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#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

The merit ratings in the tables are as follows:-

- A = best ] for the quality defined at the top of each
- B = average column. (Compare ratings only within columns,
- C = worst | not between columns or between tables.)
- = insufficient data for rating.
- () = rating provisional (scanty or conflicting data) or under review.

Cultivars are listed in approximate order of merit for intensive turf use, except where stated to be in alphabetical order. For any particular purpose, decide on the required qualities; then obtain one of the cultivars with the best ratings (or combination of ratings) for those qualities.

Seed of all cultivars named should be available in the UK in 1983, but LA = limited availability. Tables give abbreviated names of maintainers (responsible for basic seed) and UK agents: the full names and addresses of UK agents are on p. 12.

#### BENTS

Table 1 compares the four types (species) of bents: note that 'Highland' browntop bent (the traditional "Oregon browntop") is so different from other browntop bents that a distinct species name, Agrostis castellana, is used. Table 2 compares cultivars.

Botanical name	Browntop 'Highland' <u>Agrostis</u> castellana	bent Others <u>Agrostis</u> <u>tenuis</u>	Creeping bent <u>Agrostis</u> stolonifera	Velvet bent <u>A. canina</u> ssp. <u>canina</u>
Vegetative spread	Vigorously, by rhizomes	Moderately, by stolons or rhizomes	Vigorously by stolons	Moderately, by stolons
Sward density and Fineness of leaf	Medium den- sity, med. leaf size	Dense, fine leaf	Dense, fine leaf	Very dense, very fine leaf
Summer colour watered in drought	Good - fair Fair	Good Poor	Good Poor	Very good Good
Winter colour	Very good	Good	Good - fair	Good-fair
Fusarium patch ( <u>F. nivale</u> )	Nore susceptible	Less susceptible	More susceptible	Less susceptible

#### TABLE 1. Comparison of bent species

TABLE 2. Cultivars of bent available in 1983 (alphabetically within species)

BROWNTOP BENT (Agrostis	dens ty/	(Corticium fuciforme)				
	(Agrostis tenuis and A. castellana)	cellana)				
A. castellana Highland C	0	д	B/C	A	U	Oregon State Univ.
A. tenuis Allure (IA) B	PA		(E)	(B)	(B)	Joordens (Sinclair)
Bardot A	FA C	Å	m (	m	A	Barenbrug (Goldsmith)
(VI) 00	2 I	(B)	) A	(A)	(B)	bweatsh beed (Bond) Danish PB
(I.A.)	B	A	m	B	A	van der Have (Johnson)
Saboval B Tandang (IA) (A)	E (E)	A	m	(a)	B	WPBS/MSDO (Hurst)
	a a	Ā	I A	) m	A A	Mommersteeg
CREEPING BENT (A. stolonifera	lfera)			2 1 121		
Carmen A	<b>F</b>	A	(B)	(B)	(B)	Mommersteeg
Emerald (LA) B	ra I	A	m (P)	U	PA P	Weibull (Hurst)
LOR LOSS	1 69	. *	q m	1 00	9 6	Penneross Bentorses Assn.
	FA.	A	99	0	( <sup>(2)</sup>	Zwaan (Picard)
VELVET RENT (A. Canina sap. canina)						and the second
W (WT) UMOISHITY	A	Я	A		4	Univ. of Rhode Isl. (Goldsmith)

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TABLE 3. Cultivars of red fescue available in 1983

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Cultivar	Compact-	Persistence	1 miles	-		Short Maintainer and UK agent
	ness	when mown at 5 mm	thread* (and dollar spot**, in small tyre)	colour	colour gr	growth
SLENDER CREEPING	IG RED FESCUE	(Slender	: 42	chromos omes	(1)	
Dawson	Y	A		A. 1	A	van der Eave (Johnson)
Oriflamme (LA)	(¥)	(Y)	(B) (b)	(A)	-	
Sonnet	(B)	(¥)		(B)	(Y)	
Polar (IA)	en	60		A		1-
Merlin (LA)	FA.	P	~	(B)		8 NSDO (Johnson)
~	(B)	(A)	(B) b	(E)		A Clause (Mommersteeg)
Epaulette (LA)	ط ر	(B)	- /2/	(B)		
Casis (14)	20	(a)	1 0	) FF	(q) (R	d van Engelen (Pone)
S.59	00	0.0		Ă		WFBS/NSDO
STRONG CREEPING	RED PESCUE	E (Many strong	ur rhizomes: 56 chromosomes	mosomes)		X
Emsylva	0			A		
Gracia (IA)	0		FR.	m.	Ē	
Permille	o	1	(B)	(B)		
Boreal	0		0	A		
Durlawn	A	cu it	(3)	en e		
Bargena	4		XI X	<b></b>		barenbrug (uo
Muby	ae			n c		D Van der Have (Johnson)
A DECORDER (TA)		arı	2 0	2 A	9 12	
ubra			0	m		
Dagas	D		0	A	0	Danish FB
Envira	A		(c)	(B)	1	- van Engelen (Hurst)
Other taller and	nd less con	less compact cultivars	- Echo Rapid Rubin	Daehnfeldt:Picard), Engina and Enget ( (Swaan:Picard), Reptans (Weibull:Hurst (Ohisens:Bond) and Rubina Roskilde (Da	Engina an tans (Weib Rubina Ros	<pre>[Daehnfeidt:Picard), Engina and Ehzet (van Engelen:Pope), (Zwaan:Picard), Reptans (Weibull:Hurst), (Chieens:Pond) and Rubina Rockilde (Danish PB)</pre>
Insufficient information for	nformation	for grouping	- Bergond (LA) and Tridano (both Danish PB)	d Tridano	(both Dani	ah PB)
	* Cort.	Corticium fuciforme	*	Sclerotinia homoeocarpa	omoeocarpa	

## RED FESCUES (CHEWINGS AND CREEPING RED FESCUES)

Table 3 shows all the main features except wear tolerance, for which information is scarce. No feacues are good under heavy football wear but some are much better than others under various types of wear on fine turf. In general, the most compact cultivars, with most shoots per unit area, are the most weartolerant, i.e. good Chewings and slender creeping red feacues.

In drought very fine-leaved and compact cultivars may show stress. Some slender creeping red fescues, particularly those of coastal origin, are specially good in maintaining colour in drought, notably 'Dawson', 'Merlin', 'Oasis' and 'Manoir'.

When fertility is low (especially when nitrogen is scarce) red thread disease is most likely to disfigure turf. Chewings fescues are least affected: all creeping red fescues can be severely attacked. Some cultivars of slender creeping red fescue are also seriously susceptible to dollar spot.

#### 1. Fine turf mown at 5 - 10 mm

Choose compact (dense, fine-leaved) cultivars, of proved persistence under close mowing, taking account of seasonal colour if appropriate. Use one or more Chewings fescue cultivars, either alone or supplemented by good slender creeping red fescue.

#### 2. Medium-fine sports turf, mown at 10 - 20 mm

Compactness is the main requirement, to confer wear tolerance. Differences in seasonal colour will be of relatively slight importance.

#### 3. Heavy-duty sports turf mown at 20 mm or more

For such turf the value of fescue is debatable, but at least half of any fescue should be Chewings fescue rated A or B for compactness. Use some rhizomatous, i.e. creeping, red fescue also, either slender creeping red fescue or the most compact cultivars of strong creeping red fescue.

#### 4. Low maintenance amenity turf

For most purposes, choose relatively short cultivars of Chewings fescue with good freedom from red thread and acceptable colour throughout the year. Diseases make slender creeping red fescue generally inadvisable (except where tolerance of salt or heavy metals is specially wanted). Strong creeping red fescue is probably too tall for areas where the prime aim is to reduce mowing frequency, but its relatively open sward may sometimes be desirable, e.g. to encourage non-grass species. (For this, it may even be worth using some of the very open cultivars mentioned in the footnote of Table 3.) TABLE 4. Cultivars of miscellaneous fescues available in 1983 (alphabetically within groups)

Species, type and turf use	Cultivar	Maintainer and UK agent
HARD FESCUE: good cultivars, free of red thread ( <u>Corticium</u> <u>fuciforme</u> ), like Chewings fescue in tolerance of close mowing and abrasive wear; usable in fine turf in v. dry or infertile conditions	Biljart Scaldis Tournament (LA) Valda	Monmersteeg van der Have (Johnson) Zelder (Br. Seed Ho.) Cebeco (Hurst)
HARD FESCUE: coarser cultivars, less persistent under frequent mowing	Triana	Danish PB
FINE-LEAVED SHEEP'S FESCUE: unsuitable in texture for fine turf, v. susceptible to red thread: appropriate for low- maintenance natural grassland	Barok (LA) Novina (LA)	Barenbrug (Goldsmith) Mommersteeg

### TABLE 5. Cultivars of timothy available in 1983 (alphabetically within groups)

Type and turf use	Chromo- some no.	Cultivar	Maintainer and UK agent
Fine-leaved compact cultivars, tolerant of mowing at 10-12 mm, appropriate to add wear toler-	Diploid (14)	Aber. S.50 Parant Piccolo Teno (LA)	WPBS/NSDO Ohlsens (Bond) Joorden (Sinclair) Danish FB
ance to fine fescue/bent turf	Tetra- ploid (28)	Deploy	Dunns
Coarser-leaved less compact cultivars, with good		Barvanti(LA) Ramona Aber. S.48 Farol Goliath	Barenbrug (Goldsmith) Mommersteeg WPBS/NSDO Cebeco (Nickerson) Mommersteeg
wear tolerance but not suited for mowing below about 15 mm	Hexa- ploid (42)	Grasslands Kahu Heidemij Intenso (LA) Mirage Motim Pecora	DSIR, New Zealand van der Have (Johnson/Sharpe) Zwaan (Picard) van Engelen(Pope) Mommersteeg UCOPAC, France (Donath)

TABLE 6. Cultivars of rough-stalked and wood meadow-grass available in 1983 (alphabetical order)

	Cultivar	8.800	Maintainer and UK agent
ROUG	H-STALKED MEADOW- Dasas Omega Øtofte Sabre	GRASS	Danish PB Danish PB New Jersey AES (Br. Seed Ho.)
WOOD	MEADOW-GRASS Barnemo Enhary Novombra Pallas	(LA)	Barenbrug (Goldsmith) van Engelen (Pope) Mommersteeg Cebeco (Hurst)

#### SMOOTH-STALKED MEADOW-GRASS

Table 7 shows all cultivars likely to be considered for normal turf use, omitting those intended for agriculture. Criteria for selection should be :-

Football pitches: good wear tolerance with good or satisfactory compactness, winter greenness and freedom from leaf spot.

<u>Close-mown sports turf</u>: good compactness and/or tolerance of 20 mm mowing, and good or satisfactory fineness of leaf and freedom from leaf spot.

Low-maintenance amenity areas without wear: satisfactory freedom from leaf spot and satisfactory compactness, short growth and winter greenness.

These criteria may not include the special requirements for particular areas, e.g. fine leaf for mixtures with fescue and bent, or an open sward with poor compactness (with a consequent tendency to form less thatch) to encourage wild flora.

Some cultivars in Table 7 are known to be more susceptible than average to diseases not shown in the Table. (Brackets denote cultivars included provisionally.)

Mildew (Erysiphe graminis):- 'Parade', ('Glade'), ('Kimono'), ('Mosa').

Orange stripe rust (<u>Puccinia poarum</u>):- 'Nugget'. Brown fleck rust (<u>P. poae-nemoralis</u>):- 'Enprima', ('Geronimo'), ('Mosa').

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Maintainer and UK agent	Swedish Seed (Fond) van Engelen (Pope) wan der Have (Johnson) Barenbrug (Goldsmith) Marmensteeg Warren (Hurst) van Engelen (Pope) Otto Pick (Pope) van Engelen (Pope) Mommersteeg Mommersteeg Mommersteeg Mommersteeg Mommersteeg Mommersteeg Momersteesteesteesteesteesteesteesteesteest
Short growth	
Fineness of leaf	
Winter greenness	
Freedom from leaf spot*	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
Tolerance of mowing at 20 mm	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
Compact- ness	O B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B
Wear Comp tolerance ness	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A
Cultivar	Fylking Entopper Parade Baron Stanno (1A) Bensun (1A) Nugget (1A) Nugget (1A) Mosea Monopoly Monopoly Monopoly Monopoly Clade Glade Glade Golf Sving Geronimo Geronim

TABLE 7. Cultivars of smooth-stalked meadow-grass available in 1983

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#### PERENNIAL RYEGRASS

Table 8 includes 'Aberystwyth S.23' for comparison but omits several mainly agricultural cultivars broadly similar to it. Selection criteria for various uses are given below.

#### Intensively used and generously managed sports turf

This category implies heavy wear and also sufficient fertilizer, especially nitrogen (N), to ensure satisfactory establishment and regrowth of the grass. ("High N" in col. 1 implies c. 250 kg/ha per annum, on normal soils, not sands.) Use col. 1 for winter games pitches mown at 20 mm or more.

Col. 4 shows there is little information on cultivar differences under mowing at 10 mm. Cultivars with fine leaves and high shoot density would generally do best.

Cricket tables, mown at about 5 mm when wickets are prepared, are a special case. Plant survival depends on the duration of the very close mowing and the amount of more normal growth at other times of the year. Even quite unexpected cultivars can give satisfactory short-term results under the right management, but on the whole cultivars in the upper part of Table 8 would be most likely to be successful.

#### "Low maintenance" sports turf

Col. 2 gives ratings for wear tolerance under "low N" (e.g. a seed bed dressing followed by about 75 kg/ha in the spring prior to the autumn start of wear) but the vigour and wear tolerance of perennial ryegrass depend enormously on fertility, and even the A's will not perform very well under low N. In the trials that provided the data, the differences in cover due to N (high N at least twice as much cover as low N) far exceeded the differences between cultivars. In addition to wear tolerance, take account of susceptibility to red thread, which can seriously damage regularly-mown turf that receives insufficient N.

#### Low-wear ornamental turf

For turf receiving little or no wear, but required to keep a good appearance, look for fineness of leaf, cleanness of cut (i.e. no frayed leaf fibres protruding from cut leaf ends) and freedom from red thread.

#### Minimal maintenance amenity areas

Where mowing is to be kept to the minimum, and little or no fertilizer given, short growth and freedom from red thread are important. Note also that early-heading cultivars produce many more seed heads than late-heading cultivars (though any cultivar will produce unsightly heads in its due season, especially if mowing is infrequent, ill-timed or ineffective). TABLE 8. "Turf-type" and other similar cultivars of perennial ryegrass available in 1983. Ratings in cols. 1-4 apply only within columns, not between columns. In col. 11. R = carly. I = intermediate. L = late. VI = wewe late

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Col. 9 Col.10 Short Winter growth hardi- ness		0 2	<pre>Above-average performance in limited STRI trials - Bunting, Cockade and Crescent (all Sergeant: IA) Insufficient information to classify - Fiesta to classify - Fiesta Ho.)</pre>
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Col. 7 Fine- ness of leaf		C	11y) (Fope) Univ.(Johnson/Pope t) d) d) d) Johnson/Sharpe)
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Col. 5 Freedom from red thread**		A	<pre>m fuciforme (oultivars listed alphabetically) Manhattan van Engelen (Fope Majestic Nommersteeg Pennfine Penn. State Univ. Pippin Danish PB Player Cebeco (Hurst) Royal Nommersteeg Score Zwaan (Picard) Sprinter Van der Have (Joh Vendy Van der Have (Joh</pre>
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