

# Rescuing

## a high school multi-use field

“HOW CAN YOU MAKE THE FIELD ‘GREENER’?” That was the question I was asked when I first came to the Norwood School in Bethesda, MD about their four bermuda-based multi-use athletic fields. The challenge for me was not if we could make them look “greener,” but convincing my superiors (who had no sports turf knowledge) that what was important was that they were safe for the many players who use them.

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With the current economic situation and with widening budget cuts, sports turf managers are being asked to do more with less. The challenge for me would be to put together an aggressive plan to address the many different unsafe conditions on the field then get the permission to use the limited funds that we have to do the needed applications and overseedings.

When I came to Norwood in August 2008 the fields had several large bare areas, mostly in the centers and goal areas. They were covered with a mixture of Tifway bermuda, perennial ryegrass, crabgrass, goose grass, nutsedge and *poa annua*. Because of the variety of grasses that were growing, it was causing differences in the color of the fields. There was always some grasses transitioning in and some out which brought the question of "How can we make it all one color green?" What I found with the existing program was that with the nitrogen applications the bermuda would green up but the unwanted grasses were still staying a few shades lighter. The nutsedge was even a few shades lighter than the poa. It was a constant challenge to keep the unwanted grasses from growing from the nitrogen, while trying to keep the bermudagrass as green as possible.

One challenge that I faced was trying to convince my superiors that we needed to put together an aggressive plan that would include one, and possibly two broad applications of an herbicide

and at least one overseeding to address the many issues with the fields. They were completely against the idea at first because of the timing for an application of Revolver. It would take place around the same time as commencement for the school, and shortly before the start of summer camp; which host several sports related activities.

I was able to coordinate a meeting with them to show that these various grasses were the cause of the different colors on the field. But, more importantly, I was able to show that these various grasses were causing an uneven surface that caused bad ball bounces. There was the possibility of injuries from running across the different clumpy areas.

I knew we had to control the ryegrass, which was growing year around, to reduce the competition with the bermuda. I also had to control the Poa that was constantly germinating from early spring through the summer into the fall. I also saw it as my one chance to change their thoughts about what was really important, safety! I had to set the realistic expectation that there would be some browning that would take place on the fields as the unwanted grasses died off from the application of Revolver, but that if timed right it could be done right before the summer green up of the bermuda.

We also put in the plan to overseed any bare areas with Riviera bermuda that raised another concern that it would not blend with

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the existing bermuda. After researching test results from NTEP and talking with Tim Moore at Newsom Seed, I was able to provide enough reassurance to the group that it would improve the density and with subsequent overseedings become the dominant variety.

Once I had eased some of their concerns and was given the green light to do the needed applications, I scheduled a broad application of Revolver to address the Poa and to eliminate the ryegrass. This was a challenge because we had to be mindful to schedule any

applications when the fields were not be used. On a typical day we would have PE classes on them starting at 9 am that would go until lunchtime. Then comes recess. After recess, PE returns until the end of the day when the fields are then used for athletics for either games or practices. As soon as athletics are finished they are then used by several teams in the community for practice. So finding time for any applications had to be planned as far in advance as we could, and had to be timed to allow the longest period of dry time before anyone entered the fields.

We had to give the chemical a chance of getting into the plant before the possibility of foot traffic disturbing the application. Because of the heavy use this was not going to be an option during the school year so it had to be scheduled for the day after school ended, which gave us a big enough window before anyone started to use the fields again for the summer programs.

Using a 250-gallon spray tank we mixed the Revolver at 1 ounce per gallon of water, which was the higher of the two recommended rates. Because the grasses we were targeting and the stage at which they were in we thought this would get us better control. We noticed almost right away that the first grass to be affected was the Poa. The seed heads curled and start to brown out. Within the next few days we noticed the ryegrass starting to curl. Within 2 weeks we were pleased with the results of the application as most of the grasses had browned out and had no signs of new growth.

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## Making do

Because of limited equipment availability there were a few small areas that we missed so we had to go back and spot treat these areas with a backpack sprayer. We proceeded with the plan to aerate and overseed with the Riviera bermuda. We applied at a rate of 2 lbs per 1000 sq ft which gave us the 1 lb of pure live seed needed to get a good amount of germination. With the weekly mowing still taking place and the applications of nitrogen every 2 weeks we started to see a fair amount of germination. As many know we did not have a great year in the transition zone for establishing and growing bermuda whether it was in overseedings or sprigging. We experienced lower than normal temperatures and higher than normal amounts of rainfall.

Although we were hosting several soccer camps on the fields we did see a fair amount of germination of the Riviera in the goal areas and down the centers of the fields. The coaches were very helpful in rotating their play to different areas of the fields to give each area as much of a break as possible. As we got close to the end of August I had to schedule an application of an herbicide to treat the rest of the goosegrass, crabgrass and nutsedge that was still hanging around. We went with an application of MSMA at a rate of 1 ounce per gallon that wiped out any of the remaining weeds and any of the newer weeds that started to germinate.

We started to gear up and look forward to the start of school and the fall athletic season. With all the work that we had done over the summer I had to make sure that we would be able to continue with the program I had put in place while not disrupting play on the fields. This would include another application of a MSMA to eliminate any leftover unwanted grasses or weeds and prepare the fields for the fall overseeding of perennial rye. In the past the fields had received only one aeration and overseeding in

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the fall on the entire field. That would have to be changed to include not only more aerations of the entire field but weekly aerations of the goal areas and center of the fields. I would double the overseedings with the ryegrass and do weekly overseedings of the goals and center of the fields to continue to replenish what was lost each week from all the foot traffic.

I set up another meeting to discuss the benefits of the addition seedings versus cost. By reinforcing the idea of a safe playing surface I was able to show that by adding the additional overseeding we would continue to provide an even playing surface. It was a tougher sell to my superiors than I had initially thought because at the time we were looking out over full lush and dark green bermuda fields and trying to make them see 2 months into the future when fall sports are in full swing. I had the idea of pulling out some old photos of the fields from the previous year and was able to show how unsafe they were. A picture is

worth a thousand words (or a couple thousand bucks), and it got me the approval for the additional funds needed for the fall program.

### Fitting it in

With the fall athletic season now in full swing we knew we would have to take the first opportunity that came along with a break in the schedule to get the aeration and overseeding done. This chance came in the first part of September when the school had a long weekend planned. This would give the seed at least 5 days to get in the soil and start to germinate. Even though there was a game scheduled for Thursday we saw this as a great opportunity to do the aeration and overseeding and have the players help by pushing the seed into the soil as they ran over the fields.

We started first thing in the morning by aerating the fields in four different directions then overseeded the fields with Brightstar II perennial ryegrass at a rate of

10 lbs per 1000 square feet. As soon as this was finished we dragged the fields with a 3/8 inch by 1 inch by 1 inch galvanized steel mesh drag mat. We knew that we would not be able to get all cores off the field in time for the games so we did our usual game day preparations by cutting the fields with our ReelMaster 2000 in two directions and added a light application of water to help soften the upper layer of soil just enough to get the seed pushed in.

By the end of the break we had a good amount of germination from the seed but I started to see what could possibly be some Poa germinating in a few areas of the field. As I thought about the options that I had I really did not like the idea of doing another herbicide treatment especially with having just done the overseeding of the ryegrass so we decided on an application of T-NEX plant growth regulator at .5 fluid ounces per gallon. The T-Nex (trinaxepc-ethyl) had many more benefits than I had originally thought. Since growth regulators



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reduce the amount of top growth which will produce a stronger healthier turf we were able to promote the ryegrass into a healthier stand of grass, prevent the Poa, not from growing, but from going to seed. We could keep it from spreading. It also gave us a break on the amount of time we needed to mow allowing us a chance to catch up on some much needed detail work on the rest of the 45 acres campus.

Since doing the application of T-NEX we have only had to mow the turf two times per month which has been we a huge reduction in labor time spent on the fields. We also liked the application of T-NEX because by preventing the Poa from seeding we are hoping for a reduction in the needed for an herbicide treatment in the future saving the school hundreds of dollars in labor and material cost. As the season progressed we planned to run the aerator in the goal areas and center of the fields to keep the soil compaction to a minimum and we also replenished the perennial ryegrass by put down two bags down the centers and in the goal areas. While this helped to continue the establishment of the rye in heavily used area what we found was that it also built up a seed bank so once the season ended we save an explosion of new growth in these areas.

The final step in the program was to put the fields to bed and cover them with turf blankets. Because I knew that the funds were not there for enough turf blankets to cover the entire fields I needed to at least purchase enough to cover the goals to show the benefits with the hope that we can secure the funds in next year's budget. ■

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# Understanding

## *turfgrass species for athletic fields and rec areas*

**T**urfgrass selection is perhaps the most important part in developing and maintaining a healthy and vigorous turf stand. There are many choices available to us today and the planning process cannot be underestimated. Over the years plant breeders have made significant advancements in the development of cultivars within cool-season species like Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, fine fescue and tall fescue. During this time seed companies have consistently released varieties with improved growth characteristics, turf quality, resistance to drought, insect, disease and other important benefits. Today the turf manager faces the ever difficult task of making the decision of “Which variety or varieties are right for me?”

In going through the decision process for new construction, renovation or maintenance (overseeding), it is important to review all the elements in which turf has to perform. The following points should be a part of the planning and selection process of the appropriate species and cultivars for the intended use.

### Species selection: environmental factors

- Type of sport or use: football, baseball, soccer
- Physical characteristics: soil or sand, climate and environmental stresses and concerns, drainage.

- Management issues: wear (goal mouth, center of field, sidelines)
- Repair and maintenance: time of repair and renovation (during difficult times, during play)
- Maintenance budget
- Maintenance: number of staff, type and number of equipment, cultural practices, irrigation system.
- Inputs: fertility, pesticides, irrigation, topdressing material, seed, etc.
- Other uses: concerts, events

### Species selection: turf characteristics

- Growing environment: full sun or low light (stadium facilities)
- Wear tolerance, recovery period
- Establishment, turf density
- Turf strength, lateral stability, stable footing
- Disease resistance and winter persistence
- Heat and drought tolerance
- Other: salt tolerance, weed control, etc.

With ever increasing environmental, climatic and public demands while maintaining the need for high quality turfgrass athletic and recreational fields, seed varieties today offer the turf manager many benefits, agronomic stability and flexibility.

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ty. Understanding the major and subtle differences between varieties within a species category is important in the selection process. For example Kentucky bluegrass is highly apomictic, meaning that plant alteration and variety improvement is a difficult and complex process, generally resulting in small differences in agronomic characteristics and range of genetic diversity within varieties categorized in the same 'Type' such as Midnight, Aggressive, America and Compact, to name a few. Other major cool-season species such as perennial ryegrass and fescue (tall and fine) are also organized into types offering different characteristics for specific use.

When selecting a new seed variety from a proven seed company with a well-established development and breeding program, you can be sure that the varieties have been thoroughly field tested and evaluated to produce a broad genetic base. The National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) testing conducted at multiple locations

## Adding perennial ryegrass will speed up establishment assisting with natural weed control and increasing disease resistance

and through independent university sites across the US and Canada, data confirms the improved qualities needed for producing a high quality turf. If the variety has no traceable testing history then it is not worth looking at.

Most importantly, parent plants for new varieties have survived the test of time growing in different locations. Over the years well established breeding programs have selected turfgrass clones from hundreds of locations across North America and other regions around the globe. During a site visit the plant breeder will identify and collect desirable turf samples. Plants identified for collecting have noticeable characteristics that would be beneficial to incorporate into breeding project, leaf textured, density, vertical growing, specific disease and insect resistance, drought tolerance, salt tolerance etc. Specific areas are targeted for collecting where plants have been growing and surviving for generations under harsh conditions.

The collected plants are brought back to the research farm for

evaluation. Collected plants, commonly referred to as "germplasm," are added to the already established collection. After a few years of evaluation only the best 1-2% of all plants collected will be considered for use in breeding a new variety. Ninety eight to ninety nine percent of collected plants will be discarded. Only the best performing plants will be used for developing a new variety. Typically, it takes 10-12 years to breed and commercially release a new improved variety for use on professional turf surfaces.

For example, with the breeding and development of a new variety, existing plants from proven varieties are used. Additionally, new clones or germplasm are crossed with a selection of the new material that has been identified for improved agronomic qualities and characteristics (disease resistance, drought tolerance, vigorous growth, wear and recovery, uniformity, density etc.). This would mean that the new variety would have a broader genetic base developed using 20 parent plants and therefore be superior and less likely to suffer from catastrophic failure. This summary of the detail and investment that goes into the development of a variety give turf managers confidence that there are significant agronomic advantages and benefit in working with an improved seed variety. NTEP.org and private independent research data is a good reference point for identifying proven new varieties in the Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass and fescue species.

### Understanding Kentucky bluegrass cultivars

Kentucky bluegrass is the primary species for athletic fields and recreational turfgrass use in North America. With proper management forms a fine-textured, high quality, long lasting turf stand. The rhizomes of Kentucky bluegrass increase stability, improve traction and provide good recovery to damaged and bare areas. Kentucky bluegrass can be used as a monostand, but to maximize the genetic base it is advantageous to select a polystand or blend of types.

It first must be understood that Kentucky bluegrass in contrast to all other cool-season turfgrasses, is highly apomictic. This means that almost every seed (usually over 95%) is an identical copy of the mother plant, which means that there is very little genetic diversity within a variety. This is because most varieties fall into similar groups or classifications. To maximize diversity it is best to blend together similar varieties from different categories. For example there is little agronomic benefit for an athletic field to be seeded containing five varieties similar to Midnight. The best approach would be to blend top varieties able to tolerate very low cutting heights from within the "Compact Elite," the "America Elite," the "Aggressive" type and possibly within the "Early Spring Greening" categories.

### Improved drought tolerance of Texas hybrids

Recently much attention has been given to the development of heat and drought tolerance in Kentucky bluegrass. Known as hybrid bluegrass (Texas hybrids) these new cultivars have proven



to perform equivalent to tall fescue varieties in a number of different trial locations. Other studies have also concluded that under limited irrigation cycles Texas hybrids perform better and maintained greater turf quality than tall fescue cultivars. In the same study tall fescue had higher water use. Along with improved heat and drought tolerance other benefits, extensive rhizomes for improved wear and recovery, lower water usage and good performance under lower maintenance.

### Ryegrass a good companion

Perennial ryegrass is a fine textures species with the potential to develop into a high quality, hardwearing turf stand. It's fast establishing characteristics combined with high quality, color, texture and close mowing tolerance make perennial ryegrass ideal for athletic sports field use. These qualities are why perennial ryegrass is best used in a sports field seed mixture as a companion to Kentucky bluegrass. It is also important to remember that by blending the two species genetic diversity is increased maximizing each species strengths and weaknesses. Adding perennial ryegrass will speed up establishment assisting with natural weed control and importantly increases disease resistance and is resistant to different diseases than Kentucky bluegrass such as necrotic ring spot.

Perennial ryegrass is also endohpyte enhanced that improves tol-

erance to insects such as billbugs. Mix with Kentucky bluegrass the ryegrass component ranges from 10- 50% dependent on application. The percentage of perennial ryegrass used in a mixture should be based on the desired time period from time of seeding to planned use. If the establishment period is limited then a greater percent of ryegrass is recommended.

Intermediate ryegrass has been introduced over the past 8 years and offers some excellent benefits. Based on the principals of an annual plant Intermediate ryegrass has been develop to produce a high quality turf stand similar to perennial turf type ryegrass. Characteristics include germination under cool soil conditions, rapid establishment and improved turf quality over traditional annual ryegrass. Intermediate is an excellent overseeding tool for high traffic areas and is less competitive in a mixture with Kentucky bluegrass than perennial ryegrass.

### Fescue offers alternatives

Turf-type tall fescue has traditionally been used on non-irrigated low-maintenance sports fields in transition zone and cooler climates. Tall fescue has two limiting factors that need to be considered; improved disease resistance and poor establishment. Generally speaking tall fescue is very wear tolerant once fully established, but getting tall fescue established before traffic and wear is



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Type	Description	PICKSEED Offering	Comparable Varieties		
Compact	* Low, compact growth	<b>ALPINE</b>	Argos	Indigo	Glade
	* High quality turf	<b>MOONSHADOW</b>	Amazon	Moonlight	Ram 1
	* 1/2 inch cutting height	<b>INDIGO</b>	Chicago II	Nugget	Golden Nugget
	* Excellent resistance to Leaf Spot	<b>EXPLORER</b>	Blacksburg	P-105	Amazon
	* Long Winter dormancy		Blackstone	Platini	Apex
	* Variable under summer stress		Conni	Broadway	Goldstar
	* Often purple winter color		Wildwood	Diva	Blue-tastic
			Ascot	Hallmark	Skye
			Blue Max	Casablanca	
			Apex		
Compact-Midnight	* Characteristics of compact type	<b>QUANTUM LEAP</b>	Barrister	Midnight	Beyond
	* Very dark green color	<b>BLUE VELVET</b>	Award	NuGlade	Rhythm
	* Late Spring green-up	<b>GRANITE</b>	Awesome	Midnight II	EverGlade
	* Good heat tolerance		Impact	Total Eclipse	Everest
	* Susceptible to Powdery Mildew		Liberator	Rugby II	Freedom III
	* Variable resistance to Summer Patch		Arcadia	Odyssey	Midnight Star
	* Many susceptible to stem and leaf rust		Courtyard	Absolute	Freedom II
			Midnight	NuDestiny	Alexa
			NuGlade	GINNEY	Blustone
Compact-America	* Characteristics of compact type	<b>LANGARA</b>	Showcase	Dybamo	Blue Knight
	* Finer leaf, higher density	<b>AMERICA</b>	Apollo	Unique	
	* Moderate Winter dormancy	<b>MERCURY</b>	Brilliant	Bedazzled	
	* Moderate Summer recovery		Bordeaux	Royale	
	* High Summer Patch resistance		Arrow	Boutique	
	* Resistant to Powdery Mildew		Mallard	Glenmont	
	* Good in shade		Sonoma	Kingfisher	
Aggressive	* Aggressive lateral growth	<b>TOUCHDOWN</b>	A-34	Northstar	Broadway
	* High shoot density		Baris	P-104	Durham
	* Very wear tolerant		Mystic	Cheetah	Fairfax
	* Quickly knit sod and repair		Brunswick	Julius	
	* May predominate in blend		Orfeo	Limousine	
	* Variable in other characteristics		Showcase	SR 2284	
BVMG	* High seed yields	<b>CANNON</b>	Abbey	Fortuna	Merit
	* Medium-good turf	<b>CREST</b>	Baron	Gnome	Famous
	* Stripe Smut susceptible		BlueChip	Goldrush	
	* Medium low growth		BlueStar	Clearwater	
	* Medium wide leaf		Marquis	Nassau	
	* Very stemmy turf		Dragon	Raven	
	* Poor Winter performance		Envicta	Victa	
	* Resistant to leaf spot				
	* Billbug susceptible				
			<i>* BVMG = Baron, Victa, Merit, Gnome</i>		
Shamrock	* Moderate Winter color	<b>PARKLAND</b>	SR 2100	Shamrock	Wild Horse
	* Good resistance to Leaf Spot		Atlantis	Brooklawn	
	* Good turf quality and sod strength		Champlain	Lakeshore	
	* Billbug susceptible		Moonshine	Champagne	
	* High seed yields		Durham	Mongoose	
	* Less stemmy than BVMG				
	* Strong rhizome development				
	* Summer performance variable				
Julia	* High turf quality	<b>RAMPART</b>	Avalanche	Julia	
	* High density		Ikone	Ulysses	
	* Good Summer performance		Caliber		
	* Very high wear tolerance				
	* Good Leaf Spot & Stripe Smut resistance				
	* Generally susceptible to Brown Patch & Dollar Spot except for Ulysses, Rampart and Avalanche				

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introduced is an issue. This characteristic also affects the ability of tall fescue to recover quickly after heavy wear. Recent developments have seen the introduction of tall fescue cultivars with rhizomes improving establishment and wear tolerance. Tall fescue performs best when combined with 5-10% of Kentucky bluegrass.

Fine fescue cultivars offer some good alternatives for non-irrigated athletic fields and recreational turf areas. Specifically the Red fescue family Chewings fescue, Strong red fescue and Slender red fescue are examples of fescue groups that can be used in low-maintenance situations. Improved chewings and red fescue have seen recent advances in traffic tolerance, improved heat and drought tolerance, germinate more rapidly, have excellent cool temperature growth (spring and fall) and perform well in shady locations. Improved fine fescue cultivars also have the additional benefits of endophytes and should be seed in a blend with Kentucky bluegrass and perennial ryegrass for best performance.

#### Endophytes offer significant benefits

The availability of endophyte improved turfgrass cultivars is an important part of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices that can help reduce inputs. Endophytes are fungi that have a symbiotic relationship with some grasses, spreading through seed infection. The presence of endophytes in turfgrass has been

demonstrated to provide many benefits including resistance to surface-feeding insects, increased disease resistance and increased stress tolerance. Currently the species of turfgrass with endophytes that are available on the market include perennial ryegrass, tall fescue, Chewings fescue, strong creeping red fescue, slender creeping red fescue and hard fescue. In some of these species, most cultivars available will have high levels of viable endophyte. Attempts have been made to find or introduce endophytes into other turf species such as Kentucky bluegrass but so far these associations have not been stable and have not led to marketable cultivars.

There are many factors to be considered in the construction and maintenance of an athletic or recreation field. Seed cultivar selection is one of many inputs that can impact the long-term success and quality of the turf stand. As outlined there are many different aspects that are critical in the selection of the proper turf grass species and cultivar for each specific turf site. Proper selection of turf cultivars can be the most important decision you have to make. ■

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Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Exhibits traits that are intermediate between groups</li> <li>* Additional study required to classify</li> <li>* CYNTHIA shows excellent Rust tolerance</li> </ul>	<b>CYNTHIA</b>	Allure	Freedom II	Bariris	
			<b>BRONCO</b>	Ascot	Yvette	Baritone
			Baronie	Jewel	Blue Ridge	
			Bartitia	Misty	Chelsea	
			Baruzo	Monte Carlo	Blackstone	
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Texas x Kentucky Hybrids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Hybrids between Texas &amp; Kentucky Bluegrasses</li> <li>* Heat tolerant</li> <li>* Extensive rhizomes</li> <li>* Drought tolerant with good recovery</li> <li>* Wear tolerant</li> </ul>	<b>BANDERA (SPTR2LM95)</b>	DuraBlue	Fire and Ice		
			ThermalBlue	Longhorn		
			Solar Green	Fahrenheit 90		
			Reveille	STR 2844		
Bellevue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Medium growth and shoot density</li> <li>* Medium wide leaves</li> <li>* Excellent Winter color</li> <li>* Early Spring green-up</li> <li>* Stemmy in Spring</li> <li>* Moderate recovery from Summer stress</li> <li>* Good Leaf Spot &amp; Stripe Smut resistance</li> <li>* Susceptible to billbugs</li> </ul>	<b>BANFF</b>	Bellevue	Freedom	Parade	
			Classic	Georgetown	Suffolk	
			Dawn	Haga		
			Parade	Trenton		
Mid-Atlantic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Deep, extensive roots and rhizomes</li> <li>* Vigorous turf and medium-high density</li> <li>* High Summer stress tolerance</li> <li>* Early Spring green-up</li> <li>* Good Winter performance</li> <li>* Rapid recovery from disease</li> <li>* Leaf Spot susceptible except Preakness</li> </ul>		Eagleton	Plush	SR2200	
			Livingston	Preakness		
			Monopoly	Wabash		
			Cabernet			
CELA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Better Spring green-up than compact types</li> <li>* Less stemmy than Bellevue</li> <li>* Good turf quality</li> <li>* Good Stripe Smut &amp; Leaf Spot resistance</li> <li>* Variable Winter performance</li> </ul>		Adelphi	Jefferson		
			Challenger	Liberty		
			Eclipse	Rambo		
			<i>*CELA = Challenger, Eclipse, Liberty, Adelphia</i>			
Cheri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Good turf quality</li> <li>* Medium low growth, density and leaf width</li> <li>* Good resistance to Stripe Smut</li> <li>* Good sod strength</li> <li>* Moderate resistance to Leaf Spot</li> <li>* High seed yields</li> <li>* Less stemmy than BVMG types</li> <li>* Moderate Winter dormancy</li> </ul>		Cheri	Serene		
			Cobalt	Sydsport		
Common Kentucky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Midwest ecotypes</li> <li>* Erect growth and narrow leaf blades</li> <li>* Good Summer stress tolerance</li> <li>* May go dormant during Summer</li> <li>* High Leaf Spot susceptibility</li> <li>* Poor Winter color and performance</li> <li>* Early seed production</li> <li>* Good for soil stabilization and conservation</li> </ul>	<b>KENBLUE</b> <b>PARK</b> <b>ALENE</b> <b>CACHE</b>	Garfield	Moonstruck	South Dakota	
			Geary	Alley Cat	Voyager	
			Ginger	Blue Angle	Argyle	
			Greenly	Huntsville		
			Wellington	Piedmont		
			Ronde	S-21		
			Newport			
* Developed from Rutgers Turfgrass Proceedings and observations by Pickseed Canada Inc.					update: 2/16/07	