British root-zone ruling sheds little light

The bare bones of settlement make their own quiet statement, the common knowledge being East Dorset GC accepted an offer of £575,000, which included legal costs of £512,000. Hawtree, through his insurance company, paid around £1 million to the club, with about one quarter of that sum recompensed by STRI.

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Further, STRI agreed to pay the club an additional £575,000. Though these settlement payments were offered and accepted, both Hawtree and STRI deny liability. Further, such payments do not insinuate and must not be taken as an admission of guilt.

As a postscript, litigation has generated a huge demand for professional materials evaluations services, while spawning the formation of one influential new company, European Turfgrass Laboratories, from an amalgamation of several independent lab consultancies: Professional Sports Turf Design, McMillan Shields and Grass Technology International. The new laboratory competes directly with STRI, its services including the sourcing of suitable root-zone materials, correct mixing and safe delivery to the golf course.

While East Dorset GC, the greens that caused all the trouble remain unexcavated. To be fair, this last drought-ridden summer was a tough one to begin ripping apart greens.

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