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How I Control Brown Patch

Contest conducted by the *NATIONAL GREENKEEPER* produces splendid list of prize stories. A. E. Lundstrom wins the \$50.00 cash prize by close margin on points. Judges' opinions vary greatly.

It was a great contest. Just to show that brown-patch control is still an unknown quantity there was only one paper, that of the winner, Mr. Lundstrom, which any two judges rated the same. It may be that this disagreement is due to the wide territorial locations of the judges, Evans in Philadelphia, McNamara in Pittsburgh, and MacGregor in Chicago. When John Morley appointed these judges he probably had in mind getting as comprehensive a viewpoint as possible which shows what a wise head he is.

It might be explained that the judges did not know the names of the contestants. The papers were lettered and the judges rated them from 1 to 10 according to their judgment.

FIRST PRIZE

A. E. LUNDSTROM

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Brown-patch, being a fungus, requires shade and moisture. Reason therefore prompts me to try to eliminate these factors as soon as possible, i.e., destroying the main factor favoring fungus growth.

One seldom sees brown-patch on newly planted lawns or very thin grass, or grass that is allowed to grow undisturbed to maturity, for the simple reason that sun and air penetrates to its roots.

Where brown-patch most frequently occurs is in turf closely cut,

Space will not permit us to publish only the five prize winners in this number. Next month we hope to publish the honorable mention stories and it is the Editor's opinion (if it is worth much), that some of those who are not even on the list are worth publishing in THE NATIONAL GREENKEEPER. But no matter how opinions may vary we are going to get somewhere on brown-patch control, and as everybody knows THE NATIONAL GREENKEEPER, with the co-operation of the National Association of Greenkeepers of America, is setting the pace in a progressive study of this serious subject. We will be glad to have opinions of our readers as to the results of this contest—EDITOR'S NOTE.

heavily topdressed and fed and where a thick root system is artificially created.

One naturally applies drastic remedies at once. This, however, I feel is not enough, for, by only applying said remedy the cause making brown-patch growth possible is still there. Why not, therefore, eliminate this cause at once with a severe raking, followed by close cutting and avoiding water for several days thus allowing the sun and air to do the principal work.

This naturally creates a brown stubble and is unsightly though only for a short time, for by intensified feeding, watering and topdressing the grass will come back better than ever, due greatly to its well established root system.

The road to least resistance is not always practical and the greenkeeper, like the doctor, must find and kill the cause before a permanent cure is assured and that, with the greenkeeper means elbow grease, and not only chemicals or certain remedies which, however, plays a prominent part.



THE WINNER