NOER'S TURF ROUNDUP—II

Bermuda Overseeding

With Proper Preparation and Strong Fertilization It Can Give Good Temporary Cover

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OVERSEEDING with Bermuda might be a good temporary summer cover on some course areas, especially on poor tees and on steep Poa annua approaches. It provided exceptional playing turf for the Army-Navy games in Philadelphia in 1958 and again in 1959. Overseeding with Bermuda has been going on even longer on the practice fields at West Point Military Academy. In 1958 overseeded Bermuda was tried on part of the practice field at Iowa State and was used more extensively in 1959. Turfwise, this part of the field was considered best by the coaching staff and players. In 1960 Beryl Taylor plans to overseed the center of the Iowa State Stadium with Bermuda if the bluegrass turf is thin upon completion of spring practice.

Those who test seeded Bermuda as a temporary summer cover should start in a small way. They should remember that Bermuda is a sun loving grass. June seeding should give good cover by early July.

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