

Lyons' Unique Stolon Planting Method



Scattering stolons of Nimisila bent on prepared surface.



Steel mat is placed on stolons and firmed under foot to press them into soil.



Lyons' planting method avoids objectionable foot-printing on planted areas. One of the steel mats supports the man who scatters the stolons.

Bill Lyons of the Firestone CC in Akron, O., has devised an excellent method for planting bentgrass stolons. It should be equally good for fine strains of Bermuda.

The method is simple and fast and eliminates objectionable foot printing on planted or unplanted parts of the green.

Planting is done from sections of flexible steel mats, rather than from boards or planks.

Tufted pieces of bent stolons are scattered along the edge of a small section of the green. The steel mat is placed over the planted stolons and pressed into place under foot. This places the stolons in good contact with the soil. Topdressing is scattered lightly over the mat to cover the planted grass. It is done by hand from large pails.

The final surface after planting is in excellent condition. Surfaces are kept moist by light sprinkling on the hour all day long on windy days for a week. The secret of quick cover is to keep the surfaces damp, but not wet, until new growth is off to a good start.



Closeup of planted area on a green.