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On the cover: Ready for some football: Ryan Field on the campus of Northwestern University, just north of Chicago, was named College Football Field of the Year for 2011 by the Sports Turf Managers Association. Maintenance is mainly handled by Randy Stoneberg, Joe Berube and Rich Thorn.

