Problem: Circular depression in field
Turfgrass Area: University of Phoenix Stadium
Location: Glendale, Arizona
Grass Variety: Tifway 419 bermudagrass overseeded with perennial rye

Answer to John Mascaro’s Photo Quiz on Page 27
The circular depression on University of Phoenix's field is the dreaded “band disease.” This disease typically shows up after marching bands have their way with stadium turf. This particular circular indentation was actually the result of the Ohio State University marching band. These photos were taken immediately after the pregame festivities for the 2007 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, which was also the BCS National Championship Game on January 8, 2007 at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, AZ. The Ohio State Buckeye band is nationally known for spelling out “Ohio” in script form. This photo is from the beginning of the “O” where the entire band also follows in the same exact path to spell out the word. The sports turf manager also reports that although they have seen many different marching bands, the Ohio State band gets the award for most destructive band over the shortest period of time. Is there an award for that?

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