

JOHN MASCARO'S PHOTO QUIZ

John Mascaro is President of Turf-Tec International

Can you identify this sports turf problem?

- Problem:** Brown turf
- Turfgrass area:** High school football field
- Location:** Pulaski, Tennessee
- Grass Variety:** 419 bermudagrass

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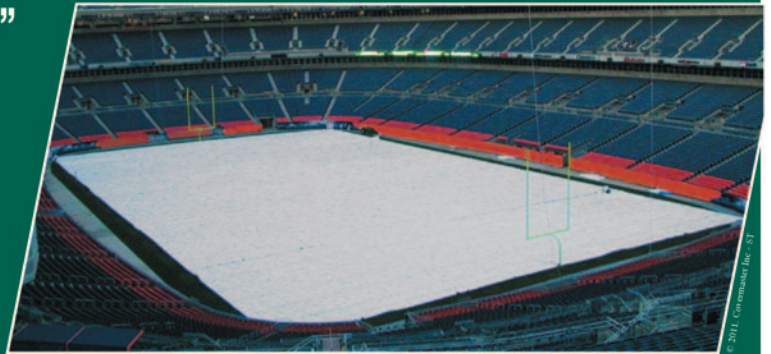
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THE BROWN TURF is a result of an army worm infestation. This year has been particularly bad for army worms in the Eastern United States and on a Friday afternoon, this sports turf manager observed a slight browning on the turf near the warning track on this 419 bermudagrass baseball field. By Monday morning at 7 am, the sports turf manager returned to the area and found that the army worms had eaten most of the right field. A bifenthrin insecticide was applied and the army worms began curling up within 30 minutes after spraying. The following day the sports turf manager applied a 21-0-4 turf fertilizer with 0.067% Acelepryn insecticide. It is unclear where the army worms came from although the field and surrounding area were rebuilt about 2 months before the infestation and large rolls of straw were brought in and used to stabilize the banks behind the field. Since army worms show up in large numbers but eat mostly bermudagrass leaves, the damage was largely superficial and grew out fairly quickly after the pests were controlled.

Photo submitted by Steve Jett, Director of Grounds and Athletic Fields at Martin Methodist College, Pulaski, TN.



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.

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