Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Brown areas on field
Turfgrass area: University athletic field
Location: Denton, Texas
Grass Variety: Celebration bermudagrass

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These brown areas are actually sled damage, but not from being left for days on one area. It actually occurred over a fairly short period of time. The brown turf in this photo is a result of direct high temperature injury. This irrigated bermudagrass practice football field located in Texas had been subjected to 30+ days lack of rainfall when this occurred. As many of you may have training staff that are not necessarily very good about moving equipment around, this particular day was no exception. The training staff left this black football practice sled on the same area of the turf during 100+ degree hot August day and the turf underneath it suffered from the heat as shown in the picture. As you can also see in the background, the training staff did not learn from their mistake the previous day.

Photo submitted by Lanse Fullinwider, MCPTM, Grounds Manager, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.

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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