

JOHN MASCARO'S PHOTO QUIZ

John Mascaro is President of Turf-Tec International

Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Yellow turf on 40% of field

Turfgrass area: Soccer stadium

Location: Denver, Colorado

Grass Variety: Kentucky bluegrass



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THE YELLOW TURF on part of this soccer stadium is the result of a 3-day Phish concert over the Labor Day weekend. The day before the show, the rental flooring was delivered so the turf crew could cover the field that night. Once it arrived, the sports turf manager was informed that 40% of the covering was non-translucent even though 100% clear was ordered. Notice the gray (non-translucent) flooring on the bottom and the clear (translucent) flooring on the top.

By the time it was delivered, it was too close to show time to make any changes so they had to install what was delivered. Originally they thought the biggest issue would be no photosynthesis and yellowing of the plant. Come to find out it got so hot under the non-translucent flooring, the bluegrass turf actually experienced severe leaf tip burn on the field where the non-translucent flooring burned and the grass with the extreme heat of the Colorado sun. The turf actually got so hot that it might have even gone into a mid-summer dormancy. Two days after field was uncovered there was a Rapids home game. Two days after that started a weekend where they hosted two college soccer games, two lacrosse practices, a lacrosse game (USA/Canada) and a season ticket holder party on the field. After all the wear, they solid tine aerated, fertilized and tried to let the field recover. ■

Photo submitted by Bret Baird, Head Turf Manager at Dick's Sporting Goods Park in Denver, CO home of the Major League Soccer's Colorado Rapids.



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