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Another Opinion

Dear Kevin,

In regard to your inquiry as to my opinion of the bentgrass/bermudagrass putting quality as a player in the 1987 U.S. Amateur; I felt the greens were inconsistent in speed & quality due to the varied amount & segregation of the two grass species. The amount of bent varied from green to green, & varied in areas of the green, which made it more difficult to judge the balls reaction, not only on putt, but on chips & pitch shots at well.

During my stay in Florida, I played two other golf courses in the area with pure stands of bermudagrass greens. To me these greens played much more consistently. Also it appeared that there would be no trouble getting a more than adequate tournament speed out of them.

Also, at the tournament, the bentgrass on the practice green did not hold up to the intense traffic; so that after the first day it was virtually impossible to practice and get a true feel of what the greens would be like.

In conclusion I do not want to give the impression that the combination bent/bermuda greens were poor; because they did play very well; but in comparison they did not play or look nearly as good as the solid bermuda greens.

I hope these comments are sufficient & will help.

Looking forward to seeing you in Houston.

Sincerely,
 Roger Null, Golf Professional
 Old Warson Country Club, St. Louis, MO

NEW BENTGRASS

Cobra, a new creeping bentgrass from International Seeds, Halsey, Oregon has earned ratings for color, cover and shoot density comparable to Penn-cross, Penneagle and Pennlinks in a trial on the USGA golf green at Experiment (Griffin) Georgia according to Products Manager Harry Stalford.

The trial report showed that Cobra tended to have the best color in cooler times of the year, but that Penn-cross, Penneagle, Pennlinks and Cobra were similar in color in the summer.

Other grasses entered in the trial were Emerald and Seaside.

Seeding began on October 7, 1985 with a seeding rate of 0.75 lb. seed per 1000 sq. ft.

Mowing height was maintained at 7/32 inch until May 1, 1986 when each plot was subdivided in height of 7/32" and 5/32". ■

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