

JOHN MASCARO'S PHOTO QUIZ

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Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Thin and stressed turf with trash can barrels on field

Turfgrass area: Intramural field

Location: Tallahassee, Florida

Grass Variety: 419 Bermudagrass

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Like many colleges in the county, Florida State's main campus in Tallahassee has run out of room and in the never-ending challenge to find space, these lighted intramural fields are not only used for football as well as soccer, rugby and just about every other sport known to man; they are also used for stadium overflow parking during FSU home football games. The trash barrels were also placed on these fields to serve as temporary traffic lane markers and also allow people to put trash in them after pregame tailgating. The resulting thin and stressed turf can only be expected after subjecting turf to the hours of play they are subjected to in addition to the abuse they take from the vehicle traffic and tailgating festivities. This photo exemplifies the challenges that many Sports Turf Managers face when posed with the challenges of providing a quality playing surface while also being faced with multiple uses and abuses that are imposed on our fields by outside forces. Only activities like aeration, extra fertilization and sometimes a little prayer allow us to grow turf in these situations.

Thank you to Bobby Broome, Facilities Superintendent, and Richard Hunt, Maintenance Supervisor for Campus Recreation, Florida State University in Tallahassee for allowing me to take these photographs. ■



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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