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# ATHLETIC TURF

#### On the road again

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT technical advisor Kent Kurtz, Ph.D., executive director of the Sports Turf Managers Association, recently returned from a trip to England and Scotland. Kurtz visited the Institute of Groundsmanship (IoG) trade show, saw tennis at Wimbledon, racing at Ascot, soccer at Wembley Stadium and had a chance to visit with old friend John Souter. Watch for Kurtz's observations in an upcoming article in this magazine.

"I had fun," Kurtz says. "I've got plenty to write about."

## Clay leads to less maintenance

The artificial OmniTurf infield at Boardwalk & Baseball in Orlando, Fla., is doing well, thanks in no small part to George Toma, who took several weeks last spring preparing for the Kansaas City Royals' first spring training season there.

Toma and the stadium crew used gumbo clay under the surface of the pitcher's mound and home plate to improve footing. As a result, the crew has reduced its daily repair work from six inches to only one inch.

#### A winning baseball facility...

"The secrets of groundskeeping are being told."

That said by Jim Anglea of Texas Rangers Stadium during a talk at the Sports Turf Managers Association meeting recently. Anglea told the association membership some secrets himself.

"The key to success is drainage. You've got to get the water off the field," he said. And the way to do that is to put a crown on the field from centerfield to home plate. Anglea does it with a laser grader.

Anglea also said, "You have to improvise. You've got to change your schedule."

# STMA gets together

The Sports Turf Managers Association annual meeting will be held at Vero Beach, Fla. from Jan. 13-15, 1989. Included in the meeting at the NL West champion Los Angeles Dodgers training complex will be educational sessions, a trade show and an awards banquet.

Dodgertown features 27 golf holes, a conference center and guest rooms for attendees. For more information, contact Melissa Merritt at the STMA. Phone (714) 981-9199.

## **Field fertilization**

Getting the right fertility program for a baseball or football field is not an easy task. Especially if you've centerfielders who can run 4.5 forties and offensive linemen checking in at almost 300 pounds.

"To maintain the grass, you've got to fertilize it like you would a fairway—knowing that it will be abused," says David Frey of Cleveland (Ohio) Stadium. Team schedules, weather, and traffic from special events all contribute to make application a complex decision.

Next month, Frey and veteran athletic turf manager Harry Gill of Milwaukee County (Wisc.) Stadium share some of their "tricks of the trade" in the pages of LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT.