

Buffalo plays ball thanks to seed company



Buffalo Mayor Stanley M. Makowski operates seeder in ceremony to begin reseeding of the city's 92 ball diamonds. With him, from left, are Glatt Glattly, Whitney-Dickinson representative; Parks Commissioner Gus Franczyk; and Anthony Gioia, chairman, Chamber of Commerce Buffalo Beautiful Committee.

When the City of Buffalo, New York dug out from under the worst winter on record, they found their softball and baseball fields virtually void of grass.

The more than 190 inches of snow had to go somewhere and to make road traffic possible, the snow was trucked to ball fields and parks throughout the city. The trucks and snow piling equipment made a shambles of the ball diamonds on the city's 76 softball and 16 baseball fields.

E. R. Townsend, president of Whitney-Dickinson Seeds, Inc., working through the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce, offered to furnish enough Manhattan Perennial Ryegrass to reseed the 92 ball diamonds.

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