John Mascaro’s Photo Quiz
John Mascaro is President of Turf-Tec International

Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Brown line on turf
Turfgrass area: College softball stadium field
Location: Tyler, TX
Grass Variety: Tifway 419 overseeded with perennial rye

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As the sports turf manager was painting foul lines on the baseball stadium field he noticed this brown line on the grass. The base grass is 419 bermuda and it had been overseeded with ryegrass, which was transitioning out when this photo was taken. After further examination of the damaged area and thinking back over the past few days he realized the cause of the problem. Earlier in the week, he had a company come out to see if they could steam clean their artificial turf halo that surrounds the home plate area on their softball field. The company had to drag out several hoses to get to the turf. It was a warm day and the hose and the hot water that was running through the hose between 225-300 degrees left a line where the hose had been laying. It is very minimal damage and was only tip burn so the sports turf manager just let the turf grow out. As you can see the halo cleaning turned out pretty well, however they will protect the turf from the hot hose when the company comes back out to finish the job.

Photo submitted by Weston Floyd, head turf manager at The University of Texas at Tyler.

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.