FOOTBALL OUTLOOK

While a few of the eastern college football elevens were tried out against opponents Saturday, the real beginning of the playing season will come this week.

Every team almost has been practicing at least a week, and besides getting the players into physical trim, the coaches have done a little experimenting with plays and formations under the new rules.

Quite as interesting, however, in the coming practice games, will be the methods of defense that will be shown by the teams, as will also be the new styles of attack. The offensive side of the game has been in the minds of the coaches ever since the new rules were framed months ago, but it will take actual practice on the field to determine the value of theoretical plays, and this value of course is finally settled by the defensive methods that develop.

While not enough football has been seen this fall to give any definite idea of how the game is going to develop before Nov. 1, enough has been seen to satisfy an observer that in this year's games the spectators are going to have a better chance to keep their eyes on the ball and to know what's going on, than they have for years.

It will not take the public long to understand the changes that have been made in the rules. The forward pass plays should be simpler, and the running plays much easier for the people on the sidelines to analyze and understand. There will be confusion, at first over some of the finer points of legal and illegal, and of fair and foul play, but, all in all, the players should find the observance of the new rules easier than the observance of the old ones, and the game surely should be more intelligently understood for the average spectator.

Among the schools there is sure to be much wider leeway on legal as well as ethical points of the game, so that there is more chance for trouble to come in the event of incompetency. This is one of the reasons why the rules committee has asked for a fair strike. And then - relaxation.

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