

John Mascaro's Photo Quiz

Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Garnet paint on turf
Turfgrass area: Stadium End zone
Location: Tallahassee, FL
Grass Variety: 419 Bermudagrass



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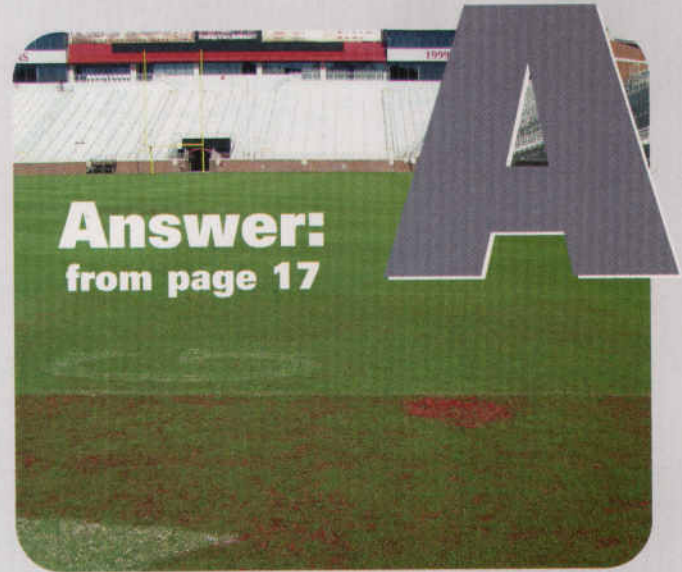
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The garnet colored paint on the turf in this stadium end zone is not a result of using too much paint in one area or even the result of spilling excess paint on the turf. The reason why this paint is still visible is because the turf growth has slowed in this circular area. The explanation as to why the turf growth has slowed is because the mascot for the FSU football team is a horse. This is the problem with football teams having large animals as mascots, the fact that they need to relieve themselves from time to time on your turf. Typically

the area where the horse makes his mark is on the non painted areas leaving a brown spot in the days following the game. These brown spots are either plugged out or allowed to re-grow if adequate time is allowed between games. On this occasion, Renegade the horse chose a painted area to get some relief. At least it wasn't a pile of horse chips or that may have given a whole new meaning to goal line stance!

Thank you to Brian Donaway, grounds supervisor at Florida State University, for allowing me to take these pictures.



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