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### MAIN EVENTS

#### 10 **ASTM Recommendations for Skinned Area Soils Are in the Works**

When a field's skinned areas are in excellent condition, ballplayers can concentrate all of their efforts on the game. Skinned area surfaces provide the traction for a player to round the bases at full speed, and the cushioning for that slide to beat the ball. The ASTM is currently in the process of developing guidelines for the construction and maintenance of these important skinned areas.

#### 13 **The Cutting Edge on Reel Verses Rotary Mowers**

Mowing is an important part of the art and science of sports turf management. Sports turf professionals must choose equipment and develop mowing strategies to fit the specific needs of their fields. Different cutting units entice turf managers with a range of great features, but if a mower doesn't deliver a cut that consistently meets standards, it is simply unacceptable.

#### 20 **Forward Motion: Putting Tissue Tests to Work**

Athletic field turf is composed of a mass of complex organisms striving collectively and individually to grow and thrive in what all too often becomes a hostile environment. The job of the sports turf manager is to create and maintain conditions which support the positive elements of that environment, and to reduce the negative elements. Used in conjunction with soil testing, tissue testing is a very important tool in this process.

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Proper maintenance of a baseball diamond's skinned areas ensures optimum field conditions at game time.  
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