the media and STMA's 1996-1997 College Football Field of the Year honors.

19 Hall of Fame Not Doubleday's Only Game

Established in 1920, Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, N.Y., blends the old with the new. Each year it serves as the focal point for the world of baseball, as it recently did for this year's Hall of Fame ceremonies and Hall of Fame Game.

20 Post-Season Baseball Diamond Renovation

After the baseball season, most field managers want a break from their diamonds, but the plain fact is that the four to six weeks after the competitive season is a crucial time in preparing diamonds for next season. Sports turf specialist Jim Puhalla shows how, with a few days' work now, you can substantially upgrade the diamond for next year.

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Demands on equipment during the fall frequently rival the intensity of the spring rush. Service specialist Eli Luster outlines a comprehensive equipment preventive maintenance program that can ensure machines are ready to work and curtail costly downtime.

34 Funding Fields for Fun, Profit — and Survival!

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44 Avoiding Liability Lawsuits

Avoiding liability lawsuits is probably not part of your written job description, but it's definitely part of your day-to-day duties: your action — or lack of action — could put you and your facility at risk of time-consuming, costly litigation. Floyd Perry shows what precautions you should take to save life- and limb-threatening situations and stay ahead of the liability "wave."

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On the Cover: Jack Trice Field, home of the Iowa State University Cyclones, shows its new colors — red on natural turfgrass green. Photo by Jim Heemstra.