Lip Buildup

by Floyd Perry

Progressive groundskeepers know that dragging, weather, players' actions, and the yearly addition of clay create extensive buildup of infield material along the grass edges. To bring this problem under control, groundskeepers either cut sod from the field, or they roll the lip after a heavy rain or double irrigation cycle.

Once the situation is manageable, several options can help reduce the annual reconstructive task.

High school and recreation fields are generally abused, so lip problems are going to be a regular problem. With help from some unique tools, a little high-volume water, and some off-season maintenance, we have a chance to prevent some potentially serious bad bounce problems — and the upset parents that go with them.

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Hydro washing the turf edge is extremely important, but two factors determine its plausibility. First, quick connections and one-inch hose volume must be available. Field downtime is also necessary, so that you can thoroughly clean inside and outside edges.

Power brooming tools reduce time allotments and they eliminate the need to wet down your clay surfaces.

Off-season wind barriers might prevent spring start-up maintenance headaches.

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