

UCRTRAC Accumulative Research Summary
Section D: Unbiased Cultivar Evaluations
Project 4

Title: USGA, GCSAA, and NTEP On-Site Testing of Grasses for Overseeding Bermudagrass Fairways, 2004-2006.

Objective: To evaluate 31 new turfgrass cultivars, blends, and mixtures (Table 1) used to overseed bermudagrass fairways under actual golf course conditions. Primary data include percent establishment rate (4 to 6 weeks after seeding); turfgrass quality (monthly during winter, one to three times per month during spring and fall transition period); plot color, genetic color (two times – late fall/early winter and spring); density of overseed grass (once in spring); leaf texture of overseed grass (once in spring); percent cover of dormant bermudagrass and overseed grass (once in mid-winter); rate or speed of transition from bermudagrass to overseeded grass in fall (one to three times per month during fall transition); and rate or speed of transition from overseeded grass to bermudagrass in spring (one to three times per month during spring transition). Secondary data may include environmental stress, traffic and divoting damage, disease and insect damage and other data deemed appropriate and feasible.

- This is a national study, so an additional objective is to evaluate the performance of turfgrasses for overseeding bermudagrass fairways for both local and regional adaptation and for a broader adaptation across the United States. Information from this project is valuable to the golfing industry. These studies will determine the adaptation of grasses for golf course use. In addition, information obtained from on-site testing will be of particular value to plant breeders, researchers, extension educators, USGA agronomists, golf course architects, and superintendents, who need to select the best adapted turfgrasses for overseeding bermudagrass fairways for a particular regional climate. There are 12 locations (Table 2) across the southern region of the United States that are evaluating the same 31 overseed grass treatments.
- The 2004-2005 study was seeded on Fairway 8 on 16 Oct. 2004 and included three 5.0- x 20.0-ft replicate plots for each of the 31 overseed treatments (please see plot plan).

Location: Indian Wells Country Club, Classic Golf Course, Indian Wells, Calif.

Duration: Two seasons (2004 – 2005 and 2005 – 2006)

Funding Source: USGA, GCSAA, NTEP

(Note: Considerable assistance from David Hay and his staff; this is a cooperative project involving Robert Green (UCR), Sowyma Mitra (California State Poly. Univ., Pomona), Mike Henry (UC Cooperative Extension), and Jeff Place (College of the Desert)

Findings: Too soon to report.

Status: A two-season study was initiated. Information associated with this study will be published in various trade journals along with being available on the UCR Turf website.

Table 1. Thirty-one entries for the 2004-2006 on-site testing of grasses for overseeding of bermudagrass fairways.

Entry name	Species or composition	Sponsor
Charger	Perennial ryegrass	Standard entry
Winterplay	<i>Poa trivialis</i>	Standard entry
ProSelect	40% Jet, 40% Sonata, 20% Integra perennial ryegrass blend	Pennington Seed Co.
Marvelgreen Supreme	40% Palmer IV, 40% Prelude IV, 40% Sunkissed perennial ryegrass blend	ProSeed Marketing, Inc.
ALS2	Perennial ryegrass	LESCO, Inc.
PRS2	Perennial ryegrass	LESCO, Inc.
Overseeding Eagle Blend	33% Greenville, 33% ProSport, 34% Pacesetter perennial ryegrass blend	LESCO, Inc.
Futura 2500	30% Blazer 4, 30% Sunshine II perennial ryegrasses and 40% Pick Lh A-00 intermediate ryegrass	Pickseed West, Inc.
Pick SD	Perennial ryegrass	Pickseed West, Inc.
Playmate	50% Headstart 2, 50% Pick HS-01-09 perennial ryegrass blend	TurfOne
BMX 020383	Perennial ryegrass	Lewis Seed
RAD-OS3	Intermediate ryegrass	Lewis Seed
RAM-100	<i>Poa trivialis</i>	Lewis Seed
IS-OS	Perennial ryegrass	DLF International Seeds
Top Hat	Perennial ryegrass	Standard entry
IS-IR3	Intermediate ryegrass	DLF International Seeds
Champion GQ	34% SR 4550, 33% SR 4420, 33% SR 4220 perennial ryegrass blend	Seed Research of Oregon
Magnum Gold	34% Peregrine, 33% Hawkeye, 33% Penguin perennial ryegrass blend	Seed Research of Oregon
Flash II	Perennial ryegrass	Mountain View Seed Ltd.
MTV-124	Perennial ryegrass	Mountain View Seed Ltd.
OS	Perennial ryegrass	Mountain View Seed Ltd.
STP	Perennial ryegrass	Mountain View Seed Ltd.
PR 17	Perennial ryegrass	Mountain View Seed Ltd.
Starlite	<i>Poa trivialis</i>	Mountain View Seed Ltd.
CRR	Perennial ryegrass	Novel AG
League Master	40% Ringer, 20% Omega, 20% 04-BRE, 20% 04-BEN perennial ryegrass blend	Oregro Seeds
OSC110	Perennial ryegrass	Olsen Seed Co.
OSC108	Perennial ryegrass	Olsen Seed Co.
Covet	Perennial ryegrass	Olsen Seed Co.
OSC116	Perennial ryegrass	Olsen Seed Co.
Colt	<i>Poa trivialis</i>	Standard entry

Table 2. Twelve locations for the 2004-2006 on-site testing of grasses for overseeding bermudagrass fairways.

Golf course	Location	Superintendent	Research cooperators
Pinehurst Resort & CC	Pinehurst, NC	Bob Farren	Art Bruneau, North Carolina State Univ.
The John E. Kirkpatrick Five-Hole Demonstration GC	Oklahoma City, OK	David Gerken	Dennis Martin & David Gerken, Oklahoma State Univ.
New Mexico State Univ. GC	Las Cruces, NM	Bruce Erhard	Bernd Leinauer, New Mexico State Univ.
Roanoke CC	Roanoke, VA	Dan Wheeler	Mike Goatley, Virginia Tech
Mississippi State Univ. GC	Starkville, MS	James Patrick Sneed	H. Wayne Philley, Mississippi State Univ.
The Palmer Course at Starrs Mill	Fayetteville, GA (Atlanta area)	Ryan Mattocks	Clint Waltz, Univ. of Georgia
University of Florida GC	Gainesville, FL	Todd Wilkinson	Grady L. Miller, Univ. of Florida, Gainesville
Osceola Golf Club	Pensacola, FL	Eddie Daigle	J. Bryan Unruh, Univ. of Florida, Milton
The Traditions Club at Texas A&M	Bryan, TX	Sean Hogan	David Chalmers, Texas A&M Univ.
Heritage Highlands Golf & CC	Marana, AZ (Tucson area)	David Herman, GCSA	David Kopec, Univ. of Arizona
Blackmoor GC	Myrtle Beach, SC	Bob Zuecher	Bruce Martin, Clemson Univ.
Indian Wells Country Club	Indian Wells, CA	David Hay	Sowmya Mitra, Cal-Poly Pomona Robert Green, Univ. of California, Riverside

NTEP On-Site Fairway Overseeding Trial: 2004-2005

Indian Wells Country Club, Classic Golf Course, Indian Wells, CA

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Fairway 8, Par 5 (N↑)

↔ green tees ↔

111 11	110 10	109 9	108 8	107 7	106 6	105 5	104 4	103 3	102 2	101 1
Rep I	121 21	120 20	119 19	118 18	117 17	116 16	115 15	114 14	113 13	112 12
	131 31	130 30	129 29	128 28	127 27	126 26	125 25	124 24	123 23	122 22

Cart Path

211 14	210 7	209 12	208 3	207 15	206 16	205 21	204 5	203 17	202 27	201 13
Rep II	221 28	220 25	219 11	218 23	217 19	216 18	215 4	214 9	213 6	212 22
	231 2	230 8	229 1	228 29	227 24	226 30	225 20	224 26	223 31	222 10

~20 inches

311 6	310 13	309 10	308 21	307 8	306 24	305 4	304 28	303 31	302 16	301 25
Rep III	321 22	320 15	319 2	318 12	317 7	316 5	315 20	314 3	313 14	312 26
	331 19	330 9	329 11	328 30	327 17	326 27	325 18	324 29	323 23	322 1

TREATMENTS:

#	Name	Species
1	Charger	PR
2	Winterplay	PT
3	ProSelect	PRb
4	Marvelgreen Supreme	PRb
5	ALS2	PR
6	PRS2	PR
7	Overseeding Eagle Blend	PRb
8	Futura 2500	PRb/IR
9	Pick SD	PR
10	Playmate	PRb
11	BMX 020383	PR
12	RAD-OS3	IR
13	RAM-100	PT
14	IS-OS	PR
15	Top Hat	PR
16	IS-IR3	IR
17	Champion GQ	PRb
18	Magnum Gold	PRb
19	Flash II	PR
20	MTV-124	PR
21	OS	PR
22	STP	PR
23	PR 17	PR
24	Starlite	PT
25	CRR	PR
26	League Master	PRb
27	OSC110	PR
28	OSC108	PR
29	Covet	PR
30	OSC116	PR
31	Colt	PT

PR=perennial ryegrass; PRb=perennial ryegrass blend; IR=intermediate ryegrass; PT=Poa trivialis

Seeding rates: PR, PRb, IR = 600 lb/a; PT = 200 lb/a

Note: Plot size is 5 ft x 20 ft

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