New Product Releases

SoftRail™: A Fence and Rail Padding That Works!

premium quality rail and fence padding called SoftRailTM is available by Covernaster Inc., a leading supplier of protective sports surface covers in North America. The product is better than anything else on the market today. SoftRailTM is designed specifically to reduce the possibility of serious injury around ballparks and sportsfields when a player attempts to make a running catch over a chain link fence or guard rail.

SoftRailTM consists of a core of dense foam laminated to heavy gauge vinyl covering. Quick-fasten, self-locking nylon ties, spaced every four inches, hold the padding securely in place. SoftRailTM is a well made product intended for long-term use. It is

also surprisingly affordable. You can order SoftRailTM in any length and colour that suits your needs.

For samples, literature, and complete information on SoftRail[™], call Covermaster Inc. toll free at 1-800-387-5808. You can also fax your request to 416-74-COVER (742-6837) or visit www.covermaster.net. ◆



OSECO: The Turfseed Specialists

seco Inc. is pleased to announce the release of eight *Blue Chip* golf course/sport mixtures for 1999 deliveries. *Blue Chip* mixtures contain premium cultivars of Kentucky bluegrass, fine fescue, and turf-type perennial ryegrass varieties. These certified varieties are thoroughly tested and exhibit enhanced resistance to disease, insects, and winter hardiness. Oseco's *Blue Chip* golf course/sport mixtures include: *Blue Chip Intensive Use Mix; Blue Chip Bluegrass Fairway Mix; Blue Chip Rough Mix; Blue Chip Renovation Mix; Blue Chip Sportsfield - New Seeding Mix; Blue Chip Overseeding Mix with Endophyte; Blue Chip Park Mix; and Blue Chip Heavy Traffic Mix.*

When you use Oseco *Blue Chip* brand mixtures containing 100% certified seed, the *Blue Chip* name is your assurance of quality. Please contact Oseco Inc. At 1-800-668-5080 for more information. ◆

News Brief

Giant Steps Forward in Portable Grass

A lthough groundskeepers at New Jersey's Giants Stadium have temporarily converted their artificial turf playing surface to natural turfgrass at times in the past, this year they opted for a portable system. Clark Company of Delhi, New York perfected this technology and completed the first ITM installation in May 1997 when a natural turfgrass surface was required for soccer.

The ITM system is constructed of a series of sixteen-square-foot plastic modules with folding sides. The modules are filled with a root-zone mix and have turfgrass sod growing on top. To construct the playing field, the module sides are folded down and forklifts place the modules over corner locator footplates.

This installation is the first modular playing field used since the concept was originated for 1994 World Cup Soccer at the Silverdome in Pontiac, Michigan. ◆

- Manderley Report, Spring 1998

