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Heavy rainfall this summer has put a strain on many football stadium and practice fields. This article provides two examples of facilities that were renovated to withstand the fall football season, Port Washington High School Stadium in Wisconsin and Auburn University in Auburn, AL. Both were turned around by sports turf managers who realize that football field maintenance is a year-round commitment.

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Geotextile covers were originally tested in the northern United States to protect bentgrass greens in the winter and to accelerate greenup in the spring. Today they are being used to prevent winterkill of hybrid bermudagrass in the South, to speed up establishment of seeded turf, to protect greens and tees from frost, and to help bentgrass compete with annual bluegrass in the winter.

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29 EVALUATING ORGANIC AMENDMENTS FOR SAND-BASED TURF SYSTEMS

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