

## JACKLIN TO RELEASE BERMUDA, ZOYSIA SEED

Jacklin Seed Company is planning to enter the warm-season turfgrass market in "the near future" with improved varieties of seeded bermudagrass and zoysiagrass. A research effort led by Jacklin breeder Dr. Douglas Brede has led to the development of bermudagrasses with improved cold tolerance, earlier spring green-up, finer texture and lower growth habit. A number are already in commercial production.

The new bermudagrasses will offer many of the advantages of vegetative hybrid bermudagrasses with the convenience of seed. They are more cold tolerant because they put rhizomes deep into the soil each winter, thus avoiding exposure to cold temperatures. They are best suited to parts of the transition zone where other bermudas have been killed during the winter and cool-season turfgrasses exhibit disease problems.

Gayle Jacklin-Ward says the company has also succeeded in developing seeded varieties of zoysiagrass. A limited supply will be available by 1990 with a good supply by the following year. The new varieties are slow growing, very wear tolerant, dark green in color and tolerate a wider range of pesticides than vegetative varieties.

Zoysiagrass, the warm-season turfgrass most closely resembling Kentucky bluegrass, has only been available to sports

turf managers in this country in slow-to-establish vegetative forms. For years, breeders have been trying to develop

seeded varieties of zoysia so more turf managers could take advantage of the dense, low-growing turfgrass.

## COMISKEY PARK HOSTS BASEBALL INFIELD CLINIC



Roger Bossard explaining infield maintenance during clinic at Comiskey Park.

Roger Bossard, head groundskeeper for the Chicago White Sox, opened the gates to Comiskey Park for 130 sports turf managers in June and presented a demonstration of baseball infield preparation. The clinic was sponsored by Aimcor, manufacturer of Turface clay basepath conditioner.

"In my opinion, major league infields should be composed of 75 percent clay and

25 percent Turface," Bossard told the group, "while recreational parks should mix at a 65:35 ratio."

Bossard has maintained the park for 22 years. He is also a consultant to Soldier Field and will be involved in the construction of a proposed new stadium for the White Sox to be built next to Comiskey Park.

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## LETTERS FROM READERS

### MORE SPORTS TURF MANAGERS

At every sports event, spectators focus on two things, the athletes and the condition of the field. Both the athletes and the spectators enjoy a higher sense of enjoyment and competition when an event is played in a cool, well-groomed, verdant arena.

There is nothing more discouraging to athletes than trying to play their best on muddy, turfless sports fields. They know that it is virtually impossible to perform at their best on mud and water.

Artificial turf is not the answer. The basic problem is we simply do not have enough sports turf managers to satisfy the need. As a matter of fact, the position of sports turf manager is practically nonexistent. People who are trained in growing and managing sports fields are quickly absorbed by sales organizations and other better paying positions.

Just as every golf course has a superintendent who is responsible for the entire course and the grounds, all types of sports

facilities should have a sports turf manager. Producing acceptable, injury-free turf should not be delegated to school principles, coaches, custodians or civic-minded citizens. Seldom, if ever, have these people been properly trained in the art and science of turfgrass culture.

Every school district should have an overall turfgrass manager for its entire grounds and a job description to fit these responsibilities. The same is true of many municipal park and recreation departments. They spend a great deal of money on recreational programs which put greater pressure on existing turf facilities. But ask to see their sports turf manager and you meet with blank stares. There is no such person. Many private schools, colleges and other sports facilities fall into the same category.

As a result, millions of dollars of public and private money is wasted each year. Most of these dollars are spent on unqualified or unsupervised labor, poor quality seed or sod, wrong fertilizers, heavy weed-infested

soil, poorly selected chemicals, and poorly designed maintenance equipment.

It seems that more grass is killed by poor management than it is possible to grow. This results from the wrong type of mowers, wrong height of cut, lack of sensible mowing schedules, aerification or verticutting, and bad irrigation systems and schedules.

When new fields are constructed, no knowledgeable person is on the job to see that the work is being done properly and according to specifications. Low bidders, who have little knowledge of good sports fields, will sometimes bury stones, rocks and other debris which can surface later to cause injury.

It is time to wake up and correct this appalling situation. When administrators refuse to recognize the seriousness of this situation, insurance companies will.

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Association, to name a few, are there to help. Almost every state has a turfgrass specialist to answer your question as part of the Agricultural Extension Service. We also have many excellent magazines that publish timely articles and supply information.

Where will these needed sports turf managers come from? There are many people who qualify for the position of sports turf manager. It's just that no one has recognized them. They have been lost in old, archaic systems of administration. It is time to change the system and move these people into positions of responsibility and authority.

New sports turf managers will come from students entering this growing field of turfgrass management. These people, after serving as assistants under experienced managers, will be ready to take responsibility as managers themselves. Even golf course superintendents are becoming sports turf managers.

The sports turf manager should make up and administer the budget, develop forecasts of future sports needs and manage the work force for maintenance. He should have the authority to purchase the proper equipment and supplies. He should be paid a staff position salary with benefits to attract and hold him.

A sports turf manager more than earns his salary in direct savings resulting from more efficient use of labor, specifying the proper materials and better turfgrass management programs. Insurance rates can be held in line and even lowered when a knowledgeable person is in charge. Most important of all is minimizing injuries to players.

Who is responsible for fractured bones and painful injuries? Responsibility begins with the administrator at the top. Unless he moves to bring physical education programs and sports turf management into perspective, all of the blame will be on his shoulders.

No longer is there an excuse for the negligence of this nationwide problem. Information and help to set up workable sports turf management programs is only as far away as the phone.

Everyone loves sports. Everyone wants to help. But those that are knowledgeable in sports turf management can make it happen.

## PORT CHARLOTTE

It is with great pleasure that I could read in your March 1988 issue of *sportsTURF* about one of the best groundskeepers in all of professional sports, namely Tom Burns, in your article "A Star For The Texas Rangers."

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# ROOKIES

## PRODUCT UPDATE

### GRANULE SPREADER



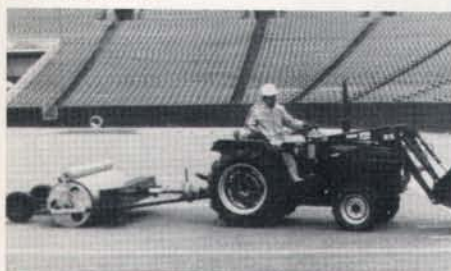
The MG10 Granule Spreader from Maruyama applies seed, fertilizer, or other dry chemicals to small areas simply and efficiently. The spreader provides uniform distribution over an 18-foot-wide range. A pattern can be set for the left or right side or for full 180-degree coverage. The hopper holds the dry equivalent of nearly three gallons.

The MG10 has a ten-position adjustable discharge volume and tank agitator to eliminate clumps or jamming. Its lightweight, chest-carry design is convenient for uneven or difficult terrain where ground-driven spreaders can't traverse. It's also handy for spot seeding or treating tees, worn areas of athletic fields and banks around lakes and rivers.

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### WATER REMOVAL MACHINE



The tow-behind Marlin has been added to Kuranda USA's Super Sopper line of water removal machines. It can be towed by any tractor or all-terrain vehicle and can remove up to 6,000 gallons of water per hour from

football and soccer fields, golf course fairways, artificial turf, running tracks, and baseball fields.

The Marlin's six-foot-wide drum holds 33 gallons of water; an auxiliary tank holds another 42 gallons. A 110-gallon per minute centrifugal pump, either PTO or gasoline engine driven, allows for simultaneous pickup and pumping away of water through a hose or spray nozzle. Travel wheels allow the unit to be easily transported from one site to another. They can be either hydraulically or manually raised and lowered.

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### KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS

A moderately low-growing turf-type Kentucky bluegrass with improved disease resistance and drought tolerance will be marketed this fall by three midwestern seed companies. Developed under a joint breeding program with Rutgers University and Jacklin Seed, Freedom Kentucky bluegrass has a medium-green color with exceptional color retention in cool weather and a healthy early-spring color.

Capable of producing an aggressive turf of medium-fine texture and moderately high density, Freedom has demonstrated excellent resistance to stem rust, melting out and red thread. It has also shown good resistance to leaf rust and dollar spot. It also exhibits strong tolerance to drought.

Freedom is well-suited for use in blends with other well-adapted persistent cultivars of Kentucky bluegrass. Desirable mixtures may also contain improved turf-type perennial ryegrasses, strong creeping red fescues, and/or improved turf-type tall fescues. These blends and mixtures are recommended for use on parks, athletic fields, institutional grounds, golf courses and school play areas in regions where Kentucky bluegrass is well-adapted for turf use.

Freedom will be marketed by Vaughan's Seed Co., Downers Grove, IL; Beckmann Turf and Irrigation Co., Chesterfield, MO; and Arkansas Valley Seed, Denver, CO.

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turf and antibodies produced by plants to fight them. The company has reduced a laboratory procedure down to a simple litmus test in which a test strip is inserted into a solution of ground-up turfgrass tissue. A small meter is used to read the darkness of the strip to reveal the level of fungi present.

Repeated during the growing season, the test can warn the turf manager when fungicide applications should be made or repeated. It can also report when applications are not necessary saving both time and money. It allows turf managers to make more timely and accurate disease management decisions, which would enhance the benefits of fungicides and slow the development of resistant strains of fungi.

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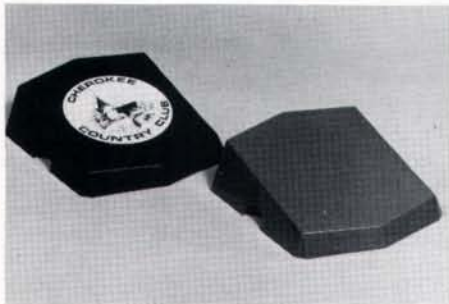
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Dixie Chopper mowers now feature full hydrostatic drives. Available in 42-inch, 50-inch, and 60-inch sizes, these new models eliminate all drive chains and sprockets.

The 42-inch model is the most powerful in its class and is heavily constructed to meet the requirements of commercial cutters. Features include one-piece formed steel frame, twin path hydrostatic axle and electric mower drive clutch. The sports turf manager has a choice of 16 or 18 hp Kohler engines.

The 50-inch and 60-inch models are equipped with 24 hp Onan engines. Standard features of the larger models include twin Eaton hydraulic pumps and White wheel

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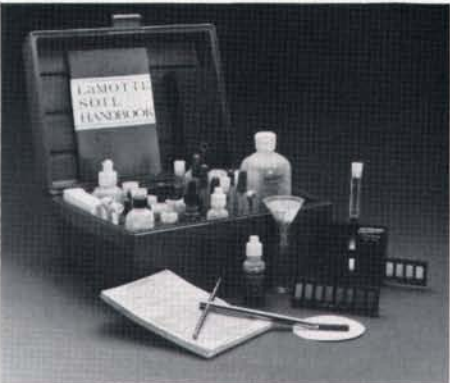
motion of aeration and better drainage, and better penetration of fertilizers and chemicals.

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### DWARF KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS

Amazon Kentucky bluegrass is now available in the United States. A dwarf variety from Sweden, Amazon was a winner in turf quality ratings at the University of Beltsville and the University of Manitoba. It also tied for first place in national drought tolerance tests, an important factor in any competitive turf seed mix today.

Amazon sports a medium dark green color and greens up early in the spring. It performs well in seed mixtures and under relatively low mowing heights.

**JACKLIN SEED COMPANY**

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