

any bruised or matted leaf tissue. An application of ammonium sulfate was made and water was turned back on. On Tuesday, the field was deep-tined aerified and cores removed. Then flushing cycles of irrigation water began to help remove contaminants. On Wednesday, weaker areas were overseeded with Riveria bermudagrass seed and the field was topdressed with sand.

The week after the concert brought good bermudagrass growing weather with temperatures in the mid-90s to 100, but that was followed by an unusual cold front that lasted 4 days and brought 6" of rain. Temperatures dove back into the mid-70s during this time and really putting a damper on recovery and coordinating with contractors to replace any damaged areas. The fourth week of July we were able to resod areas of heavy traffic on the roadway behind the stage as well as some weaker areas on the field. We contracted with GreenONE Industries, Inc to use the Koro Imants Field Topmaker to take out 1 1/2" of sod. We also purchased the replacement thick cut Tifway 419 sod from Tri-TexTurfgrass. In all, much less was replaced than was anticipated before the concert. Much of the rest of the areas under stage and on the field were able to make a full recovery.

In this particular situation and devastating event, it's more than just the grass. We do work so hard to get the grass to where we want it to optimally perform. We are passionate about our jobs and doing what is best for our fields. But grass can be replaced. It always helps to keep things in perspective. Be sure that we take time to appreciate the ones we really live for. You can't replace someone that



▲ **PICTURE OF FIELD** one month after concert ready for scrimmage.

you lost. We do take ownership in the fields that we manage, but in the words of a good friend of mine... "it's not your field." On this particular night, it was for those that had lost a loved one, a home, a business. This is a healing process that will take much longer... ■

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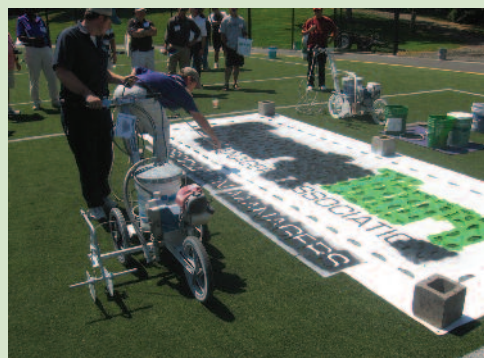
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