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PURDUE UNIVERSITY: THREE TYPES OF TURF

Melvin J. Robey is superintendent of athletic facilities at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, a position he has held for the last ten years. He received his Bachelor's degree from Utah State University and his Masters at Purdue, both in turf management. He is author of the book LAWNS, published by Davis McKay Company in New York and has another in the works which will be out soon.



After the sod is put down, it is lightly rolled. The PAT system does not have a crown.

All of the athletic facilities at Purdue University under the supervision of Melvin J. Robey are used extensively. They include an outdoor track, hockey field, baseball diamond, a natural turf practice field, a synthetic turf practice field, and the football stadium, a Prescription Athletic Turf system.

The stadium is used for spring football practice, anywhere from two to four times per week, averaging probably twice. In the Fall, it is used maybe 25 to 30 times for practice and games. It has also been used for the women's hockey games, and probably will be again this year. The field is seeded with a mix of Bonnie Blue, Baron, Nugget and Glade. It has just been recently resodded for the first time in four years. Plans in-



The first step in resodding the center of the practice field is removing the existing turf.

clude overseeding heavily this fall with Warren's A-34. The center of the practive field is resodded every year after spring ball is over. This includes an area about 40 feet wide and 30 feet long. The practice fields and baseball diamond have been overseeded with Manhattan ryegrass for the last ten years. This has proven to be a very tough, durable grass for athletic areas, according to Robey.

All of the fields except the stadium receive a complete fertilizer, including four pounds of nitrogen, per year. The stadium receives more.

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The fields are normally mowed twice a week in the Spring and Fall, sometimes three times if growth is especially rapid. Frequency is cut down to once per week during the hot season.

Mowing height varies slightly for the fields. The baseball infield is mowed at one inch, while the outfield is mowed at 1¹/₄. The other areas are all mowed at one inch. Height depends primarily upon the coaches preference, according to Robey, and management procedures are developed accordingly. The stadium is the only athletic field that is on a preventative disease program. Manhattan's susceptibility to pythium becomes a problem in the stadium, where air circulation is



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limited. The stadium is sprayed every ten days. The other fields are watched with a sharp eye for disease signs and sprayed accordingly.

Fusarium hasn't been a problem in the stadium, but dollar spot, pythium and leaf spot can cause problems if not kept after. Snowmold hit hard this year, hitting the ryegrass a little harder than the blue. Quite a bit of grass was lost, although not enough to cause major concern.

The stadium does have heating cables, but Robey wasn't able to use them at all this year, due to the coal shortage.

Equipment used to maintain the fields include a nine-gang reel mower, a seven-gang hydraulic reel mower, a smaller riding reel mower, a 48-inch rotary, and four 21-inch trim mowers. A monofilament trimmer is also frequently used. Utility vehicles include two trucksters, a pickup and a dump truck. A 100 gallon chemical sprayer and fertilizer spreader are used from the back of one of the trucksters.

There are three full time employees whose primary concern is athletic field maintenance. During the summer Robey picks up three to five college students.

Robey has found that he can maintain the natural turf systems with considerably less money than the artificial. He does feel a need for all three types of fields across the country. "The National League football players just held a vote and decided that they like the sand rootzone of the PAT system to play on the best," says Robey. (There are 11 PAT systems installed around the country presently.)

The Athletic Department at Purdue, of which Robey is a part, is responsible for maintaining its own facilities. Robey feels that it is much easier to maintain nice facilities under such a program. "I'm able to be associated much more closely with the various programs and coaches, and know what their needs are. I'm also able to explain my problems to them," Robey adds.

One thing Robey does like to stress, in maintaining athletic facilities, is that it is extremely important for the band to have a practice area other than the game field. Marching in place, as a band tends to do, creates severe compaction problems. The band will often do more damage to the field than the football team will." **WTT** Woodridge Golf Club, Lisle, III.

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ROLLINS COLLEGE: HEAVY USE OF EIGHT ACRES

Jim Boston is assistant to the physical plant director at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida. One of his areas of responsibility is the grounds at Rollins, including the athletic facilities.

"We're fortunate if we can keep the fields in good shape half a year ... because of constant use."

MANNATTAN RYEGRASS

Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, has only eight acres of athletic grounds. However, the patterns of use are intense, and Jim Boston, assistant to the physical plant director, fights problems common to all turf managers.

A fertilization program, and control of disease and insects are the items of major concern to him. However, he is limited to how much he can do and when, because the fields are in use almost constantly. The soccer field, for example, is also used for intramurals during the day and through the off sports season. "We're fortunate if we can keep the field in good shape half a year, much less a full year, because of this constant use," says Boston.

"We're involved with a very limited space. We're in an area that is built up in every direction with no room for us to expand. Our baseball outfield is used for soccer practice, because the game is so damaging to turf. The only area that we can treat properly and keep in a condition where we don't have an excuse is the infield of the baseball field, because it is not used for anything but baseball."

"The rest of the field does have some weeds," says Boston. "It has some worn areas, simply because we can't control it." Boston feels that the key to maintaining healthy turf lies in the root system. "When turfgrasses are trampled down, just worn out so to speak, they're going to bounce back and fill in the bare spots a lot faster if the roots are strong, deep and healthy."

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Both of the athletic fields at Rollins are bermudagrass. No overseeding is done, because the facilities aren't in use during the

"Sometimes we have to water day and night to supplement the rainfall."

winter months. That can be good and bad, according to Boston. "We would like our facilities to be growing and recovering during winter, but they're not because it is winter. They're also not in use, so we're not really in that bad of a shape."

Right now is the rainy season, and the fields might get rainfall almost every day. This past winter there was maybe only one shower during three or four months. During those periods, Boston relies heavily on irrigation through his quick coupler system. "Sometimes we may have to water night and day to supplement the lack of rainfall. We don't like to water at night, because of the increase in disease susceptibility, but we're more concerned with keeping the grass alive than we are with fungi."

"I'd say that nematodes and mole crickets are our biggest pests. We have our fields treated for nematodes at least once a year. For some reason this also tends to drive the mole crickets out. It doesn't kill them, they just leave."

"Since our soil is 90 percent sand, and with the heat in Florida, we have a considerable weed problem. I approach it a little differently than most, however, because of the timing of our baseball and soccer programs.

Spring baseball practice begins right after the winter months and their game season comes in right behind that. So you've got a decision "Do you want to kill the weeds and leave bare spots or do you want the games played on a green outfield?"

to make. Do you want to go in and kill the weeds and leave bare spots to gradually fill in, or do you want the games played ona green outfield. The spectators from the stands can't tell if they're weeds or grass. I wait until May before I treat for broadleaf weeds. I lose a month of growing time, but the baseball team had a green outfield."

Boston does not consider the budget for athletic field maintenance high, neither does he feel that it is low. "You have to look at

"We don't get the dollars that we'd like to have, but we get enough to do a decent job."

priorities. You've only got so many dollars for the school to work with and our athletic facilities are not on the very top of the priority list. We don't get the dollars that we'd like to have, but we get enough to do a decent job."

One full-time employee takes care of the athletic grounds. An additional person is hired during the summer. "I'm fortunate to have an individual that's taking care of the grounds who really cares about what he is doing and enjoys the results of his labor. That's the key to the whole ball game in taking care of turfgrass." **WTT**

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