

Table 1: The percentage of the 1996 GTI Field Day visitors who nominated the bluegrass variety as the "best looking" in the 1994 seeded bluegrass variety trial (total respondents = 150)

Variety	% of Vote
Ascott	31.5
Unique	23.1
Julia	11.5
Bartitia	5.4
Asset	3.8
Allure	3.1
Liberty	3.1
Alpine	3.1
Abel I	2.3
Sydsport	2.3
Touchdown	1.5
Shamrock	1.5
Limousine	0.8
America	0.8
Midnight	0.8
Opal	0.8
Chateau	0.8
Eclipse	0.1

by the staff.

Other attributes of the varieties, however, were not available to those taking part in the fashion show, such as spring green up which is important to the sports turf manager. Therefore varie-

ties such as Cobalt and Adelphi were overlooked. While the fashion show gives a quick ranking as to the quality of two year old turf in August, other attributes should be investigated in making your selection.

A significant attribute of bluegrass for sports fields is wear tolerance. None of the evaluations conducted at the GTI include this aspect. It would be valuable to the sports field industry if Dr. Bowley would subject a cultivar evaluation seeding to simulated wear and evaluate the effects under medium to high management.

**Did You Know...**  
Grass plants are 70-80% water?

**Above Ground**  
Grass clippings are 90% water and contain these nutrients:  
4% Nitrogen (N)  
2% Potassium (P)  
0.5% Phosphorus (K)

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