

John Mascaro's Photo Quiz

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Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Dark green and light green lines on field

Turfgrass area: College baseball infield

Location: Arlington, Texas

Grass Variety: Tifway 419 bermudagrass

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The dark green and light green lines on this college baseball infield are the result of an off-course crop duster applying liquid fertilizer. April fools! It's the result of a tarp. However, the reason for the lines is almost as unique as the crop duster joke. I am sure some of you guessed that the tarp caused heat injury, however what actually happened was the sports turf manager put down the tarp and then had a couple days of rain. The rain only paused during times that he did not have anyone to help pull the tarp off to allow the turf to get sunlight and air. When they were able to finally pull the tarp off, these lines were on the infield. Since the tarp is older, they speculated that yellow areas, where the turf became a little chlorotic, are where the turf simply elongated to find light. However, the greener areas are probably where the tarp has worn and more light was penetrating the tarp and getting to the grass plants. This event took place before the field was overseeded so it all occurred on actively growing bermudagrass. After a couple of days of sunshine and a fertilizer application, the field was all back to normal.

Photo submitted by Andrew Siegel, sports turf manager for baseball and softball fields at the University of Texas at Arlington. ■



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