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Open Football With Nothing to Back It Up But Aerial Attack Cannot Succeed If Teams Are Evenly Matched

EVIIN years ago the forward pass was introduced as a legal play in football. Al that time meaning 1966—It was predicted on all sides that the game would evolutionised, the aerial plays and spread formations would bring out an en-y new system and mark the first stages of the decline of the popular fall At that the However, the game has not suffered. Instead, it has been improved, and itests today are harder fought and more thrilling than before the rules hanged. Also, it might be addod, the game is much safer.

The thermard pass has done much to improve football, but, strange as it may m, most of the benefits have been derived because the play was thought and not used. By this we mean that the forward pass has not yet been per-ted, despite the eleven years of experimenting, and it probably will take a few are more before it is recognized as a safe and sure weapon on the attack. At the essent time the rbay succeeds about once in six times, and what team is willing take chances like that in an important battle? Of course, an eleven like Bob law? had at Wishington and Jefferson last year occasionally breaks in with a urbained aerial attack and gets away with the majority of the passes, but these id aerial attack and gets away with the majority of the passes, but those are few and far between. Willie Crowell also sprung something new in Lehish combat in 1915, but how many others have been successful?

This is not an attempt to scoff at the forward pass or belittle its effectiveness, is an effective play, but, as was said before, it is more effective when not used, other words, it is the threat that worries the other team, and Harvard proves it ar after year. In the olden days, when line plunging was the popular method of or the ball, nine men played on the line of scrimmage. The halfback between tackle and end and the fullback played behind the center. This was defense for line bucks and end runs, but when the pass came into existence ything was changed. The halfbacks moved back from five to ten yards, the back deserted his post behind center, and the rush line depended on its own orts to stop the plays directed against it. Instead of watching for two plays, defensive team was on guard to stop three, so the backs got the job of smear-the aerial attempts.

Harvard Uses Pass Only as a Threat

HARVARD was first to take advantage of this new style of defense. Percy Haughton realised that the forward pass made it possible, so he planned his game to fit it. Instead of adopting the modern idea, however, he improved his line-mashing attack, and the "concealed-ball" offense, which is nothing more than the eld split play, ballied all of the foe. He would bring Brickley or Mahan back on ick formation and run off his plays to: substantial gains before the secondary afriid to come up to the line of scrimmage because of that constant threat of a ward pass, and did not leave their positions until the play was under way. on it was too late. Harvard had several plays which included a forward pass. ut they were not used unless the backfield men moved closer to the line of scrim-ings. One pass would chase them back again, and the line plugging would go on

It has been demonstrated time and again that an alert, rugged defense, ac ed in a measurable degree with the underlying principles of the forwardoffense, can stop the plays. Tufts had one of the greatest open attacks that been seen in years, but it failed miserably against Princeton after Harvard had been taken by surprise in an early game. The Medford collegians showed every hing they had against the Crimon, and Speedy Rush doped out a defense. Which stopped everything in this game. The lateral and forward passes, the line shifts and the numerous trick plays just got started—that's all.

Off Tackle Plunge Is Strongest Play

A TEAM which builds its offense entirely on open football to the exclusion of hose sharp stabs off tackle never will amount to much if it meets an eleven sally as strong. The play off tacklo is the offensive backbone these days, as it is in the days of old, and if you look back you will find that all of the best sams have used it.

The idea is to put the power BEHIND the ball and not beside it. The real omes in those line thrusts, and a team is lost without them. Deception sential part of the game, but it must be based on something more stable own serial football.

Glenn Warner, too, has the right idea regarding the "new" game. He seluses the forward pass; in fact, in the Syracuse game he used the play but Against Penn his team scored a touchdown on a pass to Hastings, but this us the second used during the afternoon. The forward pass is a threat, and so any as it is used as a threat it will be successful. But when one gets down to hard facts, the line plunge at tackle and the short end run worked a la Warner or a la Haughton will produce results in the long run.

Weldon's Injury Weakened Lafayetta

THEY say that people in glass houses should not throw stones. Therefore it is best to think twice before criticizing visiting players because a Penn star appens to get hurt on a play that appears to be a triffe off color. It is best to per that the stars of other teams have failed to last the full game against Penn this season. Saturday Johnny Weldon, Lafayette's brilliant fullback, was rendered useless early in the first period and no one seems to know just how he was hurt. The injury to Weldon ruined whatever chance Lafayette had to defeat the ed and Blue, as Crowell's entire offense was built around this wonderful comon man, who can kick, pass or run as well as any back in the East. After in retired Lafayette's offense consisted of a haphasard forward pass and a ht, old-fashioned line buck. The spread formation plays that won from Lefigh last season were tried only twice. Crowell rushing a substitute into the game each time to warn Captain Taylor not to use the play again, as he realized that his team had no chance to win and he wanted to cover up his offense for .



proved by the services of Bill Feaster, Crow-ley and Higgins, the Crimson and Gold will get back Armstrong, Mouradian and Fleisch-man, backfield men. This will allow Sup-ples and Captain Farmakis to take their regular positions on the line.

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Duryea Talks on Autos Duryes Laurs of Autos Charles E. Duryes, submobile engages, involte" before members of the Auto its clubhouse. 23 South Twenty-third of six talks on the development of the six propelied vehicle to be given by Mr. Du during the course of the winter. The set ture is excheduled for December 4. Mr. Duryes prophesied that the auto ad-is yet in its infancy. He traced the development of the first self-propelied steam va-band toil of the changes in the internal put of engine and the expansion of moters i one to eight cylinders. Following the lecture treshments were served.



Bill Butler, star fullback and captain of Central High's team last season, is not of the Navy line-up because of injuries suffered in an early game. When the platter in played the Middles several of the Annapolis stars were hurt, Butler in-fuddd. He was kicked on the kidney and probably will be unable to play for the smainder of the season, which will keep him out of the annual Army-Navy con-set. Armstrong, a former West Philadelphia High' lad, was out for the Navy loven this year, but he was unable to make a berth. However, he has good prospects of landing next year. Most of the Navy regulars this season are plebes. The naval school has no first-year rule.

If Frank Chance goes back to the Cubs as manager, the Windy City may see another pannant. Not since he lead his club to the National League championship isits have the fans on the West Side had a winner. All of the managers since he departure of Chance have made failures. Whether Chance will be able to some back as a leader is by no means doubtful. He still has the knowledge, the mesuitive ability and other essentials which made him one of the central figures in another years.

In spite of the loss of Harry Ross, the Penn eleven is still strong enough in th first and second string backfield material to make a strong bid for her remain-three games those with Dartmouth, Michigan and Cornell. If Berry is in addition for all of these contests, it is certain the Red and Blue will go into their nal frays the favorites. . . .

Local tennis enthusiasts are hoping that these in charge of the matter will be able to get a suitable place for indoor play. Here's hoping they get their hope.

The South Phillies have been proving out in studies as well as on the gridiron, and for this reason Coach Johnston has had his best line-up in the game all season. HARRY ROSS LOST TO PENN FOR REMAINDER OF ST

FANZULLO, a star at La Salle for several years, has been shifted around from end to quarterback more than any player in he history of local scholastic ranks. Once more hes has been sent back to the wing position with the decision of Coach Schel-enberg to work Donovan at quarterback. Hickey, a new man, will be seen at full-back. He halls from Northeast High. La Salle is proparing for its first big battle of the season Saturday, opposed to Catholic high. It is a Catholic championship con-test. The P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. Field will be the scene of the miz.

CAPTAIN FIERSOL, of Penn Charter, will start at right end in the Little Quakers' first game of the Interacademic League series in defense of their title, held for three consecutive years. This announcement was made definitely today by Coach Dick Mer-ritt. Piersol's shoulder had been bothering him since early this season, but Merritt has concluded that the captain will'be in good enough fettle to start.

EFISCOPAL ACADEMY has been some-what handleapped by the loss of Hamilton at center, because of a sprained knee. It is expected that he will be in the Church-men's line-up for their opaning Academic League match against Germantown Academy Priday. Clark, however, is being coached in reserve, in the event that Hamilton is unable to appear on the field.

TRANKFORD HIGH'S soccer team looms up as Northeast's most dangerous rival for the championship of the Interscholastic League. It defeated Central High 4 to 0 on Houston Field yesterday. Captain Mc-Dermott, Central High's one-armed leader, put up a brilliant game in spite of his hysical handicap. Cohen was the high scorer for Frankford, with three goals to his credit, while Group tallied one.

FOR REMAINDER OF SEASON HARRY ROSS, the Penn halfback, re-ceived injuries in yesterday's scrim- in Saturday's fray was praised by the Penn mage on Franklin Field which will keep him out of the gridiron game for the remainder of the season. While playing halfback for the season. While playing halfback for the second varsity eleven against the scrub team Harry was thrown heavily to the ground in making a tackle, and in doing mage on Franklin Field which will keep him

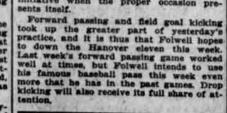
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so severely injured his knee. Testerday's accident makes the third one to Ross this season, the first mishap taking place while the squad was in training at Langhorne, when he injured his shoulder and was forced to remain out of the first two games of the season. The second set-back came shortly after he had recovered, and this time it was his knee that was thrown out of place. Testerday's practice for the wardity along

thrown out of place. Testerday's practice for the varsity play-ers was snappy and full of life. Six of the regulars were absent from the practice, Captain Mathews, Wray, Urquhart, Miller, Little and Howard Berry being the absent ones. Most of these men had late classes, which lasted until after 5 o'clock and Foi-well allowed them to take the afternoon off.

off. The varsity players were sent through a novel signal drill. Coach Folwell inter-changed the players from their regular po-sitions to various other posts on the eleven. Linemen were sent into the backfield and backs were shifted into the forward posi-tions. Charles Henning, the big guard, was sent in to take Light's place at fullback, while Ertresvang interchanged with Wil-liams and Wirkman substituted with Ben Derr at front half. Jimmie Bryant was the only player who remained in his posi-tion.

At the close of the work Folwell an-nounced that the same backfield would start sgainst the Dartmouth team that



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