



EverGlade Kentucky bluegrass

by Doug Brede, Ph.D.

This month we're casting the variety spotlight on **EverGlade**, one of the biggest selling products in Jacklin Seed's lineup of top bluegrasses.

EverGlade is an elite, high performance Kentucky bluegrass that adapts itself as well to a tightly cut golf fairway as it does to general purpose turf. It's become a particular favorite among sod producers who find it knits quickly and strongly together.

You've probably seen **EverGlade** in a number of high-profile sports venues and perhaps never knew it.

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EverGlade is a cornerstone component in Jacklin's **Premium Sod** blend, which is a combination of only top-notch ingredients, designed for a turfgrass sod producer who wants the best possible product. Jacklin's **Premium Sod** blend has also been used on a number of golf, park, and residential facilities the world over. You'll find **EverGlade** growing at Target Field, home of the Minnesota Twins (photo page 2), Robert H. Heath Farms, Inc. in Coloma, WI (who sells and installs sod at the Brewers, Packers, Cubs, and Timber-rattlers), Whistling Straits and Black Wolf Run golf courses in Kohler, WI, and at the Bird's Nest Stadium at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

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Test plot of EverGlade, mowed at fairway height, at University of Nebraska field day, Lincoln, NE. Red flags were put on certain plots by the professors to show varieties with the highest ranking.

Salish Cliffs Golf Course Showcases Jacklin Varieties

by Christian Baldwin, Ph.D.

While new golf course construction in America has virtually ground to a halt in recent years, a new course is bucking the trend and recently had their grand opening in mid-September.

This course is Salish Cliffs Golf Club in Shelton, WA, about a hour's drive from Seattle. Salish is a par 72, 18-hole championship golf course owned and operated by the Squaxin Island Tribe.

The golf course which measures over 7,000 yards features all Jacklin varieties. The greens, tees, and fairways are planted with **T-1** creeping bentgrass. The roughs are Jacklin's newest blend of **Gly-Rye™** perennial ryegrasses, **JS501** and **Replay**. The **Gly-Rye™** ryegrasses offer the flexibility of using inexpensive applications of glyphosate herbicide to eradicate *Poa annua*.

Finally, Jacklin's **Scottish Links** blend blankets the outer rough. The color contrast of **T-1** next to **Gly-Rye™** framed by Jacklin's **Scottish Links** provides the 'wow' factor as golfers step onto the tee box.

Fairways+Greens magazine recently wrote that Salish Cliffs Golf Club is "the most anticipated course opening in the United States this year." 



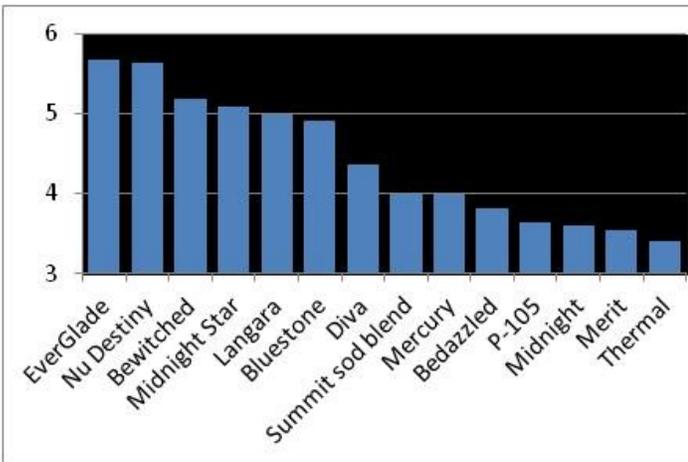
Salish Cliffs Golf Club in Shelton, WA. Photo by Michael Seidl.

EverGlade, continued

EverGlade's accolades in the NTEP National tests are almost too lengthy to list. **EverGlade** was grilled for over a decade in both the 2000-2005 and 2005-2010 trials. In both trials it came out a resounding victor. **EverGlade** was the overall #1 ranking variety in the 2002 NTEP listing, and it hugged the top of the trial throughout both studies. In 2009 data, **EverGlade** ranked #1 in overall turf quality in Utah, #3 in North Brunswick, New Jersey, and it tied for #1 in the Upper west/Mountain region. It ranked among the top-10 in Pennsylvania and Oklahoma, and in the top-15 in Maryland, Nebraska, the Northeast region, and the Transition Zone.

EverGlade had the #1 darkest green genetic color in Indiana, Oklahoma and Wyoming. In spring performance, **EverGlade** ranked #1 in spring density in Ne-

Three-year turfgrass quality averages of Kentucky bluegrass at a sod farm in Southwest Ohio. The non-irrigated trial was planted by Jacklin researchers in 2008 and rated by them monthly. EverGlade performed superior to numerous commercial standards.



braska (tie), #5 in spring ground cover in Oklahoma, and #6 in spring greenup in Utah. In summer and fall, **EverGlade** tied for #1 in summer density in Nebraska, tied for #1 in summer ground cover in New Mexico, and tied for #1 in fall cover under drought stress in Fargo, North Dakota. It also had the 9th best summer ground



Foundation seed production field of EverGlade Kentucky bluegrass, Pasco, WA.



Minnesota Twins stadium in Minneapolis, sodded with a blend of EverGlade, Nu Destiny, Everest, and Award. The Twins moved to Target Field for the 2010 Major League Baseball season after 28 seasons at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome.

cover in scorching Oklahoma.

In stress and pest resistance, **EverGlade** had the #1 best leaf spot resistance (tie) in Pennsylvania and Indiana. It ranked among the top-10 out of 173 entries for dollar spot resistance in North Carolina and wear tolerance in Massachusetts.

EverGlade was bred at Jacklin Seed in Post Falls, ID, and was selected for its tolerance to close mowing. It originated as the hybrid progeny of Jacklin breeding line 92-0076. 92-0076 was a dark green breeding line that had only medium-low turf quality. But it was an excellent mama. It also gave rise to another top variety, Freedom III.

EverGlade is a uniform variety, averaging 96% apomixis in commercial seed production. According to its federal Plant Variety Protection (PVP) filing (number 200400208) which was approved in May 2009, **EverGlade** "most closely resembles the cultivar, **Liberator**, differing by a shorter culm length, higher turf quality in the Transition Zone, darker green genetic color, finer leaf texture, and better leaf spot resistance." 

25-Year Milestone



Jacklin Seed managers Doug Brede (left) and Glenn Jacklin (right) both recently marked 25 years working for the company. Chris Claypool, aka the "new guy," has been at Jacklin Seed since 1993. "It's hard to believe that these guys' careers span one-third of Jacklin Seed's 75-year history," says Claypool.