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JOHN MASCARO'S PHOTO QUIZ

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Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Ruts in turf

Turfgrass Area: Football stadium field

Location: TN

Grass Variety: 419 bermudagrass

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These ruts in the turf are not from a crazed off road racecar or even from off road motorcycles. The ruts were caused by a marching band competition. This competition had been planned for some time on this county stadium shared by two high schools, one middle school as well as many public games and events. In the days before the marching band competition, the area received more than 6 inches of rain. The weather seemed to dry out some, so the competition was not cancelled, then another series of storms brought more rain to the area right before the event. There were more than 30 bands that participated in the competition over a 12-hour period on this field and the aftermath was quite evi-

dent. The ruts near the end zone were mainly caused by the hand pull carts that carried equipment out onto the fields for the bands. This field is usually not overseeded but after this September event, it was decided to go ahead and overseed the bermuda. So the field was heavily aerified, seeded and topdressed. This decision turned out to be a good one as one of the high schools that uses the stadium made the playoffs and hosted all of the playoff games on this field as well. I hope the bands were not all wearing white for the event.

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