

Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Area void of grass near sideline
Turfgrass Area: Soccer field
Location: Coconut Creek, FL
Grass Variety: 419 Bermudagrass

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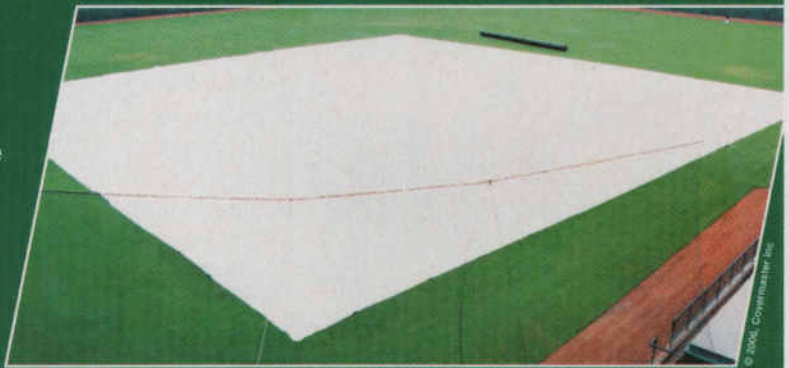
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John Mascaro's Photo Quiz

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This area void of grass near sideline is not actually a problem but an example of a good field layout coupled with excellent maintenance practices. As most of you know, soccer fields tend to wear out first in the center of the field as well as at the goal mouths. This lighted city park in South Florida is no exception to the rule as it gets many hours of play from immediately after school until 10:00 at night as well as all day and into the night on the weekends. However the fields were constructed on a fairly flat area that was only slightly crowned for drainage purposes. This allows the fields to be shifted from side to side, spreading the wear out over several

areas. The worn areas shown were actually in the center of the fields before the fields were moved. As soon as wear gets to a point that they cannot manage to grow it back in a reasonable time, the fields are shifted. The parks staff uses this technique for football as well. Proper design coupled with the ability and willingness to move fields allows the turf to recover, even during times of increased play.

Thanks to Cliff Abrams, Parks and Natural Resources Foreman for Sable Pines Park and the City of Coconut Creek, for allowing me to take this photo. Bill Tully, Maintenance Technician, is responsible for field layouts.

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