

# John Mascaro's Photo Quiz

## Can you identify this sports turf problem?



**Problem:** Dark square under soccer line

**Turfgrass Area:** Soccer Field

**Location:** Southeastern United States

**Grass Variety:** Bermudagrass



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**A** **Answer:**  
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The dark square under the soccer line is actually a rubber mat. The story is not the mat; it is the fact that the mat is hiding a steel storm drain that lies directly down the path of the sideline. The area around the storm drain is also graded very low to allow the storm drain to work properly when rain events occur, causing a second hazard.

When the field is layed out for football, this storm drain is not a hazard, however when the field is lined for soccer, the steel grate of the drain not only runs through the sideline, but a portion of it is also on the playing surface. A rubber mat has been placed on top of the drain to give some added cushion, however the mat is a tripping hazard as well. The improper design on an athletic field like this is not only dangerous, it is a potential liability hazard. Proper consideration for all sports should be considered when designing a sports field because we are in the business of providing safe playing surfaces for our athletes. When schools hire designers or contractors who are not qualified, this type of safety hazard often results. ■

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