



Trenton Thunders

Not the Only Team on the Field

The Trenton Center located in Trenton, N.J., hosts concerts, festivals, and baseball games; in fact it is home to the Double A Baseball team the Trenton Thunders. Because of the level of activity at the Center, turf traffic is exceptionally heavy.

"We've reseeded in multiple areas of the field because of the heavy wear. Cleat damage alone tears the place up," says Chris Scaglione, owner of Spring Green Lawn Care located in Englishstown.

And traffic isn't the only challenge Scaglione faces at the Center. "We had put down Team* Pro preemergent in the spring primarily to prevent crabgrass," says Scaglione. "Later, when we'd had up to 50 days with no rain with temperatures in the 90s, Team Pro was really put to the test. But even with those weather conditions, we didn't have to worry.

Team Pro held up great."

Team Pro is Team* plus the added preemergence prevention of key broadleaf weeds, including oxalis and spurge. This control comes from the same mixture of herbicides, Balan and Treflan, that's found in Team, but in a different ratio. This new ratio is even more effective on broadleaf weeds, yet still provides benefits of Team — such as exceptional crabgrass control (thanks to a high vapor pressure which spreads it



Scaglione: Better weed control for the money with Team Pro.

throughout the weed germination zone). And it's not only effective; it's more economical when compared to many other herbicides.

Scaglione notes, "Team Pro gives me far better weed control for the money than pendimethalin did, and it really prevented breakthrough. I'm glad I made the switch."

Scaglione makes two applications per year. "We put it down at recommended rates. One application in early spring, and another six weeks later on spots that I feel are 'crabgrass prone' — those areas that receive high amounts of sun," he says.

Team Pro is available on fertilizer and is safe on established ornamentals. And, it won't stain customers' property like pendimethalin. Informs Scaglione, "Team

Pro is easy to work with. And it doesn't stain our equipment either."

Team Pro can be used on both cool-and warm season turf, and it offers increased consistency on everything from spurge to oxalis. Unfortunately, the Thunders performance hasn't been quite as consistent. The team made it to the playoffs in '96 but then failed in 1997. Scaglione believes he knows what prevented the team from going all the way. "The turf looks so good this year — it distracted the players," he jokes.

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