Can you identify this sports turf problem?

**Problem:** Tent on athletic field  
**Turfgrass area:** College stadium  
**Location:** Corvallis, Oregon  
**Grass Variety:** Infill artificial turf

**Answer to John Mascaro’s Photo Quiz on Page 33**
The reason why this tent is on this college stadium turf is not for an event as you may have guessed; it is actually for logo painting. In this part of the country, rain is a natural way of life so sports turf managers and specialized athletic field maintenance companies have to come up with innovative ways to paint logos, even in inclement weather. At Oregon State University, this new infill field was installed with no center logo as the college was about to change the team logo and they did not have the final design when the field was delivered. The solution was to paint the center logo with temporary paint for a season until the final design was approved and could be ordered and inlaid into the carpet. In order to facilitate the paint drying process during the rain, they placed a portable tent over the area and used several large volume diesel fuel/electric indirect fired heaters to dry the paint. Careful monitoring of humidity was also key to allow the paint to dry quickly. Once the area was dry enough, they pick up the tent, move to a new location, and continue the painting process.

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