

FIELD OF THE YEAR AWARDS PRESENTED

The Field of the Year Awards were presented during the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) Awards Banquet held on January 18, 2002, in Las Vegas, Nevada, in conjunction with our annual conference.

The commitment to excellence by the individuals named below to overall field quality, safety, playability and appearance earned their facilities the Field of the Year honors. The Awards are presented for top maintenance of natural playing surfaces and support facilities in four major sports areas: baseball, softball, football and soccer and are the highest honor STMA bestows upon a facility.

Baseball Field Honors

The Dell Diamond of Round Rock, Texas, home of the Round Rock Express, earned the 2001 STMA Baseball Field of the Year Award in the Professional division. Dennis Klein, Head Groundskeeper for The Dell Diamond, and his staff manage the Dell Diamond's maintenance program.

Patriot Field of the Putnam City Schools Putnam City West, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, earned the 2001 STMA Baseball Field of the Year Award in the High School/Parks and Recreation division. Rick Newville, Baseball Coach, was in charge of this field maintenance program.

Softball Field Honors

Samford Field of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, earned the 2001 STMA Softball Field of the Year Award in the College/University division. Joe Collins, Sports Turf Manager for TruGreen Land Care/Samford University, manages this program with the support of his staff.

The McInnish Softball Complex of The City of Carrollton, Texas, earned the 2001 STMA Softball Field of the Year Award in the High School/Parks and Recreation division. Andy Babbitt, Athletic Manager, and Mason Ward, Athletic Supervisor, and their staff are key to this facility's program.



*front row l to r: Kurt McLarren, Dennis Klein, John Gaffney, Andy Babbitt, Kevin Vos, CSFM, Joe Collins
back row l to r: Rick Newville, Jimmy Rodgers, CSFM, Peter Petrov, Keith Evans*

Soccer Field Honors

The Soccer Stadium of Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pennsylvania, earned the 2001 STMA Soccer Field of the Year Award in the College/University division. Kevin Yeiser, Director of Grounds and Athletic Facilities for the College, and staff members Keith Evans and Peter Petrov, are key the field maintenance program.

The Muscatine Soccer Complex of Muscatine, Iowa, earned the 2001 STMA Soccer Field of the Year Award in the Parks and Recreation division. This facility's program is managed by Kevin Vos, CSFM (Certified Sports Field Manager), Supervisor of the Athletic Facility.

Football Field Honors

The University of Virginia's David A. Harrison III Field at Scott Stadium in Charlottesville, Virginia, earned the 2001 STMA Football Field of the Year Award in the College/University division. Jimmy Rodgers, CSFM, Sports Field Manager for the University, oversees and coordinates this facility's maintenance program.

The Rush/Henrietta Central School's Elmer Gordon Stadium football field in Henrietta, New York, earned the 2001 STMA Football Field of the Year Award in the High School/Parks and Recreation division. The maintenance program of this facility is managed by John Gaffney, Head Groundskeeper for the Schools, and his staff.

Rodgers statement is echoed by all of the Field of the Year Award recipients, "We feel so fortunate and proud to be selected. We view this as a significant honor and point of recognition for our field and our program."

