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ST: Do you hope to purchase any new equipment or product for 2008?
Moran: New equipment? What's that? Actually, we are looking to invest in some quality sideline covers and hope to do more with turf blankets. We have been fortunate to have some used turf blankets donated to us and we are really pleased with how well those have performed. We would like to take that to a larger scale. As for equipment, we are currently renovating some tractor mounted reel mowers and we are in the process of designing a new
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ST: How do you balance your family life with work demands?

Moran: I have a very supportive family and girlfriend. My family has always encouraged me to be passionate about anything I do, so they understand why I do what I do. They know I'm like that with my teaching and it overflows into my coaching as well as my role as sports turf manager. My girlfriend has been very understanding as well, and incredibly supportive.

ST: What's the greatest pleasure you derive from your job?

Moran: My greatest pleasure comes from teaching. I'm fortunate that I have had some incredible students who seem to get as much out of the field looking good as I do. It truly is a joy to see them work so hard and stay so committed to doing it right. They amaze me sometimes with their incredible ideas. How many field managers can say that they can get a crew to mow 15 acres and paint a full football field in an hour and fifty minutes? They are the main reason I applied for the award. When asked how I did it, I just tell them I filled out the application and ordered the fertilizer, and the kids did the work.

I still have students who e-mail, call, or visit and always ask how are the fields are doing,
what we painted in the endzone, or what mowing pattern did we try this week. It's a real treat to know that they still care about how things are done and that the students I have now continue to do it the way they did it. They still carry that commitment to quality.

ST: What's the biggest headache?
Moran: Well sometimes, on a rainy day, the kids! As much as they work hard, at the end of the day they are still kids or young adults and they like to goof off. So you have to have patience, patience, and a little more patience. But over the years I have learned to have the second year guys do certain things and sometimes the first year guys need to learn how to paint straight lines on the practice field before taking on the stadium.

Other than “boys being boys,” I have a lot of the same hurdles that all sports turf managers deal with on a daily basis. Money and Traffic! Too much traffic and not enough money, but I have learned not to complain. I am fortunate to have a supportive athletic administration as well
as support from the school board that work to make great decisions for our athletes as well as for my classes. I have also found that Support from the Sports Turf Industry, the VSTMA, and the STMA has proven to be more valuable than any budget boost.

**ST:** What's your biggest challenge and how do you approach it?

**Moran:** I think my biggest challenge comes with educating the public. I work hard to let the public know how hard we work on our field and how much time our students commit to making our facilities better and better. With all that work, we still get pitching wedge work out of our end zones and all sorts of other “for granted” use of the facility. I also have to work hard to let parents know that the Sports Turf industry is a viable profession where their sons or daughters can excel and earn a quality education at many major two and four year colleges. Our dual-enrollment class has helped us to further that crusade to get parents to look at this as a college bound class and not just as an elective. 

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The torn up grass on this baseball infield was the result of a demolition derby, held on the stadium infield at the end of the 2007 season at FirstEnergy Stadium, home of the Reading Phillies Baseball Club (AA Affiliates of the Philadelphia Phillies). The sports turf manager at the facility suggested that they hold some additional events after the season to help pay for a field reconstruction. The President, General Manager and Sports Turf Manager decided to have two concerts and then top it off with a demolition derby. They held a Rocktoberfest event which included 2 stages of bands playing all day and evening in the outfield a week before the Demolition Derby and then they had a Tribute band concert with the stage directly on the infield the night before the derby. The derby drew over 3000 spectators and also served the purpose of removing all the grass from the infield at the same time. After the event the entire field was renovated to improve the irrigation, drainage, grade and was completed by totally re-sodding the entire field.

Photo submitted by Dan Douglas, Director of Stadium Grounds at FirstEnergy Stadium, Reading, PA.
More than 100 new STMA members have taken advantage of the annual '3 Months Free' membership promotion. By joining STMA in October, the new member receives a full 2008 membership and the remaining months of 2007. New members joining in November and December also had their memberships activated for those months, at no additional charge.
Field of the Year & MiLB Winners

The STMA Awards Committee met in October and selected the association's prestigious Field of the Year awards and the Minor League Baseball Sports Turf Manager of the Year.

Nine Field of the Year winners were awarded for exemplary baseball, soccer, softball and football fields. The six committee members independently scored each entry based on the playability and appearance of the playing surfaces, innovative solutions employed, effective use of budget, and the development and implementation of a comprehensive, sound agronomic program.

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The Field of the Year awards are:

- **Schools & Parks**
  - **Baseball:** Mary Rountree Evans Field, Baraboo, WI, Craig Schlender, Sports Turf Manager
  - **Softball:** Tomball High School, Tomball, TX, Jim Wiggins, Sports Turf Manager
  - **Soccer:** Pleasant Run, Colleyville, TX, Troy Crawford, Sports Turf Manager
  - **Football:** Centurion Field - Christian Academy of Louisville, Louisville, KY, Andy Davis, Sports Turf Manager

- **College and University**
  - **Baseball:** Hawks Field at Haymarket Park, Lincoln, NE, Josh Klute, Sports Turf Manager
  - **Softball:** George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, Josh McPherson, Sports Turf Manager
  - **Soccer:** Carroll College, Helena, MT, Gerald Landby, Sports Turf Manager
  - **Football:** Kilkenny Field - University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, Eric Fasbender, CSFM, Sports Turf Manager

- **Professional** (not all categories awarded)
  - **Baseball:** Isotopes Park, Albuquerque, NM, Jared Alley, Sports Turf Manager

STMA sponsors the Minor League Baseball Sports Turf Manager of the Year in cooperation with Minor League Baseball. Each of the 16 Minor Leagues selects a winning sports turf manager. These winners are eligible to submit for the STMA/MiLB Sports Turf Manager of the Year. STMA's Awards Committee independently judges these submittals, and presents one award to the winning sports turf manager in each classification: AAA, AA, A and Short Season/Rookie during the Baseball Winter Meetings Annual Awards Luncheon.

The winners are:

- **AAA:** Jake Tyler, Toledo Mud Hens
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Nominating Committee Sets Slate

The Nominating Committee has set the 2008 slate of candidates for the STMA Board of Directors. This slate has been presented to the membership in a mailing of the election ballot and notice of annual meeting. The ballots were mailed in November and are due to STMA headquarters by 5 p.m. December 28. Members can return their ballots by fax, email or mail. To make certain that your ballot can be counted as a legitimate ballot, follow the directions on the ballot for returning it. Election results will be announced at the STMA Annual Meeting, January 17, 12 noon at the Phoenix Convention Center. Exercise your right — vote for the leadership of your association. You can find complete biographies of each candidate on-line at www.stma.org.

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