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Nearly Half of the 2011 Top 25 BCS Teams Use Synthetic Turf Fields at Home

(Atlanta, Ga.) – Having a synthetic turf field at home has helped eleven of the Top 25 Bowl Championship Series (BCS) teams score a winning season this year. Following last weekend's conference championships, these teams have a combined win-loss record of 110-25, representing a total 81% win percentage.

“Using synthetic turf at home stadiums and practice fields has proved beneficial for a growing number of college teams,” noted Rick Doyle, President of the Synthetic Turf Council. “Student athletes can play and practice football without worrying about weather disruptions or over-used playing surfaces.”

The highest ranked college football team in the country with a synthetic turf home field is Oklahoma State University (ranked #3 on the BCS list), whose Boone Pickens Stadium seats over 60,000. Today, more than 7,000 synthetic turf fields are currently being used in North America by a growing number of high school and collegiate athletes playing and practicing football and many other sports including soccer, hockey, baseball, rugby and lacrosse. About half of all NFL teams currently play their games on synthetic turf and, since 2003, over 70 FIFA U-17 and U-20 World Cup matches have been played on synthetic turf soccer fields.

The formation of the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) in 1998 guaranteed a true national champion by matching up the number one and two teams in the country while preserving the bowl system. Created by the six equity conferences and the University of Notre Dame, the BCS utilizes a combination of two human polls and six computer rankings to determine the standings. The BCS is part of the National Football Foundation, whose mission is to promote the power of amateur football in developing the qualities of leadership, sportsmanship, competitive zeal and the drive for academic excellence in America's young people. Visit www.footballfoundation.org to learn more.

About the Synthetic Turf Council

Based in Atlanta, the Synthetic Turf Council was founded in 2003 to promote the industry and to assist buyers and end users with the selection, use and maintenance of synthetic turf systems in sports field, golf, municipal parks, airports, landscape and residential applications. The organization is also a resource for current, credible, and independent research on the safety and environmental impact of synthetic turf. Membership includes builders, landscape architects, testing labs, maintenance providers, manufacturers, suppliers, installation contractors, infill material suppliers and other specialty service companies. For more information, visit www.syntheticurfCouncil.org.

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