Anderson Field at Occidental College is home to the Tigers, the college's NCAA Baseball Team. From its hillside location, spectators are treated to stunning views of the picturesque surrounding terrain, and frequent upgrades to athletic facilities benefit both the team and its fans. Providing players with turf of consistently high quality is a priority.

Unfortunately, the weather doesn't always cooperate. Recently, a rare climatic situation occurred where daytime temperatures were abnormally high, and nighttime temps were unseasonably low. The ball field needed to be ready by Feb/March; conditions were not ideal for Bermuda growth, and due to a weak base, introduction of new seed was necessary. In consultation with turf experts at Stover Seed, the Grounds Director adopted an approach to turf establishment that included the use of Sportsfield Pro Elite, a seed blend that represents the latest improvements in turfgrass breeding and development.

Since Sportsfield Pro Elite contains several varieties of Ryegrass, and an Improved Sahara Bermudagrass, the mixture served as a 'turf insurance policy' backstop to guard against shifting weather conditions. Bermuda seed is added to the plant population as a self-repairing drought tolerant mechanism in the turf, while the perennial rye protects the weak Bermuda base during the winter months.

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Sportsfield Pro Elite mixture is quick to establish, provides improved disease resistance, better heat and drought tolerance, and is durable and attractive in all seasons. It will withstand low-mowing, developing into a dense turf able to withstand regular sportsfield use. It is a turf well-suited for myriad high-traffic applications.

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