Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Goalpost on field
Turfgrass Area: Stadium Field
Location: Blacksburg, Virginia
Grass Variety: Bermudagrass overseeded with perennial rye

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The goalpost on the stadium field is not really a problem, but an attempt to avoid a problem. Rowdy fans didn’t break off the goalpost; the grounds crew has gently lowered it onto the field. Several years ago, the sports turf manager at Virginia Tech was looking for a solution to the goalpost-breaking brigade. He contacted the University of Iowa and they sent him videotape on their system. Virginia Tech then modified the idea of a hinge on the goalpost to quickly allow lowering of the posts (see inset photo). The goalpost is simply held up with a specially designed tool and then the pin is removed from the hinge. The goalpost is then lowered to the turf. The record time at Virginia Tech for lowering the post is four seconds flat. That will stay ahead of most goalpost-breaking brigades.

Photo submitted by Jason W. Bowers, Sports Turf and Athletic Grounds Manager at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA.

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