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Husker gridders may suffer more minor injuries on Memorial Stadium's new Astro-Turf, but major ones should be reduced.

Astro Turf tripping players, but will cause fewer injuries

Football players are suffering more minor cuts and abrasions since Memorial Stadium's new AstroTurf was laid down, but in the long run, injuries will be fewer, according to UNL trainer George Sullivan.

UNL Groundskeeper Bill Shepard said "the turf's problems have been corrected" and added that he "hasn't received any complaints lately."

"It is hard to get statistics on the number of injuries caused by the turf," he said. "But the new turf will cause fewer injuries than the old because it was worn and slippery."

Shepard is in charge of picking up debris and vacuuming the AstroTurf once a week.

Sullivan admitted the new AstroTurf had problems when first installed.

He said the turf's biggest drawback is that it mats.

He said the new turf lacked moisture, was slippery and weak in the seams. Time corrected that problem and glue repaired the turf's loose seams, he added.

Although players have received cuts and abrasions on the turf, its benefits outweigh the drawbacks of natural turf, Sullivan said.

"Grass is slippery and black dirt is even harder than the AstroTurf," Sullivan said, so the difference in injuries is nominal.

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crossword puzzle

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Caesar	1 Nonsense's partner
4 Pro	2 Piece by 21 Across
7 Viper	3 Editors' records
10 Fed	4 Warn
12 Circuit	5 Tooth decay
13 Sergeant, for one	6 Narrative poem
16 Able	7 Charged particles
17 Silkworm	8 Range
18 Idle	9 Place
19 Famed composer, with 21 Across	11 Land of —
21 See 19 Across	13 Piece by 21 Across
22 Cheat, with "off"	14 Those to be done unto
23 Marie, for one	15 Chess pieces
24 Belief	20 This, in Madrid
25 Castle feature	26 — loss
27 Cleans	28 Franck or Romero
30 Have a — tea	29 Spanish gold
32 Goes wrong	30 Celebrated uncle
33 Section: Abbr.	31 Piece by 21 Across
36 Aleutian island	33 Aversion
37 Crime	34 Piece by 21 Across
39 Name in fashion	35 Three, in Turin
40 Greek letters	38 "Vive le —"
41 Ox of Celebes	39 Man in charge
42 Isolate	41 Certify
44 Garb	43 Malayan ruminant
46 Guthrie	44 Help
47 Hostess Perle	45 Fascinate
49 Snooze	47 Golf iron: Var.
51 Miss Claire	48 Lohengrin's bride and others
53 Pieces by 21 Across	50 Indian of Mexico
54 Pieces by 21 Across	52 Eastern inhabitant
56 Italian town	53 Biological duct
57 Quantity: Abbr.	54 Hari
58 Roman 103	55 Communication initials
59 Daisy variety	
60 Gout's chief target	
61 Handlelike part	

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