

Can you identify this sports turf problem?



Problem: Brown Turf

Turfgrass Area: Athletic Field

Location: Southern United States

Grass Variety: Bermudagrass

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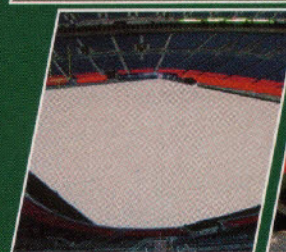
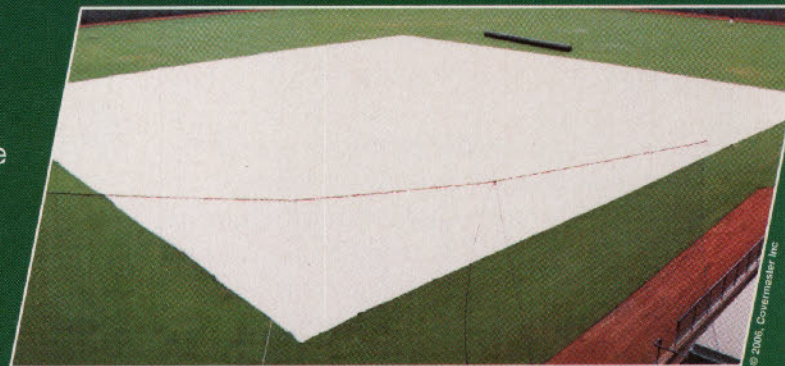
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Answer: from page 19

The brown turf is a result of a plywood end-zone paint stencil. The turf was not turned brown because of the stencil being left on the field during the heat of the day; the stencil burned it itself. After some investigative work it was determined that the plywood stencils had been stored under the stands against several pallets of Ammonium Sulfate fertilizer. The fast-release fertilizer had permeated the plywood and when the plywood was laid on the turf, the residual fertilizer in the plywood burned the turf. The problem was masked by some green dye and a new location was found to store the stencils. ■

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