Problem: Brown turf
Turfgrass area: Football practice fields
Location: Jacksonville, FL
Grass Variety: 419 bermudagrass

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This brown turf is from “Mat Drill” run in the springtime. Even though this university is located in North Florida, it still experiences frost from time to time. On this particular March morning, the frost was still on the bermudagrass at 6:00 a.m. when the coach decided to have all 160 football players run “Matt Drills” on the practice field. For those of you who have not seen the drills, it included running, a head first somersault, more running and some sort of belly flop similar to someone being Tasered while doing wind sprints. The bermudagrass was no match for this wear in its vulnerable state and was thoroughly killed by the combination of frost and activity. The coaches of the camp were told to move activities around and keep all drills off of the main practice field but on this morning, it appears that they failed to do so. Perhaps the Taser might come in handy after all.

Photo submitted by Justin P. Newell, former Director of Facilities and Operations at Jacksonville University, now at Tulane University. Andy Sorrow is Grounds Manager at Jacksonville University.

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