Can you identify this sports turf problem?

Problem: Brown squares on turf in right field
Turfgrass Area: Brown squares on turf in right field
Location: San Francisco, CA
Grass Variety: Kentucky bluegrass and perennial rye

Answer to John Mascaro’s Photo Quiz on Page 50
The last trick is to always carry a couple of cans of green aerosol field paint to paint over or "erase" your mistakes!

The Native Americans that originated lacrosse along the eastern seaboard were great astronomers with tremendous geometry skills. They built huge cities laid out in perfect circles with great earth mounds that marked the exact spot on the horizon where the sun or moon rose at the equinox or solstices. Other mounds marked true north, south, east, and west. When I see a Women’s Lacrosse field I believe that the women have stayed more true to the history of the game and the people that originated it then the men. The field is so much more artistic and beautiful than the men’s version that I really enjoy getting a chance to lay one out.

This spring, in support of the Intramural and Sport Club Programs at A & M, my crew laid out 22 fields for seven different sports in 16 8-hour days. While accuracy is critical to quality of play, speed is essential in order to have fields ready on time. Using and training our employees on systematic processes for field painting like the one described in this article is how we get the job done.

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Mirage™

HUGE THROW, HIGH-PERFORMANCE SPORTS TURF SPRINKLERS

Underhill Mirage pop-up turf sprinklers, featuring precision engineering and huge throw radius, can be installed completely outside the playing area of sports fields. Employing precision German engineering in design and manufacture, Underhill offers the finest large turf sprinklers in the world.

M-160: With its powerful **164 ft. throw radius**, the Mirage™ M-160 is a worldwide favorite for cooling and cleaning synthetic sports fields, dust control and irrigation. Featuring ultra-precise rotation speed adjustment, these piston-drive cannons get the job done quickly and efficiently.

M-125: A very impressive long-throw sprinkler in its own right with a **125 ft. radius**, the M-125 is perfect for installation in artificial turf fields, or in the out-of-play areas of natural turf fields.

M-115: For areas where irrigation must be installed within the playing area, the M-115’s large 4” (101 mm) deep sod cup cover, which holds a 9” (220 mm) diameter section of natural grass, “disappears” when not in use, staying out of the way of athletes and mowers.
Incredible but true... with its huge 164 ft. radius throw, the M-160 can shower a regulation size football field with only 6 heads!

The superior characteristics of Mirage sprinklers is proven daily around the world: from the futuristic Allianz Arena in Munich, to the Olympic stadiums in Athens 2004 and Beijing 2008, to large collegiate sports complexes in the United States.

**Mirage M-160 pictured at right with artificial turf lid covering to blend in with surroundings when not in use.**

**model selection guide**

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**ordering**

- Part # M160-FP  Mirage™ 160 full/part circle
- Part # M160-EP  Mirage™ 160 full/part circle, with 3” electric valve
- Part # M125-EF  Mirage™ 125 full circle, valve-in-head
- Part # M125-EP  Mirage™ 125 full/part circle, valve-in-head
- Part # M125-BF  Mirage™ 125 full circle, block
- Part # M125-BP  Mirage™ 125 full/part circle, block
- Part # M115-EF  Mirage™ 115 full circle, valve-in-head
- Part # M115-EP  Mirage™ 115 full/part circle, valve-in-head
- Part # M115-BF  Mirage™ 115 full circle, block
- Part # M115-BP  Mirage™ 115 full/part circle, block
2Wire

JUST TWO WIRES AND ONE MODULE FOR CONTROL OF UP TO 48 STATIONS
With over 150,000 field successes, Underhill™ 2WIRE irrigation control systems are a proven leader in converting controllers like the Hunter® ICC to the simplicity and low cost of two-wire technology. Installation is a breeze and after your system is in, you’ll enjoy reduced maintenance costs and unbelievably easy system expansion (just splice into the 2-wire path and add a decoder). Add the Hunter® IRC remote control and you’ve created the ultimate (and most affordable) way to syringe anywhere on your field at the press of a button.

EXPAND EXISTING MULTI-WIRE SYSTEMS
To run a 2WIRE system in tandem with your existing system, simply install the decoder module into the controller, run a 2-wire path to the new valves, and operate your ICC as normal for all stations (up to 48 total). To add stations in hard to reach areas (across a road, path, parking lot, etc.), you can even “piggyback” onto the existing system out in the field and avoid trenching back to the controller!

NO GROUNDING NECESSARY
Underhill™ decoders quickly install anywhere along a 2-wire path, and they require no grounding. So reliable, they are backed by a 2-year warranty that includes direct lightning hits! Each decoder can control one or two valves per station.

Setting up stations is a breeze with our portable decoder programmer. And for troubleshooting wiring in the field, the digital clamp meter measures AC volts, current and resistance, and the faultfinding transformer adds the proper voltage to the two-wire path.

An irrigation installation featuring the powerful Mirage™ M-125 sprinkler (see page 2-3) and 2Wire decoders becomes an on-demand syringing system with the Hunter® IRC remote control.

ordering
Part # TW-ICC-48 ICC Decoder Module
Part # TW-TK-DEC-1 2WIRE Decoder (includes 4 DBY connectors)
Part # DEC-PROG-115 Portable decoder programmer, 115V
Part # DEC-PROG-240 Portable decoder programmer, 240V
Part # TW-DCM Digital Clamp Meter
Part # Transfrmr-115 Faultfinding Transformer 30V, 5A
Part # TW-2C-14-1000 2-conductor, 14 AWG wire reel, 1000 ft.
Part # TW-2C-14-2500 2-conductor, 14 AWG wire reel, 2500 ft.
Gulp™ Series Pumps

WATER REMOVAL SUCTION PUMPS

Whether you need to remove water from sprinklers and valve boxes or displace gallons of standing water in the field, the Underhill Gulp™ series of water removal hand pumps has the right tool for the job. Constructed from heavy-duty, corrosion-proof materials, these pumps are self-priming and easy to clean. The Gulp Syringe™ and Gulp™ are ideal for carrying on maintenance carts for small, routine needs. For larger water removal jobs, BigGulp™ pumps a gallon of water in only four strokes and SuperGulp™ can move 16 gallons of water in one minute.

SUPER GULP
- 16 GPM pumping capability
- 4” dia. x 2 ft. pump chamber
- 3” dia. x 3 ft. outlet hose
- 3” dia. x 7 ft. outlet hose

BIG GULP
- 35 oz./stroke
- 3 ft. pump chamber
- 36” or 72” outlet hose

GULP
- 8 oz./stroke
- 1 ft. pump chamber
- 10” outlet pipe

GULP SYRINGE
- 8 oz./stroke
- 1 ft. pump chamber
- 11” outlet tube

Use the BigGulp™ Riser Attachment to help prevent mud and rocks from entering the pump chamber.

ordering
Part # A-G12 Gulp™
Part # A-G12S Gulp™ Syringe
Part # A-G3636K BigGulp™ with 36” outlet hose
Part # A-G3672K BigGulp™ with 72” outlet hose
Part # A-G2484 SuperGulp™ with 84” outlet hose
Part # A-G01 BigGulp™ Riser Attachment
Magnum™

SOLID METAL HOSE NOZZLE

Underhill™ Magnum™ contains no plastic internal parts to break, stick or wear out. Our unique ratchet mechanism easily adjusts from gentle fan to powerful jet stream and prevents over-tightening damage. Precision-machined, incredibly smooth operation and outstanding distribution patterns make it ideal for high-demand areas like sports fields. Magnum™ is also an excellent equipment wash-down nozzle.

features

• Built for 1” and 3/4” flow rates
• Fire hose quality nozzle feels great in your hands
• Ultra-durable construction withstands any abuse
• Solid metal internal body - no plastic parts to break or wear out
• Beautiful, consistent spray patterns for life
• Ratchet mechanism prevents over-tightening damage
• Multi-pattern sprays - effortless control with hydraulic assist on/off

specifications

Materials: stainless steel, aluminum, TPR rubber
Flow: 37 GPM at 80 psi
Inlet: 3/4” hose thread (1” brass adapter available, see Page 7)

CoolPro™

Cool Without Over Watering - No Root Damage

A hot summer day can be murder on high quality turf areas (like baseball infields and golf greens). Use too much water and you risk damage to the roots. CoolPro™ is the first nozzle specifically designed for the single purpose of lightly misting the turf canopy to cool without over watering. And its 25 foot fogging pattern gets the job done quickly.

features

• 3/4” inlet (1” brass adapter available, see Page 7)
• Ergonomic handle/valve provides easy grip and variable on/off control.
• Solid metal design for durability: zinc, aircraft aluminum and stainless steel.
• Patented Precision™ nozzle fogs at 70 psi to deliver a 25 ft. pattern with only 4-6 GPM

Perfect for tournament play, CoolPro™ puts down only enough water to cool the turf canopy. It prevents wilting while maintaining good ball speed. CoolPro is a great tool for protecting grass on hot days without damaging roots.

ordering

Part # NG450 MAGNUM Hose Nozzle
Part # HNC075 CoolPro™ Hose Nozzle
Precision™

PATTERNS SO REMARKABLE, NOZZLES SO GOOD... THEY'RE PATENTED.

It's hard to beat a variable spray nozzle for versatility...unless you have this set of solid metal fixed spray hose nozzles precisely engineered for specific watering needs. Millions of soft, uniform droplets provide rapid yet surprisingly gentle water application. From watering fragile seed beds to drenching sports fields, Precision™ spray patterns are designed with ideal flow rates and droplet sizes to offer you the ultimate solution for every hand watering application.

Rainbow™
LOW FLOW RATE: LANDSCAPING, LIGHT WATERING
Ideal for watering transplants and seed beds. Excels at lower pressure flows. 15 GPM @ 80 psi.

Rainmaker™
LOW TO MEDIUM FLOW: SYRINGE AND SPOT WATERING
Perfect for syringing and great for hand watering turf and landscape with 3/4” hose at lower pressures. 23 GPM @ 80 psi.

Cloudburst™
MEDIUM TO HIGH FLOW: SUPPLEMENTAL TURF WATERING
High volume drenching and syringing. Ideal flow rate for 3/4” and 1” hoses. 48 GPM @ 80 psi.

Cyclone™
HIGH FLOW RATE: PRE-GAME SKINS WATERING, SOAKING
Powerful fan-shaped spray covers a HUGE area - gets heavy watering jobs done quickly. Ideal flow rate for 1” hoses. 50+ GPM @ 80 psi. GPM will vary with pressure at nozzle.

high-flow valves

COMPOSITE / STAINLESS STEEL
• 3/4” hose thread inlet/outlet
• oversized handle
• up to 55 GPM

SOLID BRASS
• 3/4” hose thread inlet/outlet
• up to 50 GPM

hose adapters / quick-connectors

ordering

Part # HN1500  Precision™ Rainbow™ Hose Nozzle
Part # HN2300  Precision™ Rainmaker™ Hose Nozzle
Part # HN4800  Precision™ Cloudburst™ Hose Nozzle
Part # HN5000  Precision™ Cyclone™ Hose Nozzle
Part # CV075H  High-Flow 3/4” Valve - Brass
Part # A-BV77FM  High-Flow 3/4” Valve - Composite/Steel
Part # A-BA107FM  1” FHT x 3/4” MHT Brass Hose Adapter
Part # A-BA107MF  1” MHT x 3/4” FHT Brass Hose Adapter
Part # A-BQ7F  3/4” Quick-Connect, male end
Part # A-BQ7M  3/4” Quick-Connect, female end
Part # HN-075W  replacement washer, 3/4” hose

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**Tracker™**

**PORTABLE IRRIGATION MACHINE**

The Tracker™ offers a very economical solution for supplementing seasonal watering needs of 1/4 acre to 2 acre areas. It is also ideal for irrigating athletic fields, cemeteries, golf course roughs, or other large areas where an underground system is impractical. Built to last with precision German engineering and high quality materials, this portable powerhouse can irrigate an entire football field in just two passes.

Tracker™ requires minimal labor to operate. Powered by water, it pulls itself along a nylon cable, dragging up to 360 ft. of 1" reinforced heavy-duty hose (sold separately). Each pass irrigates about 2/3 acre per 8 hours of operations.

**features**

- Adjustable Speed Control: 20-70 ft./hr.
- 360 ft. nylon cable provides maximum irrigated length of 400 ft.
- Standard full or part circle sprinkler (8-15 GPM)
- 70-85 ft. pass width
- Automatic shut-off at end of pass
- Galvanized anchor stake
- Water turbine drive and gear box
- Includes 1” brass quick-connect adapter

**specifications**

- Weight: 58 lbs.
- Size: Length 33”, Width 22”, Height 22”
- Materials: Aluminum, Brass, ABS

**ordering**

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Use Tracker™ to help irrigate sports fields, golf courses, driving ranges, or supplement watering in other areas where an irrigation system is not available. Tracker’s maximum 400 ft. irrigation path makes it also ideal for large campuses and corrals and its compact size allows it to operate in narrow spaces such as cemetery rows.