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Cover Photo: This aerial view of DuPont Country Club (Delaware) demonstrates the importance of attention to detail, good turfgrass, and good preparation.



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