

# AXCELLA - Successes!

## 'Turf Type' Annual Ryegrass

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### ***Trinity Western University:***

The soccer and rugby sports at the Trinity Western University in Langley, BC were the first to try Axcella 'Turf Type' Annual Ryegrass in the spring of 2002. Initially it was seeded together with Elka II Perennial Ryegrass in a 25/75% mixture at 8-10 lbs. per 1000 square feet. This mix is used in the spring and fall with a seed mixture of straight Elka II for the other overseeding.

In February 2003, Trinity Western University overseeded with this mixture as the weather was very mild. However, soon after, we received two snow falls. When the snow had melted, it was evident that the grass was growing. In actual fact, visiting players regularly comment on the great shape of the field. It is commonly thought of as the highest quality university field in Canada. I have heard of players saying it looks so dense that they think it is a carpet and wonder if they should take off their soccer boots before they walk on it!



It is a great looking field and one that gets maximum use. At least two varsity teams play and practice on the field daily during the soccer season. It is a very well-used field.



### ***District of Chilliwack:***

In anticipation of the professional BC Lions Football team opening their training camp in May 2003, the City of Chilliwack (1 hour east of Vancouver BC) bought 11,000 pounds of Axcella to Overseed into their perennial ryegrass fields in order to have a dense sward of grass. Axcella has helped this training camp have an excellent dense grass surface. Seeding rate was about 15 lbs. per 1000 square feet.

### ***Swangard Stadium:***

Swangard Stadium in Burnaby, BC is the local home of the professional Vancouver Whitecaps soccer team. Swangard has used straight Axcella over the winter of 2002-2003 to repair winter turf damage.

### ***City of Vancouver Parks:***

During the winter of 2002-2003, the city used a 50/50 blend of Elka II /Axcella. It was perfect for them to repair boulevards and other roadside areas. It was also used for goal mouth areas over the winter. They were extremely pleased with the result.