

JOHN MASCARO'S PHOTO QUIZ

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Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Green turf surrounded by water

Turfgrass Area: Stadium field

Location: Jacksonville, Florida

Grass Variety: 419 Bermudagrass

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The green turf surrounded by water was the result of the perfect storm. This stadium in Jacksonville's field drain is actually at a very low elevation, at times it is below the Saint John's River water level so the entire field's drainage layer is sealed with an impervious clay layer to prevent saltwater from encroaching. The entire stadium, which includes not only the playing field but also the stands, drains into this drainage system and then flow into six vaults which are then pumped out by electric pumps. The entire drainage system is dependent on these electric pumps to keep the field drained.

In September 2007, the field and stadium received more than 8 inches of rain in 48 hours. The following day they received an additional 8 inches of rain and the fuses that ran the pumps blew, causing the pumps to fail. Since it was a day off for the crew, no one noticed the stadium for a couple of hours. Once the fuses were replaced, the pumps emptied the water off the grass in about 2 hours. There was no damage to the turf with the exception of a bunch of peanut shells and trash from the stands that needed to be picked up. Now that they know the stadium will hold water, they could host Jet Ski races there.

Photo submitted by Mark Clay, Sports Turf Manager and Nick Fedewa, Assistant Sports Field Manager at Jacksonville Municipal Stadium in Jacksonville, FL.



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. 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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