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Sports Turf Management: Lessons Learned in 35 Years

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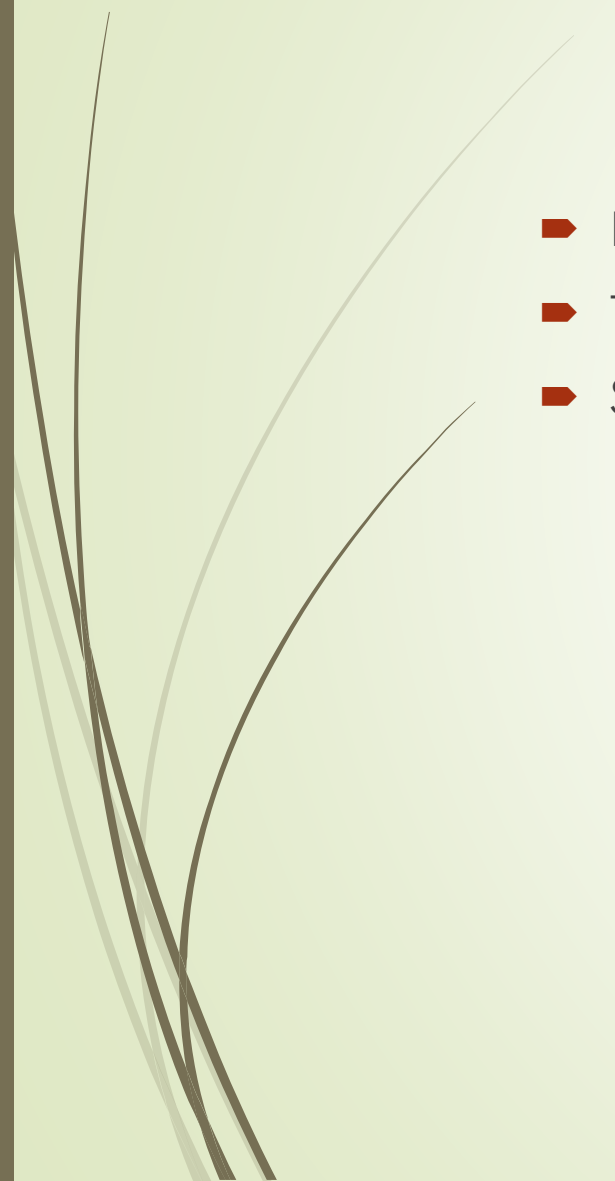
The Early Years



- BS Degree in Forestry – Michigan State University
- Started a School of Urban Forest Technology with 2 MSU classmates
- Became the Urban and Community Forester for ND
- Earned MS Degree in Urban Forestry – Michigan State University
- Became the Asst. City Forester for the City of South Bend, IN
- Hired to Manage the woody plants at the University of Notre Dame in March 1983
- Moved from that position to Golf Supt then to Athletic Facilities Manager
- Joined The Toro Company in April 2000



Lessons Learned in 35 Years

- Notre Dame
 - The Toro Company
 - Super Bowl and NFL
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Lesson Learned: Always Fight For What you Know is Right

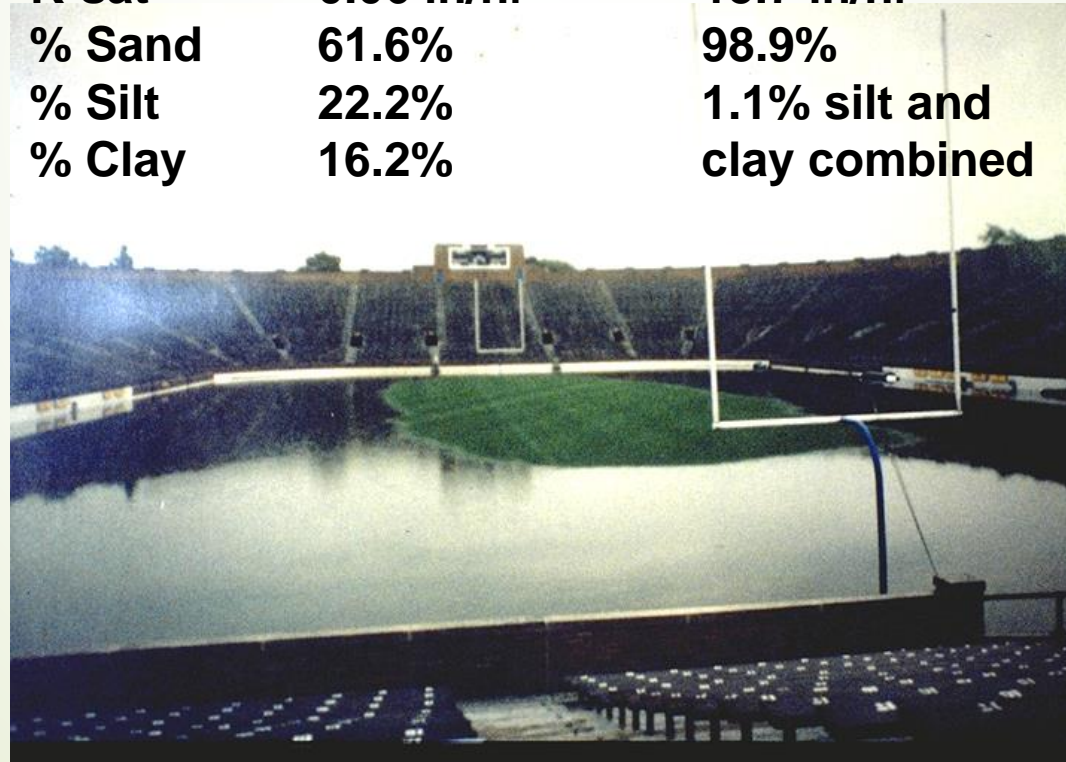


Why Renovation?

Lesson Learned: What you gain in drainage you sacrifice in stability!

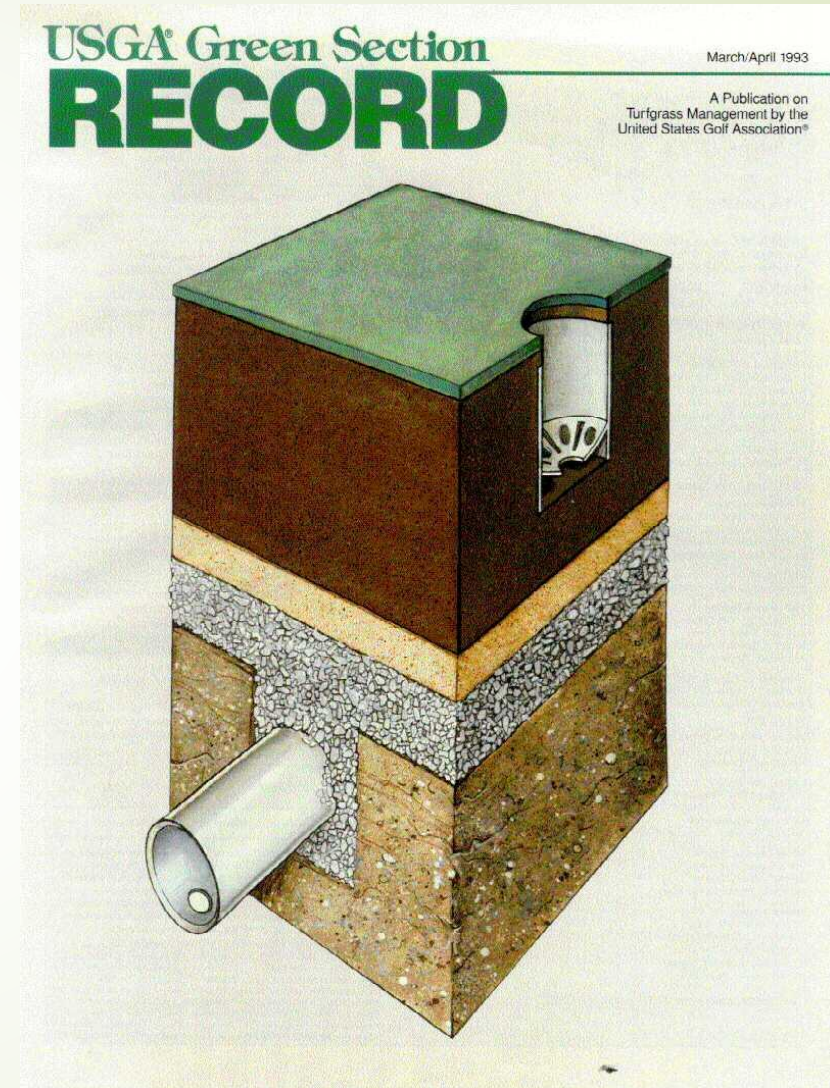
Root Zone Comparison

	<u>Old Field</u>	<u>New Field</u>
K-sat	0.06 in/hr	15.7 in/hr
% Sand	61.6%	98.9%
% Silt	22.2%	1.1% silt and
% Clay	16.2%	clay combined

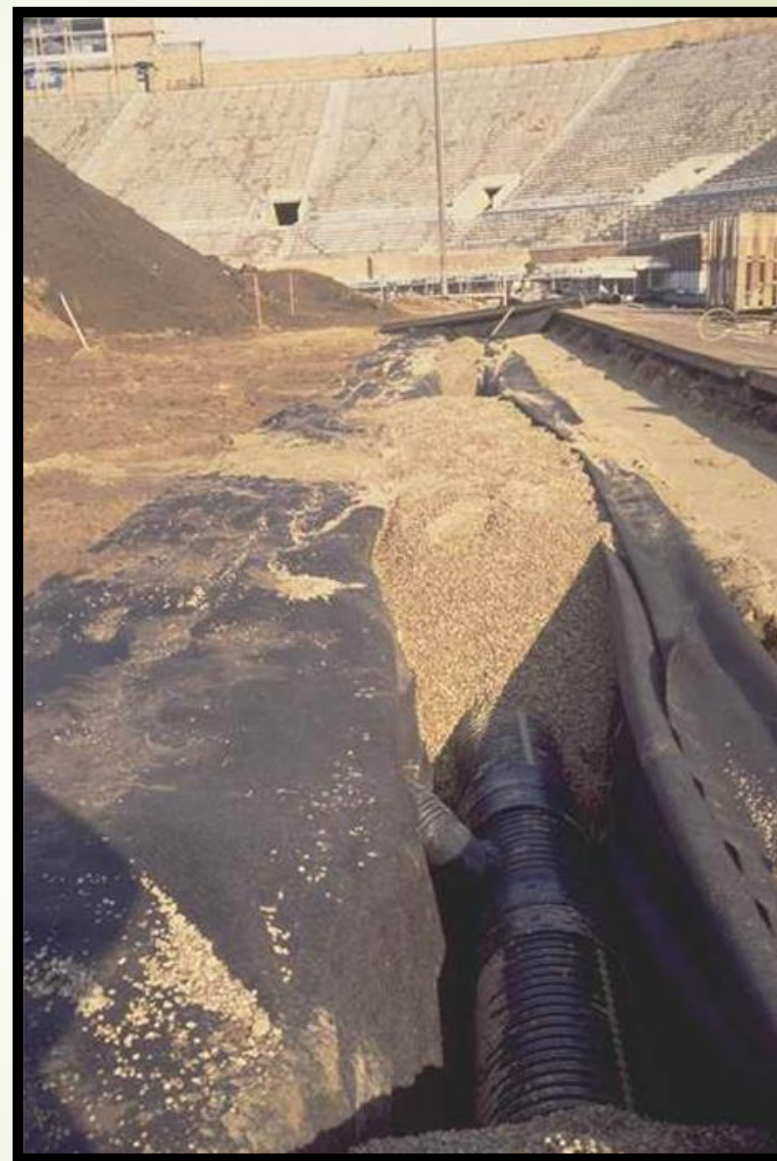


USGA Specifications for golf greens

Primary objective is to
minimize compaction to
insure drainage and
aeration







Days 10 - 17



Lesson Learned: Be Flexible





AS-BUILT CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

November 25 - 27-----Strip sod and excavate

November 29 - -----Continue excavation

December 4
Install perimeter drainage
Install irrigation main

December 5 - 12 -----Rain and snow (shut down)

December 13 - 24 -----Bring in dry sand, trench and
finish irrigation installation

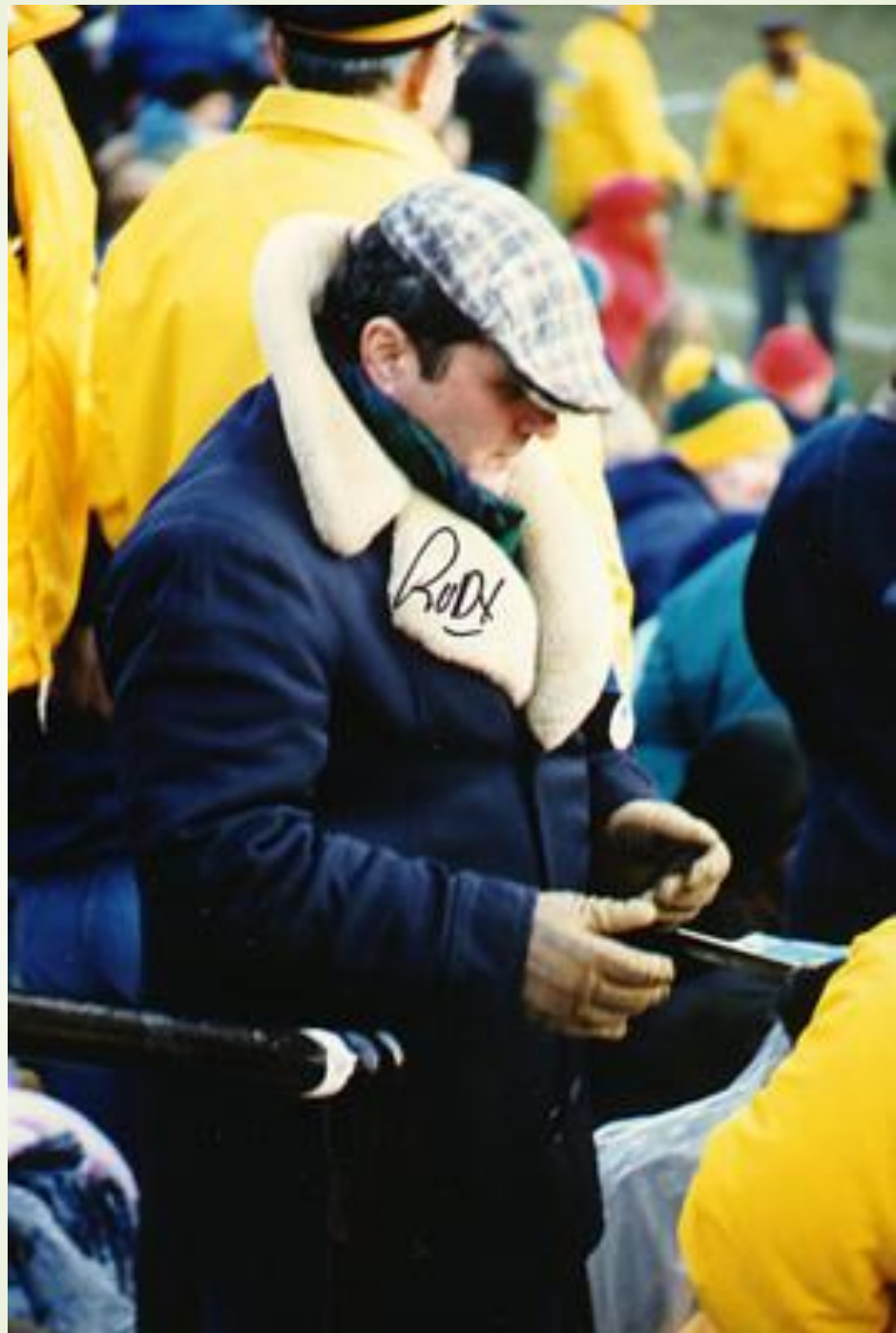
December 27 - 30 -----Install root zone





“Rudy”







The Toro Years

- People
 - Places
 - Activities
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Lesson Learned: Meet Great People!







MLB & NFL Symposia



Lesson Learned: Remember the Prize





Lesson Learned: Anything Can Ruin a Field



Photo Courtesy of Dave
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Lesson Learned: Remember the Science

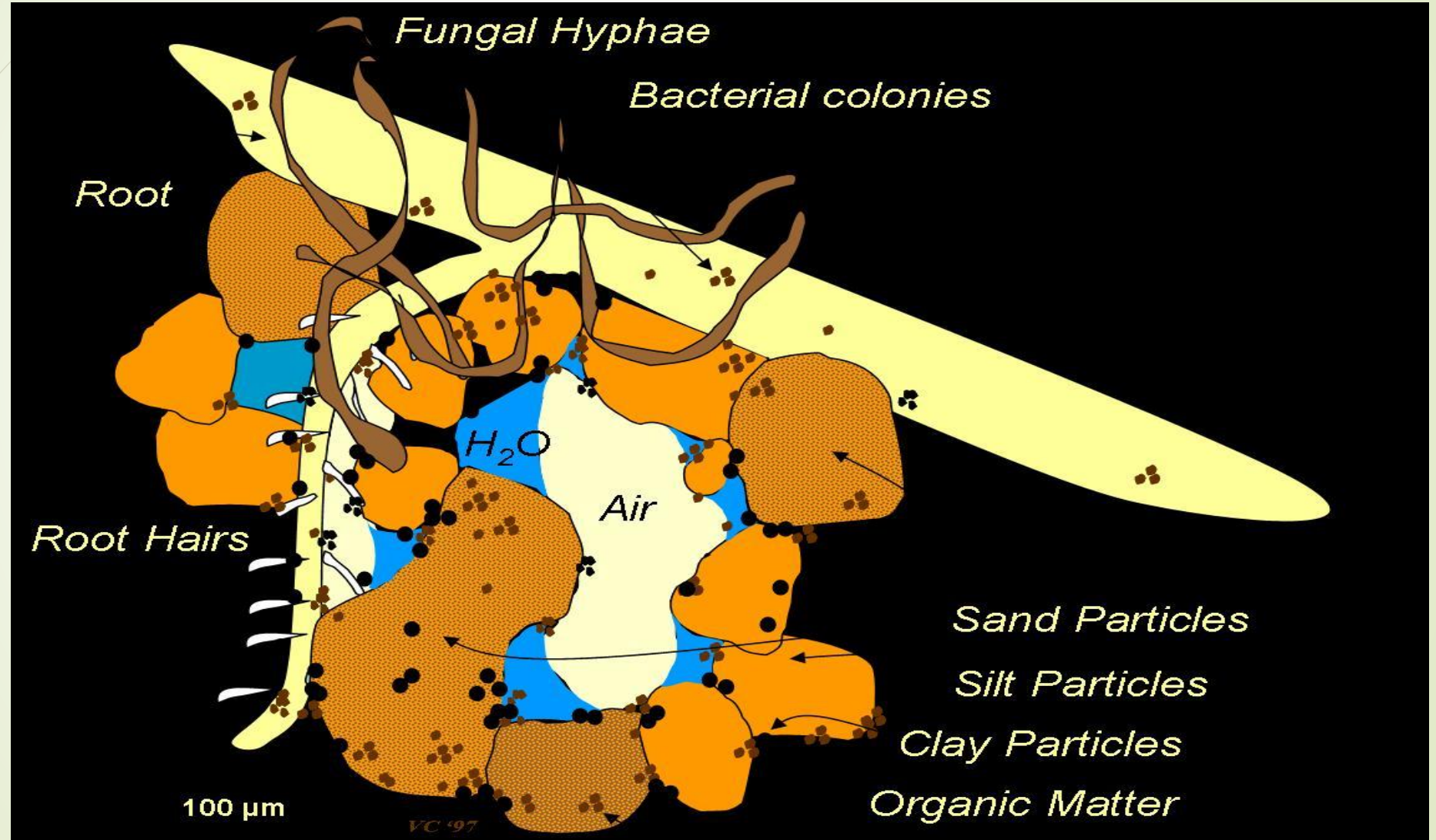
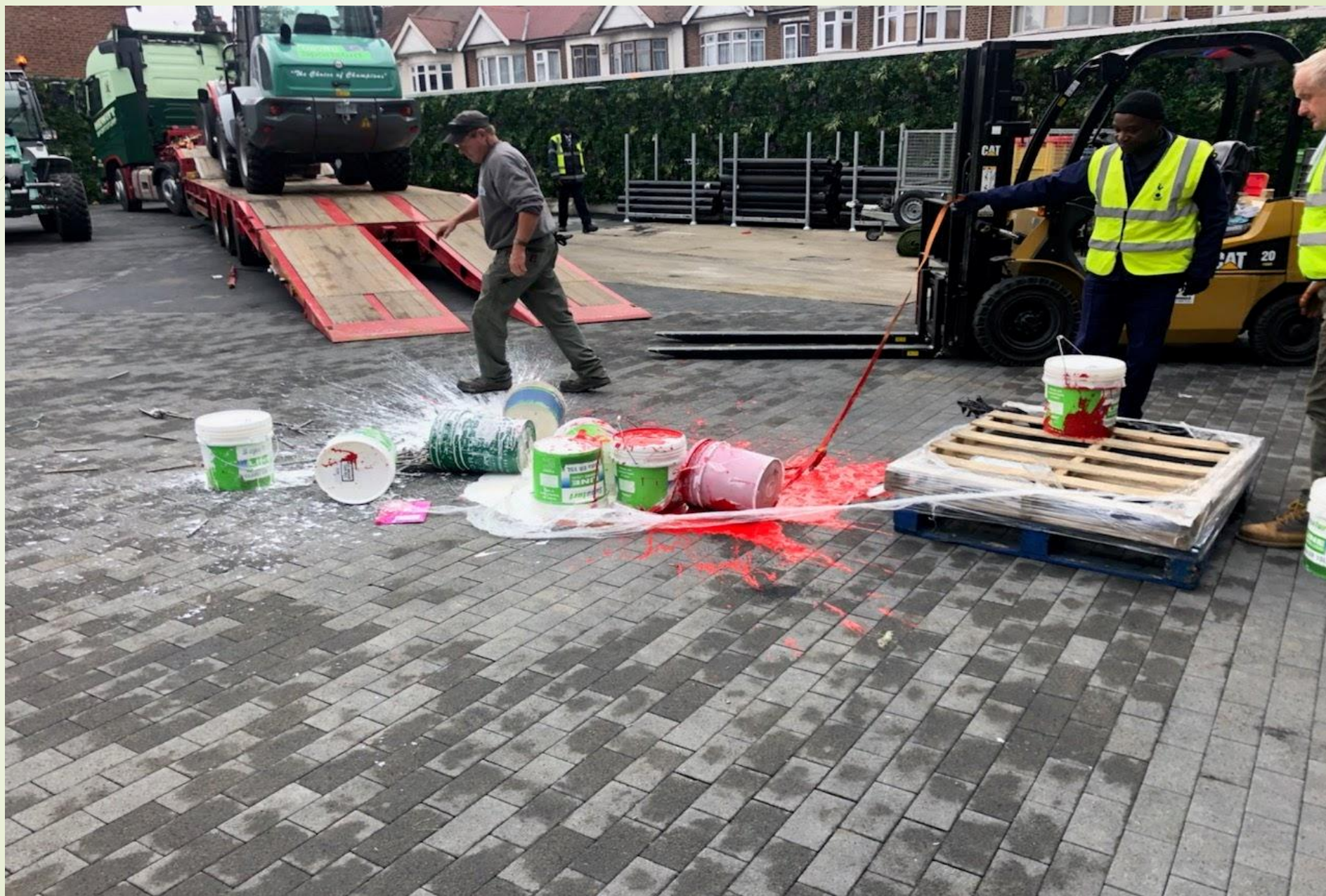


Photo: Courtesy of The Toro Company

Super Bowls





Lesson Learned: Expect the Unexpected





Even in Texas!!



Lesson Learned: Accept nothing but Perfection – The “Toma Line”



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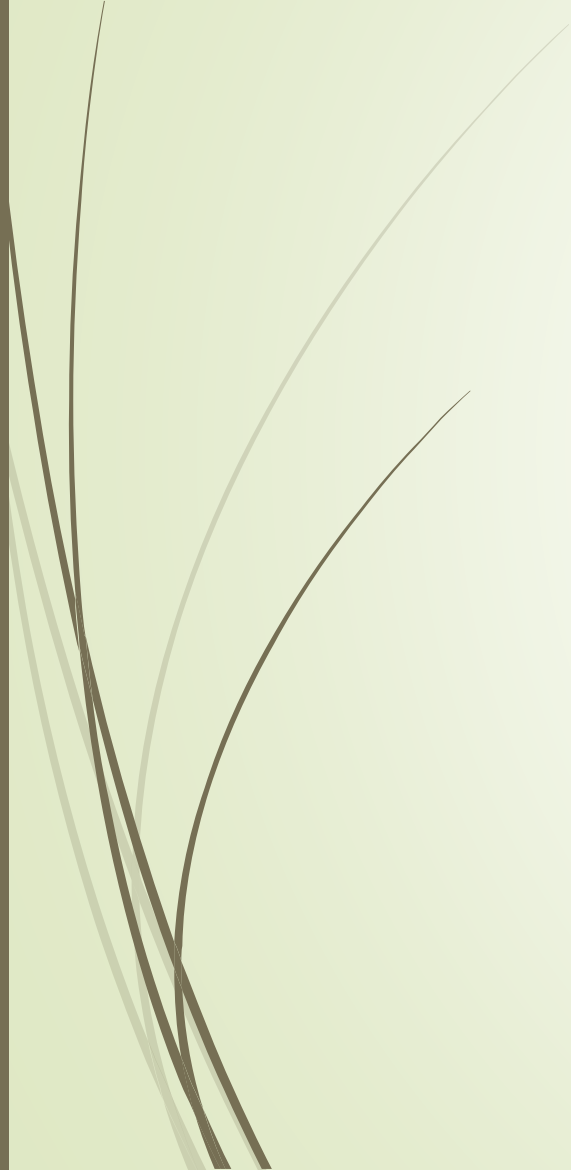




Lesson Learned: Hard Work Pays Off







Lesson Learned: Have Fun







Thank You!!

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