

fields is the continuous introduction of turfgrass seed to fields. Core cultivation is an ideal process for not only alleviating soil compaction but also bringing soil to the surface and subsequently creating a seedbed. Using a slit-seeder allows for good seed-to-soil contact and uniform seed placement. If core cultivation and slit-seeding is not feasible on a regular basis, broadcast seeding with a rotary spreader prior to a scheduled game and allowing athletes to "cleat-in" the seed is a minimal labor, low-cost approach. Perennial ryegrass is the best species choice for overseeding due to its rapid germination and establishment rate. Although numerous perennial ryegrass varieties have displayed susceptibility to the disease gray leaf spot, Rutgers testing has shown that the following varieties have improved Gray leaf spot resistance: 'Paragon GLR', 'Palmer IV', 'Repell GLS', and 'Protégé'.

The inputs and costs required to introduce turfgrass seed (or sod) to a natural field for the purposes of maintaining turfgrass cover should not necessarily be a means to justify purchasing a synthetic field. Synthetic replacement costs should be considered as part of the decision-making process and as a means to maintain turf "cover" in the long-run.

While the longevity of a new outdoor infill system is not known at this point, bear-in-mind that the typical warranty for a new synthetic infill is 8 years. Additionally, the disposal of the crumb rubber infill is one item often overlooked in the decision-making process. Simply sending crumb rubber to a landfill may not be a viable disposal option as car tire (the composition of crumb rubber) disposal is subject to

regulatory oversight.

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Are Your Goals Secure?

City of Montreal settles with the family of critically injured teenager Jan 6, 2005, Athletic Turf News

Montreal, Canada — The City of Montreal recently settled with the father of a teenager who died of head injuries in 2001 when an unanchored soccer goalpost he was swinging on collapsed.

The goalpost was in a city park and the city admitted its liability, but a trial was held to determine the amount of the penalty.

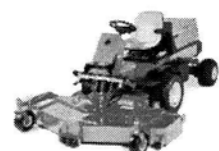
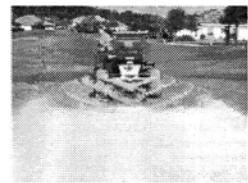
In 2002, the city reached a \$140,000 Canadian (approximately \$114,000 US) settlement with the mother of Shane Diabo.

Diabo was 14 when the accident happened. Her estranged husband, Keith Myiouw, recently received an award of \$30,000 Canadian (approximately \$25,000 US). Myiouw had originally sought damages of nearly \$1 million Canadian (approximately \$800,000 US).

Georges Bossé, a member of the city's executive committee said it was a "very hard lesson to learn," and that all the city's soccer nets were firmly anchored the day after the teen's death. ♦

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