



NEW FOOTBALL RULES.

A Complete Reformation of the Game Has Been Made by the Rules Committee. Forward Pass Alone Remains Unrestricted.

At a meeting of the Intercollegiate Rules Committee held at New York last Friday, the final changes in the football rules for next season were proposed and adopted. Ever since last February the committee has been busy framing a number of rules designed to throw safeguards around the operation of the forward pass and other plays, which have been the cause of injury.

The main fight all along has been over the forward pass. At the previous session, held in Philadelphia, the committee decided to ascertain the effect of limiting the forward pass to behind the line of scrimmage, with eight yards to be gained in three downs instead of ten yards. The opponents of the forward pass yielded to the friends of the pass so far as to say that if they could devise any scheme which would render it safe, they would favor its retention. Consequently a sub committee was appointed to frame a system of play which would be safe. This sub committee presented its report last Friday, and at the same time another plan was presented which allowed the unrestricted use of the pass, and contrary to expectations, the latter plan, which is as follows, was adopted:—

1. "The forward pass may cross the line of scrimmage at any point, but the players making the pass must be at least five yards behind

the line of scrimmage when the pass is made and the player receiving the pass shall not be, when the catch is made, more than twenty yards in advance of the place where the ball was passed.

2. "Only the end men on the line of scrimmage and the four men in the back field shall be eligible to receive the forward pass, and the backs in order to be eligible, must be at least one yard back behind the line of scrimmage when the ball is put in play.

3. "A forward pass which crosses the line of scrimmage, or a kick of any description must be made from a point at least five yards back of the scrimmage line.

4. Penalties. On the first and second downs, in case of an incomplete forward pass, the ball shall be brought back to the spot where the pass was made, the play to count as one down, and the distance to be gained to remain the same. On the third down the ball shall go to the opponents on the spot where the pass made."

The new rules previously adopted are: 1. No pushing or pulling of the man with the ball. 2. The offence to have seven men on the line of scrimmage. 3. The elimination of the flying tackle. 4. The division of the game into four periods of fifteen minutes each. 5. No kick to be onside till it shall have gone at least twenty yards from the point at which it was put in play. 6. The quarter-back to be allowed to advance the ball through any part of the line. 7. Eight yards to be gained on three rushes.

THREE STRAIGHT ON THE EASTERN TRIP!

State Adds Three More Games to Her List of Victories, Including Bucknell—Penn Game Again Postponed by Rain.

Although the Penn game scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, was prevented by rain, this making the sixth successive year that such has been the case, our nine smothered its disappointment and indicated pretty clearly what it would have done to the Quakers by triumphing over Seton Hall, Albright and Bucknell on the trip of last week. Seventeen runs were scored by our hard hitters against three for the trio of opponents encountered, and the recent acquisition of three consecutive contests gives McCleary's team the record of five straight victories since the Princeton defeat two weeks ago.

When the Blue and White team appeared at South Orange last Thursday it was the first time a Seton Hall nine had been met since '99, when the score ended in a tie, but although the home team got an early lead of one run it was never in the game after the seventh inning, for our pitchers, Leidick and Klepfer, romped home with a rather easy 9 to 2 victory. Workman and Bien distinguished themselves by their strong sticking in this contest and the prep school team was clearly outclassed.

At Meyerstown on the following day Captain McCleary's tossers