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- Defensive end Dan Hampton, a first-round pick of the Chicago Bears in 1979, who earned the nickname "Danimal" for his aggressive style of play.
- Quarterback Jim Kelly, who led the Buffalo Bills to four consecutive Super Bowl appearances with his mastery of the infamous "no-huddle" offense.
- Wide receiver John Stallworth, who racked up 537 passes for 8,723 yards and 63 touchdowns to help carry the Pittsburgh Steelers to four Super Bowl victories.

Besides that, you and one of your friends could rub shoulders with these inductees at the Hall of Fame Tailgate Party. And you both could play in a Golf Scramble with some of the NFL's legends or test your skills in the NFL Experience.

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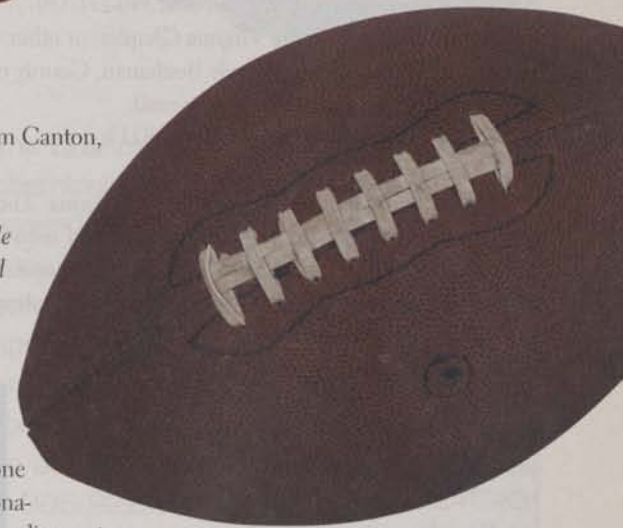
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This year's Hall of Fame game in Canton, OH, features the expansion Houston Texans vs. the New York Giants. You could be there!



HOF inductees you might meet include George Allen, Dave Casper, Dan Hampton, Jim Kelly, and John Stallworth.



Speaking of ex-Steeler wideouts, here's Lynn Swann with the Tami Ditzler, wife of last year's winner Dave Ditzler.

Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association: The Virginia Chapter will hold a Field Day from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on June 14 at Nottoway Park in Vienna. Events will include an overview of the Fairfax County Athletic Fields by Bob Studholme and Dan Sutherland of the Fairfax County Park Authority, Field Maintenance Demonstrations, and Equipment Demonstrations and Vendor Displays. For information on this event, contact Bob Studholme via e-mail: rstudh@fairfaxcounty.gov or at 703-324-8590.

VSTMA also will participate in the Virginia Tech Field Day July 30 and 31. For information, contact David McKissack via email: turf1@vt.edu or at 540-231-5897.

For information on the Virginia Chapter, or other upcoming events, contact: Randy Buchanan, County of Henrico Recreation and Parks, via e-mail: buc06@co.henrico.va.us or at 804-261-8213.

Sports Turf Managers Association of Arizona: The Arizona Chapter's Turf in the Pines educational seminar will take place on June 14. Morning session topics include: Cool Season Weed Control; Spray Calibration; and Maintenance Calendar for High Country Athletic Fields, presented by Dr. Dave Kopec. Following lunch, a representative from Hunter Industries will cover Irrigation Troubleshooting and Technical Updates. Contact Felip Garcia at 928-774-2868.

For information on the chapter, or upcoming events, contact Chris Calcaterra at e-mail: chrisc@peoriaaz.com or tel. 623-412-4231 or Bill Murphy, at e-mail: bmurphy@ci.scottsdale.az.us or tel. 480-312-7956.

MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association: The MO-Kan Chapter will hold a Summer Turf Management Field Day from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM on June 19 at Liberty High School. This event will focus on all aspects of Bermudagrass establishment and maintenance on sand base and native soil fields and will contain a laser grading session that will include the mathematics of dual slope laser grading, laser grader setup and the opportunity for you to operate a grader blade with laser controls.

For information on the MO-KAN STMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Jody Gill at 913-239-4121; Gary Custis at 816-460-6215, or Mike Green at 913-208-6158.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA): The Michigan Chapter's annual meeting will be held on June 21 at Okemos High School in Okemos. The morning session will include: MiSTMA Update, Turfgrass Environmental Education Program, History and Future of Sports Turf, Field Safety and Maintenance Issues, and National STMA Update. Following lunch, attendees will tour Michigan State University Athletic Field Research and Okemos High School athletic fields.

MiSTMA also will join the Ohio Chapter for a summer workshop with the Toledo Mudhens on June 26 at the new 5/3rd Field in downtown Toledo. The MSU/MTF/MiSTMA field day will be hosted by the MTF at Michigan State University on August 13. This event will team sports turf managers and business managers with a focus on the business end of main-

taining sports fields.

For information on the Chapter or pending events, contact MiSTMA Headquarters at 517-712-3407, or email Amy Fouty, University of Michigan, at fouty@umich.edu, or go to www.mistma.org to visit the chapter's new website.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO/STMA): KAFMO will hold a 3-Day Sports Turf Managers School at Lebanon Valley College June 24-26. Participant registration offers a lodging option or a commuter option. Day 1 topics include: Irrigation Systems; Drainage, Spreader Calibration; Calibration Math; Turfgrass Identification, and Efficient Water Use. Day 2 topics include: Laser Layout, Find Lining and Logo Painting, Weed Identification and Management, Fertilization, and Football Field Renovation. Day 3 includes: the topic of Professionalism, Equipment Demonstrations, and Vendor Displays. For information on the KAFMO/STMA Chapter or upcoming events, contact Dan Douglas, Reading Phillies Baseball Club, at tel. 610-375-8469, ext. 212; or e-mail to: kafmo@aol.com.



Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey: The SFMANJ Chapter, in cooperation with Rutgers University and Hunterdon Central Regional High School, will present "Chronicle of a Football Field" on June 25 at 6:30 pm at Hunterdon Regional High School in Flemington. Barry Imboden, Supervisor of Grounds/Maintenance for the high school, will detail the chain of events leading to the current football field renovation. This event will include the educational presentation, a tour of the field, and a question and answer session.

The Chapter also is planning an August 8 Work Shop and Demonstration Session.

For information on the New Jersey Chapter, or upcoming events, call Fred Castenschiold at 908-722-9830; or call Eleanora Murfitt, at 908-236-9118; e-mail to SFMANJCHAPTER@netscape.net.

Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA): TVSTMA will hold a joint meeting with the Tennessee Turfgrass Association at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville on June 25. The Chapter also is planning a July 18 event at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, TN.

For information on the TVSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call Bill Marbet, Southern Athletic Fields, Inc., at 931-380-0023 or 800-837-8062.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association: The Iowa Chapter is planning a New Construction and Renovation Workshop for June 25 at Grinnell College.

The Iowa Turfgrass, Nursery & Landscape Field Day will be held July 18 at the ISU Horticulture Research Station north of Ames. Registration begins at 7:30 am. Pre-registration is strongly recommended. Morning tours begin at 9:00 am. The Sports Turf Tour includes: Sand Field Fertility, Pre-emergence Weed Control, Seeded Bermuda Traffic Study, Variable Traffic Intensity Study, Summer Patch Control, Turf Painting Trial, Species Traffic Study, Kentucky Bluegrass and Fine Fescue Variety Trial, and Equipment and Product Demonstrations. Lunch will be followed by a Mower Safety Demonstration and the choice of three options: Product Demonstrations; Pesticide Applicator Training; and Turf, Weed, Disease and Insect ID.

For information on the Iowa Chapter, or upcoming activities, contact Lori Westrum of The Turf Office at tel. 515-232-8222, or fax 515-232-8228, or e-mail: Lori@iowaturfgrass.org.

Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA): The OSTMA chapter will host a summer workshop with the Toledo Mudhens on June 26 at the new 5/3rd Field in downtown Toledo. Educational sessions will be conducted by Jeff Limburg, Head Sports Field Manager, and the OSTMA. The MiSTMA Chapter also has been invited to participate. Tickets will be available so attendees can catch the ballgame following the workshop.

OSTMA will take part in a Joint Golf Outing with the Ohio Lawn Care Association on July 25 at Apple Valley Golf Course in Mt. Vernon.

For information on the OSTMA Chapter, or upcoming events, call OSTMA Headquarters at 740-452-4541 or Boyd Montgomery at 419-885-1982; or visit the chapter's website at www.glstma.org.

Colorado Sports Turf Managers Association: The Colorado Chapter is planning a Summer Workshop in the City of Aurora on July 9. Soccer, football, baseball, and softball field maintenance issues will be covered.

The CSTMA 2002 Lawnmower Man Open golf tournament will be held at Westwoods Golf Course in Arvada on July 23.

For information on the Colorado Chapter, or upcoming activities, visit the Chapter's website—www.CSTMA.org, or call the CSTMA Chapter Hotline at 303-346-8954.

Minnesota Chapter STMA: The Minnesota Chapter challenges the Iowa Chapter to the annual "Chapter Clash" on July 12-13. The MSTMA Seminar on Wheels will be held on August 9.

As its Community Service Project, MSTMA will be selecting a local baseball/softball field to renovate based on written entries received by the MSTMA Chapter Office. For more information contact Mike McDonald, CSFM, at tel. 612-625-6097.

For information on the Minnesota Chapter, or upcoming events, contact Jeff Hintz, Bethel College & Seminary, St. Paul, at tel. 651-638-6075 or e-mail: j-hintz@bethel.edu.

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The Florida Chapter will hold a Workshop at the Dolphins Training Camp in Davie on July 16. The educational focus is on fertilization of athletic fields in Florida.

For information on the Florida Chapter, or pending activities, call John Mascaro at 954-341-3115.

North Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: The NTSTMA Chapter is planning a July Sports Field Educational Program with the main topics being aerification, topdressing, soil amendments and overseeding. The confirmed date and location will be announced soon. For information on the North Texas Chapter, or pending activities, contact Scott Piecha at 817-831-4505 or sspiecha@aol.com or Rene Aspiron at 972-647-3393, or visit the website at www.ntstma.org.

Midwest Chapter STMA: The Midwest Chapter will hold its Tour on Wheels in late August.

For information on the Midwest Chapter, or pending activities, visit the Chapter's website, <http://mestma.org/>, or call Libby Baker at 847-263-7603 or email Bake60ft6in@aol.com.

Southern California Chapter: For information on the Southern California Chapter, or pending activities, call Ron Kirkpatrick at 858-453-1755.

Northern California Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Nor-Cal Chapter, or pending events, call Janet Gift at 530-758-4200.

The Greater LA Basin Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Chapter or pending events, call Steve Dugas, California State University-Fullerton, at 714-278-3929 or email sdugas@fullerton.edu.

Gateway Chapter Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Gateway Chapter, or upcoming events, call Mike Krone, Missouri Baptist College, 314-392-2328 or email krone@mobap.edu.

Indiana Chapter: For information on the Indiana Chapter, or pending activities, call Terry Updike, B & B Fertilizer, at 219-356-8424.

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the Nebraska Chapter, or upcoming events, call Gregg Bostelman, City of Grand Island, at 308-385-5426.

Mid-Atlantic Athletic Field Managers Organization (MAFMO Chapter STMA): For information on the MAFMO Chapter, or pending activities, call the Hotline at 410-290-5652.

South Texas Sports Turf Managers Association: For information on the South Texas Chapter, or upcoming events, call Craig Potts, Texas A & M University, at tel. 979-458-8841, or e-mail: CPotts@athletics.tamu.edu.

Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association: For

more information on the Wisconsin Chapter, or other pending events, call Richard Miller at 608-756-1150.

Georgia: A new Chapter is forming in Georgia. GA-STMA will have a booth and members will be teaching classes at the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association (GRPA)-Facilities & Grounds Section Field Day on June 26 at Lost Mountain Park.

For information on the forming chapter, or for Field Day Event and Registration information, contact Lori Turek at 770-509-3663 or gastma@earthlink.net.

Pacific Northwest: For information on the chapter forming in the Washington/Oregon area, contact in Washington, Jay Warnick at 425-893-5130 or JayW@Seahawks.com or in Oregon, Mike Wagner at 541-346-5436 or MWagner@Oregon.UOregon.edu.

Kentucky: For information on the chapter forming in Kentucky, contact Tom Nielsen at TNielsen@bats-baseball.com or Aaron Boggs at AVBoggs@netscape.net.

Las Vegas: For information on the chapter developing in Las Vegas, contact Rod Smith, Grounds Manager/Cashman Center at e-mail: rms@lveva.com or at tel. 702-386-7140.

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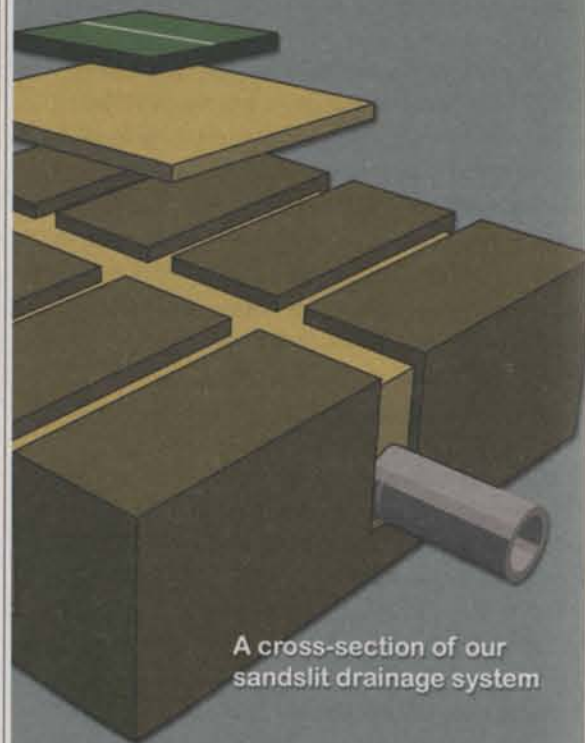
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Crazy after all these years

I am very fortunate to be sprigging all my own fields after purchasing my own sprig planter. Our school district is very supportive of promoting safe fields. I am currently getting ready to put in a field in which I am going to try a combination of "Quickstand" and "Baby" Bermudagrass. I like the density of Baby and the wear tolerance of Quickstand. We have actually used 20-ounce round up to the acre over the top of Quickstand and Baby to transition out rye and other undesirable weeds with no damage to our bermuda. Am I crazy for combining the two varieties?

*Damon Ervie, Director of Field and Grounds for Liberty Schools
Liberty, MO*

You have probably received as much difference in opinion on this subject as there is difference in appearance of these two bermudagrass varieties. Just like mixing the grasses I have a mixed opinion on the possible outcome, but I am clearly behind your initiative to discover an improved grass system.

My guess is that in time the Quickstand may overtake the Baby because Quickstand has better winter tolerance and spreads faster over the surface. If you follow my rationale on planting a multitude of different grasses to produce the best biomass then what you propose may not be so crazy. The problem, or risk, comes in what expectations you have for the field. If this is a highly visible competition field then you may have some explaining to do if the appearance is not-so-uniform because of patches of coarser bermuda (Quickstand) mixed in with patches of finer texture bermuda (Baby).

If the area is used for soccer you may find that the smoothness of the surface may be compromised at times because of the differential in green-up and vertical growth rate for these very different bermudagrass varieties. If you are overseeding with rye, the two different grasses may also transition differently. If you are not so worried about appearance and more concerned about density and cover then this could possibly give you the dual benefit that you seek—a dense mat from Baby and fast recovery from Quickstand.

Which will dominate in the intense traffic areas? My guess again is that the Quickstand will dominate the intense traffic areas if the turf is ever worn very thin and allowed to recover by spreading. The fact is that we just can't say for sure just how these two grasses perform when planted together. My guess is that they will segregate into separate patches, but my hope is that they will blend together more uniformly to provide a denser mat that takes longer to wear thin.

I do a lot of playing around with ideas like this on practice fields and in areas where failure or unexpected results can't hurt me. That's where I would start with a

project like this to gain some first hand experience. Stick to your guns, be prepared to wipe the egg off of your face, and like all good researchers go where the results take you.

Is it a crazy idea? Mixing cool season grass varieties is a common practice to achieve better genetic diversity and combine attributes from each grass. But vegetative types of bermudagrass are grown as monocultures in sod farms and mixtures are seldom attempted. The thought of contaminating one variety of bermuda with another is so unpalatable to sod producers that such a mixture on purpose would seem blasphemous. However, I do like your initiative to rank turf cover and playing performance ahead of appearance for some fields; there will be a special place for you in the Athletic Field Safety Hall of Fame.

If it is any consolation, here are a few things that started out as a crazy idea and ended up as standard operating procedure: seeding ryegrass at anything over 7 pounds per 1000 square feet.; cutting sod 2 inches thick for anything; sticking a 1-inch steel rod in the ground over and over and over—vertidrain; topdressing with chopped up tires; growing grass in sand; pregerminating seed; and one of my favorites that is still being tested, seeding bermudagrass as an annual to patch worn northern fields.

There may be a big difference of opinion as to the outcome of mixing Quickstand and Baby, but one thing we can all agree on is that you will be the first one to do it. My recommendation is that sports turf managers need to explore ideas such as this that have a reasonable chance of success, but do them in areas where an incomplete success won't compromise your job.

Last year I included monocultures of Quickstand and a common vegetative bermudagrass in my Iowa traffic trials. This year I'm adding a treatment mixing Quickstand and Baby just for you. We can share our notes with the other nuts at the 2003 STMA Conference in San Antonio. Don't forget to take some pictures or your bermudagrass mixtures.

As a side note let me encourage all of you to purchase a digital (or other) camera and use it in your work to document the problems and solutions related to your job. If you are digging up buried problems, you better take a picture before you bury it up again. Pictures of your field-related problems and questions certainly help my diagnosis and recommendations for your specific situation, so keep those jpgs and mp3s coming.



Have Questions?

Send them to Dave Minner at Iowa State University, 106 Horticulture Hall, Ames, IA 50011, or email dminner@iastate.edu. Or, send them to Grady Miller at the University of Florida, PO Box 110670, Gainesville, FL 32611, or email gmliller@mail.ifas.ufl.edu.

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