

John Mascaro's Photo Quiz

John Mascaro is President of Turf-Tec International

Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Brown half moon line just off 20-yard line

Turfgrass Area: High school stadium field

Location: Gainesville, GA

Grass Variety: Tifsport Bermuda overseeded with perennial rye

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These off-colored half moon areas appeared just off the 20-yard line on this high school stadium field the day after a game. It also appeared as well on several other areas around the field. The first time they showed up the grounds crew had to do some detective work to figure out what caused these marks. As it turns out, some majorettes for this high school band decided to add some additional flare to their halftime show by adding a flaming jump rope to their routine. Luckily, the damage in the pictures was mainly superficial. The flaming jump ropes singed the Bermuda pretty good and burned the ryegrass leaf tips. The grounds crew re-overseeded the areas and they grew out in about 2 weeks. Also, there were two areas where they had also set buckets with lighter fluid in them for the show. The buckets also killed the Bermudagrass in two perfect circles. In those areas, the rootzone was flushed with water and re-overseeded. Since this stadium shares the field with youth, junior varsity as well as high school sports, the Sports Turf Manager requested that they eliminate all fire from halftime shows but they occasionally sneak it in. At least the fields are natural grass!

Photo submitted by David Presnell, Landscape & Turf Technician for Gainesville City Schools and Bobby Gruhn Field in Gainesville, GA.

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