

Construction of Cinder Track at Memorial Stadium,
University of Kansas.

In construction of the cinder track 14 inches of fine cinders were used for a base, then 4 inches of fine cinders on top.

To be sure to get the proper mixture of the additional 2 inches of combination dressing, we took four part of the fine head-end or especially prepared cinders and mixed them with one part of good old Kansas clay. By moistening this mixture and baking it in the sun, we arrived at a mixture that would set well for track and yet not become too hard so that the spikes would fail to penetrate.

My notion is that other clay may be a little different from ours here. You may have to use three parts. The way we mixed this clay and cinders was as follows: we used our Fordson tractor, attached a small brick or cinder crusher. We fed the cinders in together with the clay, and when this came out, it was properly mixed. Then we hauled it on the track by wagon loads and spread it there. After wetting it down a couple of times, we rolled it.