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sportsTURF's Manager of the Year

Ask anyone about Mike Schiller, and before you get words, you get a smile. He is a genuinely nice guy, a standout, standup man of commitment. Mike not only lives up to his principles, he sweeps others along with him on the straight and narrow path of dedication. This magazine is honored to name him Manager of the Year for 1998.

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The Milwaukee Brewers' grounds crew "do the wave" — an emergency technique that helped save their field last summer.

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Inset: Mike Schiller — sportsTURF's Manager of the Year. Photo courtesy: Trusty & Associates.