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# JOHN MASCARO'S PHOTO QUIZ

John Mascaro is President of Turf-Tec International

*Can you identify this sports turf problem?*

**Problem:** Irregular brown areas, some in straight lines

**Turfgrass area:** FirstEnergy Stadium

**Location:** Reading, PA

**Grass Variety:** Kentucky bluegrass

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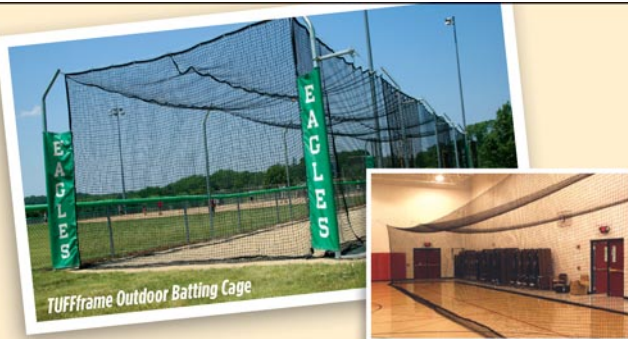
## Answers from page 17

**THESE IRREGULAR BROWN AREAS** were the result of a sleepover event after a Friday game at this stadium. The event attracted about 150 campers and 50 tents for this warm summer night out. The Sports Turf Manager started to see the grass die on Saturday right where one of the stadium's high ranking supervisors had been camping with his kids. The grounds crew suspected the brown areas were caused by bug spray but the patterns were oddly shaped, with some in straight lines. The sports turf manager could make out some small green footprints surrounded by death from the overspray confirming their suspicions.

As it turned out the straight line of death was caused by spraying mosquito repellent while standing next to the tent. The bug spray must have hit the outside wall of the tent and then run off the tent damaging the turf. Another baseball game was also scheduled to be played that Saturday afternoon on the stadium field before the damage could grow out. Next year they will make sure the ALL the campers are instructed to go to the warning track to apply their insect repellent.

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

If you would like to submit a photograph for John Mascaro's Photo Quiz please send it to John Mascaro, 1471 Capital Circle NW, Ste # 13, Tallahassee, FL 32303 call (850) 580-4026 or email to [john@turf-tec.com](mailto:john@turf-tec.com). If your photograph is selected, you will receive full credit. All photos submitted will become property of *SportsTurf* magazine and the Sports Turf Managers Association.



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