

Field of the Year Award Recipients Honored

The Field of the Year Awards for 2000 were presented during the STMA Awards Banquet held on January 19, 2001, in Tampa, Florida, in conjunction with the annual conference. These Awards, presented for top maintenance of natural playing surfaces and support facilities in four major sports areas: baseball, softball, football and soccer, are the highest honor STMA bestows upon a facility.

Midway Stadium, St. Paul, Minnesota, earned the 2000 STMA Baseball Field of the Year Award in the Professional division. Accepting on behalf of the facility was Connie Rudolph, CSFM, Head Groundskeeper.

Midway Stadium is home field for the St. Paul Saints minor league baseball club. Besides the Saints, Midway Stadium plays host to the state high school baseball championship tournament, senior men's baseball, Legion baseball, high school and college level football, a semi-professional football team, a women's football team, soccer, and major national concerts.

McGill Field of Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pennsylvania, earned the 2000 STMA Baseball Field of the Year Award in the College/University division. Accepting on behalf of the facility were Kevin Yeiser, Director of Grounds & Athletic Facilities, and Keith Evans, Athletic Field Foreman.

McGill Field, the cornerstone of the Lebanon Valley



Field of the Year recipients (l to r): front row - Craig Potts, Texas A & M University; Mike MacWithey, Apopka High School; Connie Rudolph, CSFM, Midway Stadium; Frank Worley, Toccoa Little League; Kevin Yeiser, Lebanon Valley College; back row - Leo Goertz, Texas A & M University; Lance Tibbets, ; Steve LeGros, Hersheypark Stadium; Eric Adkins, CSFM, Northwestern University; Randy Stoneberg, Northwestern University; Kevin Meredith, Wright National Soccer Campus; Keith Evans, Lebanon Valley College

College sports complex, was unveiled in the spring of 1999. During the 2000 season, McGill Field hosted spring and fall college games and practices along with local high school, American Legion, and teener games for a combined total of 131 on-field events.

The Senior League Field in Doyle Street Park of Toccoa, Georgia, earned the 2000 STMA Baseball Field of the Year Award in the Municipal/Parks and Recreation division. The field is owned by the City of Toccoa and maintained by the Toccoa Little League volunteer work force headed by Frank Worley. Worley accepted on behalf of the facility.

The field was constructed in 1954. The volunteer maintenance regime intensified in 1993 when Worley's vision of what could be accomplished inspired the extra effort to turn that vision for a great field to reality. The field now hosts 135 spring and fall practices, 142 regular summer games, and Tournament play during its nine-month season.

The Apopka High School Softball Complex, Apopka, Florida, earned the 2000 STMA Softball Field of the Year Award. Accepting on behalf of the facility was Mike MacWithey, Head Coach.

The Apopka High School Softball Complex is the result of a combination of dedication, commitment, donations and volunteer effort. Team members, their parents, a large number of local supporters, the Apopka High School personnel and the Orange County School Board join together to produce a field that consistently meets top standards and which the entire community views with pride.

HersheyPark Stadium, Hershey, Pennsylvania, earned the 2000 STMA Soccer Field of the Year Award in the Professional division. Accepting on behalf of the facility was Steve LeGros, Stadium Turf Specialist.

HersheyPark Stadium is the home field of the Hershey Wildcats, a professional soccer team and member of the "A" Professional Soccer League. The Wildcats use the field from April

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until September for both practices and games. In April of 2000, the field hosted the US Olympic Soccer qualifying tournament. The field also serves as the football and soccer home field for two local high schools and is the site for major concert events.

The Soccer Field of Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, earned the 2000 STMA Soccer Field of the Year Award in the College/University division. Accepting on behalf of the facility were Leo Goertz, Athletic Field Manager, and Craig Potts, Assistant Athletic Field Manager.

The Texas A&M Soccer Field was developed in 1994 and, initially, was used only as a practice field for the Women's Soccer Team. Use for soccer has now expanded to eight months a year, with daily practices, weekend games, College and High School Tournaments and soccer camps. The field also is used for softball camps during the summer and as a warm up area for opposing softball teams during the season, boosting overall field use to ten months a year.

The Wright National Soccer Campus of the National Soccer Hall of Fame earned the 2000 STMA Soccer Field of the Year Award in the Municipal division. Accepting on behalf of the Oneonta, New York, facility was Kevin I. Meredith, Turf Manager.

The four fields within the complex were constructed in 1990 and were the first step in establishing a permanent campus for the National Soccer Hall of Fame. The fields are in use from May through

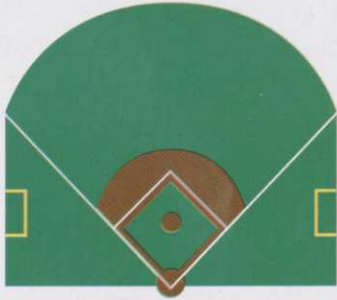
November of each year, with each of the fields hosting as many as 8 to 10 games apiece during an "average" summer weekend.

Ryan Field, of Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, earned the 2000 STMA Football Field of the Year Award in the College/University division. Accepting on behalf of the facility were Eric Adkins, CSFM, Agronomist, and Randy Stoneberg, Maintenance Foreman.

Northwestern University's Ryan Field was converted from an artificial turf surface to a natural turfgrass playing surface in 1997 as a key part of the 30 million dollar stadium renovation project. It is maintained to one of the highest levels in college football.

Olmsted Field of the City of Westbrook, Maine, earned the 2000 STMA Football Field of the Year Award in the High School/Parks and Recreation division. Accepting on behalf of the facility was Lance Tibbetts, Sports Field Manager.

Olmsted Field, created over 40 years ago, underwent extensive renovation in the late 1990s. During the fall, it serves as the game field for high school football games, the Tuffy Football All Star Game, both boys and girls soccer games, a Youth Soccer Fun Night and a Regional Band Competition. In the spring, the field hosts 30 track practices, 4 track meets, a 10 school regional track meet and a corporate meet. The field also hosts recreational activities during the summer, including 36 track and field practices and 3 meets.



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