

Can you identify this sports turf problem?



Problem: Brown parallel lines running across soccer field

Turfgrass Area: High School Athletic Field

Location: Miramar, FL

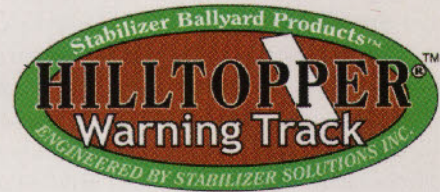
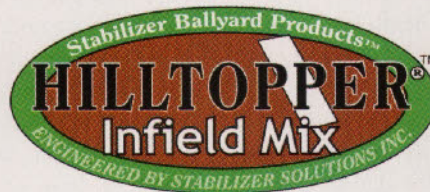
Grass Variety: 419 Bermudagrass

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really tough to get out and get any maintenance projects done," he says.

McCarty derives his greatest pleasure from "just being outside around sports and the kids. I have been a sports guy all my life and when we crown a tournament champion or a state championship team, the excitement from the athletes and the parents is amazing," he says. "The memories that are made here will be remembered forever and I am just glad to be a part of that. I am always pleased to hear someone say that they can't wait to come back. The preparation that goes into a big game or tournament sometimes seems overwhelming, but when it all comes together and everything looks great before the event, that's a great feeling."

Like all turf managers, McCarty is beholden to Mother Nature. "The biggest headache has to be the same for me as it is for many others – the weather. It plays such a critical role in everything," he says. "The toughest decisions I make are based on weather." ■

John Mascaro's Photo Quiz



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The brown parallel lines running across this soccer field appeared in early January 1989 on this high school field in South Florida. When the supervisor for the school board maintenance department first saw the damage, he was puzzled. The brown lines were not only parallel to each other, but also appeared on both sides of the center of the field in uniform distance. There were also numerous other lines that were not brown, going across the field, sideline to sideline. After further investigation, it turned out that the field had been used for the Super Bowl XXIII halftime show practice entitled "Bo Bop Bamboozled," which was also played in South Florida that same January. The halftime show practice was mostly done during Christmas break when the students were off the field and the maintenance department was not informed of the practice until after the event.

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