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When Harry Gill wanted to improve both the drainage and irrigation systems of Milwaukee County Stadium, he was able to show management detailed notes about the field taken over many years. The notes and a pennant-winning season helped win approval for Gill. The trick was installing both systems between two homestands.

#### 24 DRAINAGE HELPS REJUVENATE COMMUNITY GOLF COURSE

Heather Gardens, a nine-hole golf course serving an adult condominium community in Aurora, CO, was the first golf course in the country to try a new type of drainage system on its greens. Superintendent Guy Auxer, hired primarily to get the course back on a water budget, has concentrated his efforts on improving both the drainage and irrigation systems on the course.

#### 34 SURFACTANTS: PRACTICAL TOOL FOR TURF UNIFORMITY

More sports turf managers are including surfactants as part of their program to provide dense, healthy turf for sports. When used with other methods of soil modification, surfactants can reduce compaction and eliminate inconsistencies in turf drainage.

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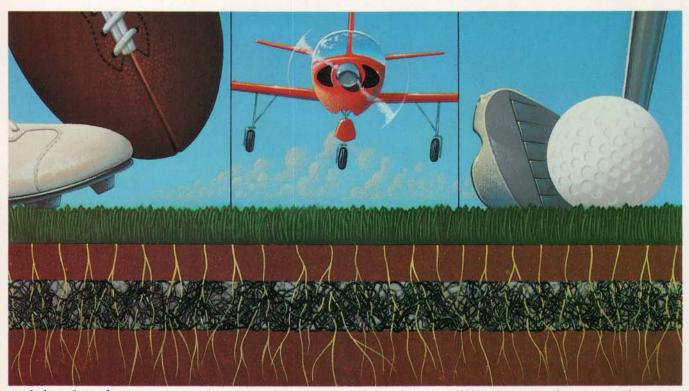
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