

John Mascaro's Photo Quiz

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Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Round indentions in clay

Turfgrass Area: Baseball infield area

Location: Reading, Pennsylvania

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These round indentions in the clay were not the result of a 'Dizzy Bat' summer camp in the rain; they were the result of quarter size hail stones. This stadium infield had just been laser graded and screened and then it received some rain so it was left to dry before the top layer of calcined clay was applied. When the base material was just about dry, another storm hit. This storm produced 50 mile an hour winds as well spawning a F1 tornado that touched down about 15 miles southwest of the stadium (which is rare for Pennsylvania). It also produced rainfall that turned into a hailstorm that lasted 10 minutes. Because the base material was uncovered, it received these dents from the hail stones. The turf areas were fine and the damage to the infield was easily removed by spiking and re-screening the entire area. The stadium did not suffer any major damage, other than some pine needles being shredded off some white pines. It was a good thing the hail was not baseball-sized.

Photo submitted by Dan Douglas, Director of Stadium Grounds at FirstEnergy Stadium, Reading, PA.

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