



Closeup of a typical semi-sod slab.



Semi-sod and ordinary sprigs after three weeks growth. Area below pencil was planted by semi-sod method.

high sand content topping material using a mechanical spreader set to give about 3/16 ins. depth. This heavier topping is justified in greater livability of sprigs, and to even the surface irregularities caused by the slabs of semi-sod. The usual practice of watering thru the establishment stage is followed.

#### Increases Turf "Take"

Semi-sod, because of its already developed root system, advances growth by an estimated two weeks. It sends out runners sooner and thereby covers faster. Over twice as much grass lives when semi-sod is used than when sprigs alone are used. In areas where "gully-washers" are encountered, it is sometimes necessary to replant greens which have been sprigged in the usual manner, but not when semi-sod is used. Most seed beds contain high

organic content for moisture and nutrient absorption and to make the greens hold a shot during the first year. Watering is heavy to keep sprigs from drying out. So conditions are ripe for fungus attack on weak-rooted sprigs. The semi-sod sprigs are much more capable of resisting attack, as was actually proved in the San Antonio CC planting. Sometimes planting of new or remodeled greens is delayed until the growing season for Tifgreen is nearly over. Here two weeks can make a difference between a good base turf for winter or nothing but a spotted mess.

The nice part of it is that your nursery plot comes right back. Just top dress heavily, fertilize, and get ready for another cutting in about three weeks.

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