



John Mascaro's Photo Quiz

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Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Brown squares on turf in right field

Turfgrass Area: Brown squares on turf in right field

Location: San Francisco, CA

Grass Variety: Kentucky bluegrass and perennial rye

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These brown squares on the turf in right field of AT&T Park in San Francisco are a result of a football game. That's correct, once a year the right field area of this major league baseball stadium is transformed into an area for bleachers for the Emerald Bowl Football game. First the clay areas are removed and then the area is sodded. Next plywood is laid down to form a roadway in front of where the bleachers will be placed. Then squares of plywood are laid on the turf to allow the portable bleachers a firm surface area. The stands typically stay on the field for three to four weeks with construction and deconstruction. In addition to the Emerald Bowl, this stadium also endures the San Francisco Giants baseball games, music concerts, the Icer Air ski jump (Ski and Snowboard event with a 100 foot high ramp covered with 200 tons of man-made snow), AMA Supercross Series (Off-road Motorcycle Races) in which thousands of cubic yards of dirt is piled upon the turf as well as multiple other events. So in the grand scheme of things, these brown squares are interesting to look at but do not cause any real damage other than added compaction as compared to some of the other events at the stadium.

Thanks to Gregory Elliott, Sports Turf Manager at AT&T Park in San Francisco for allowing me to take these photos and sharing his story.

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