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George Toma to Headline NJ Turfgrass & Landscape Expo... *the place to be in 2003*

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George Toma is likely the most famous sports turf manager in the world. He has been the NFL field consultant for all 37 Super Bowls. The son of a Pennsylvania coal miner, Toma began his career 62 years ago as part of Cleveland's minor league baseball system.

Toma will speak at the 2003 New Jersey Turfgrass and Landscape Expo (December 9-11) at the Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort at Virginia Avenue and the Boardwalk in Atlantic City, NJ.

New Jersey Turfgrass Expo 2003 continues the proud tradition as a "pacesetter" in the turfgrass and landscape industry. Featuring an expanded Trade Show, Expo 2003 will mark yet another step forward in response to the continued interest of registrants and exhibitors.

Sports Field Managers Sessions

Wednesday, December 10, 2003

4:00-6:00 pm

Panel: *SYNTHETIC SURFACES FOR ATHLETIC FIELDS*

Playing Surface Characteristics of In-filled Systems
Dr. Andrew McNitt, Penn State University

Experiences with Playability & Maintenance
Fred Stengel, Bergen Catholic HS

Economic Considerations
Dr. Henry Indyk, TurfCon GSI Consultants, Inc.

Experiences & Concerns with Synthetic Turf
George Toma, NFL Field Consultant for Super Bowl;
APPEARANCE COURTESY OF LOFTS/
PENNINGTON SEED

Thursday, December 11, 2003

8:30 - 10:00 am

Panel: *UNDERSTANDING WEAR & ITS MANAGEMENT*

What is Wear?
Brad Park, Rutgers University

Turfgrass Species & Varieties: Selecting for High Traffic Areas
Dr. Stacy Bonos, Rutgers University

Management Practices for Minimizing Impact of Traffic
Dr. James Murphy, Rutgers University
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SFMANJ Business

*Next Board of Directors Meeting - Dec. 3, Wed.
5:30pm at Rutgers Geiger building, Ryder's Lane,
New Brunswick.*

*Anyone interested in serving on the Board of
Directors for the 2004/05 years you may attend this
meeting.*