More and more, athletic turf managers must know how hard their fields are. In this issue, we examine how to accurately measure the safety of fields. This test, though technical, may help avoid a lawsuit.

A Landscape Management survey paints a bleak picture for athletic field managers. But some innovative managers are changing the scene.

Use of aquatic herbicides is just one of five means of controlling water weeds. But three cooperative extension agents in Florida think it offers advantages the others don’t.

Those in charge of maintaining athletic fields at the high school level have problems their counterparts at colleges and in the pros don’t. Here’s how some of those problems are solved.

Selecting the appropriate tractor is an important purchasing decision. Here are some things to look for before making the big purchase.

Purchasing . . . for price, performance and profitability . . . is not an easy task. Rudd McGary and Ed Wandtke discuss why.

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