

ing the ring take on that hole. Usually the match is over before all dozen balls are struck. The knock-out, as it were, comes sooner than expected. Two victories have been achieved. Over oneself and over the carry.

A number of years ago, when I was a club secretary, I was approached by three elderly members (now paying where I hope there are no carries), with the complaint that the carry over gorse and heather at the last hole was unfair. My plea that it was about only 150 yards, which at a short hole would not worry them at all, was met with disbelief.

In the end we all tramped down to that teeing ground, the harassed secretary—several years past his half century—carrying a No. 5 iron. He proved his point, and the old gentlemen played happily ever after.

Which goes to prove that wrong impressions are easily formed. Let no one suggest that the average club member should indulge in pacing out the distance for his second shots. He might, however, ease his mind if he stepped out some of the carries that have deranged his mind when gazing upon them.

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## NEW FROM MOMMERSTEEG

A new seed mixture developed by Mommersteeg International was introduced at the IPRA exhibition in Liverpool (20 March 1974) for general-purpose playing field/sports application.

The mixture contains four different grass species, using specially-bred varieties from Mommersteeg's own plant breeders, and is designed to meet the following needs: wearing capabilities, tolerance of different mowing heights, disease resistance,

ease of mowing and speed of establishment.

The new general-purpose mixture is carefully balanced to allow each constituent to fulfil its role in the production of the turf sward—all varieties are OECD Certified: 50% Stadion perennial ryegrass, 25% Novorubra creeping red fescue, 20% Koket chewings fescue and 5% Timo timothy.

**STADION**—perennial rye grass—quick to establish and selected for its dense prostrate growth habit which gives an extremely hard-wearing sward. It is easily gang-mown and has good resistance to red thread disease.

**NOVORUBRA**—creeping red fescue—a versatile variety capable of adapting to a wide range of soils. It is particularly useful on thinner soils of low fertility and by its rhizomatous growth it will colonise open patches in the turf.

**KOKET**—chewings fescue—an outstanding variety for close-mown turf where it forms a dense base to the sward. It is extremely attractive in appearance and shows good disease resistance.

**TIMO**—timothy—a hard-wearing variety which thrives on wetter soils and forms an important part of the turf in less closely-mown areas. It is valuable during the Winter months because of its high tolerance to cold and wet conditions.

The mixture is treated with SAIs as seed dressing for protection against fungal attack and to encourage quick establishment.

Recommended sowing rate is  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz per square yard for sowing down new playing fields; 1 oz per square yard is recommended for renovation work.

Full details of all special Mommersteeg seed mixtures for sports turf and their new Sports and Amenity Turf catalogue will be available from the Mommersteeg stand at the IPRA exhibition. . . .