

# John Mascaro's Photo Quiz

John Mascaro is President of Turf-Tec International

*Can you identify this sports turf problem?*

**Problem:** Cement pad on sideline

**Turfgrass area:** College football practice field

**Location:** Columbus, OH

**Grass Variety:** Perennial ryegrass and Kentucky bluegrass

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The cement pad on The Ohio State University's football practice field sideline is not actually a problem, but a solution to a problem. When these outdoor practice fields were renovated, one artificial practice field and two natural grass practice fields were constructed and two observation towers were built on each side of the artificial field. Once the team started to practice, the coach favored the natural grass surface and because the tower for filming and observation was located next to only one of the natural grass fields, that field was being over used and started to show signs of wear. To combat the wear problem, the Sports Turf Manager had four cement pads installed at the 50 yard lines and the end zones of the remaining natural grass field and covered them with artificial turf. He then purchased three movable scissor lifts and placed them on the pads to allow filming. Now with two natural grass fields to practice and film on, wear is spread out more evenly on the natural grass fields and everyone, including the turf, is happy.

*Thanks to Brian Gimbel, Athletic Grounds Supervisor at The Ohio State University in Columbus, for allowing me to take this photo. ■*



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](mailto: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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