

sufficient dressing to apply at any one time; a green of around 500 sq. yd. would take about 18 cwt. of compost, but should the green have been hollow tined this operation done by hand can remove some 10 to 12 cwt. of cores, and allowance should be made for two dressings to restore a true surface; allow some four to six weeks between dressings, always drag mat after spreading; I prefer a steel mat to a brush, the mat following the contours of the green much better. It is necessary to sterilise top dressing, often an expensive task and labour can be very involved; it does ensure weed-free compost, how essential that is on strong healthy sward is not easy to judge, but on poor thin swards some weeds could be worked in and be troublesome the following summer.

News

Cambridge Soil Services combine expert technical knowledge with very extensive practical experience. This, together with the research and development constantly carried out in their own laboratory, workshops and trial grounds at Cambridge, enables them to provide the best possible answers to questions of sportsfields drainage, soil conditions and grass growth.

This year their main feature at Motspur Park is the new Triple Sand Injection machine they have de-


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The latest machines from Sisis will be on show including the Sisis Autocrat, an attractively priced self-propelled Aerating machine ideally suited for golf greens. The well-known Parkamatic Self-Travelling Sprinkler will be on show and finally the Ransomes 67 in. Ransomes-Hahn Tournament Triplex. This machine has been supplied by Parkers to some of the leading Clubs in the South of England including Walton Heath who possess two.

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