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On the cover: Mike Hebrard, president of Athletic Field Design, and his crew met the challenge of a short window to convert Alpenrose Stadium from a traditional and regulation little league baseball playing surface to a traditional and regulation softball playing surface, and back again. Photo by Darin Stout, Northwest Sports Photography, Beaverton, OR www.4nsp.com