

# JOHN MASCARO'S PHOTO QUIZ

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Can you identify this sports turf problem?

- Problem:** Lush green center of field
- Turfgrass area:** Soccer field
- Location:** Clayton, Missouri
- Grass Variety:** Fescue/Kentucky bluegrass mix

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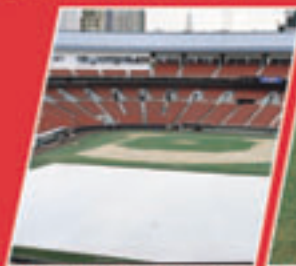
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This photo of lush green turf in the center of this soccer field that is surrounded by brown dormant turf was taken in late February. Notice that there are no leaves on the trees in the background. The true problem is that this municipality does not have as many winter turf blankets as they would like, with only enough to partially cover two of their 10 fields. In late fall they aerated this field multiple times, slit seeded it with a 90% turf type tall fescue/10% Kentucky bluegrass mix and applied a preventative fungicide. For the field pictured, they have five 60 x 60-foot blankets that cover a 60 x 300-foot area. They use blankets small enough that they are manageable for the two-person crew and install them over the worn center area. It also never fails that any time they take them on or off, there are 20 mph winds, which also make the smaller covers more manageable. When the covers were removed in late February, you can see the results for yourself. Through documenting the covers effectiveness, the sports turf manager was able to secure funding toward the purchase of more blankets for next winter.

*Photo submitted by Josh Slayback, athletic fields technician for the City of Clayton, MO.*



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