WHEN the eight-point program governing football was announced by presidents of the Ivy Group schools last February (Gazette, March 1952), Pennsylvania alumni, who have indicated their preference for a schedule composed entirely of Ivy teams plus Army and Navy, were encouraged by the obvious step in that direction that the agreement represented.

In a statement issued on July 9, again by the presidents, they have reason for even more encouragement.

The presidents announced that the governing boards of each of their institutions have approved an “Ivy Group Agreement” on intercollegiate football, affirming and revising an original agreement adopted in November, 1945.

The agreement declares that the participating institutions, since entering into the 1945 agreement, have “enjoyed a successful experience in this cooperative approach to their objective of continuing intercollegiate football in such a way as to maintain the values of the game in the service of the main purposes of higher education.” The presidents also affirmed their conviction that under proper conditions “intercollegiate competition in football and other organized athletics offers desirable development and recreation for players and a healthy focus of collegiate loyalty.”

The principal changes in the 1952 agreement include:

1) The creation of a Presidents’ Policy Committee which “shall have full and final responsibility for the determination of all agreed policies of the (Ivy) group.”

2) Incorporation of all eight points agreed upon and announced in a statement issued last February by the eight schools which included the abolition of spring football practice, football clinics and post-season games.

3) For the first time, the presidents stated that the subscribing institutions “constitute themselves . . . members of a group to be known as ‘The Ivy Group.’”

4) Substantial revision of the section on eligibility as follows:

(a) Required for the first time that students, to be eligible for a varsity team, must file a written statement agreeing to abide by the policies of the Presidents’ Agreement.

(b) Ruled that, in addition to limiting eligibility to three academic years, any year missed through scholastic or disciplinary ineligibility shall nevertheless be counted as one of the three academic years.

(c) Required that a student, to be eligible, be making “normal academic progress, both quantitatively and qualitatively” toward a recognized degree.

(d) Ruled that no student entering after September 1, 1953, shall be eligible whose secondary school education was subsidized or whose post-college education is promised by an institution, by an individual or group of individuals not closely related to the family as a consideration for his attending the particular institution.

The 1952 agreement also includes provision for two committees created in the original accord—the Committee on Administration and the Committee on Eligibility.

The former committee, consisting of the responsible administrative officer for intercollegiate athletics at each institution, is responsible for the handling of operational aspects of matters dealt with in the agreement other than those affecting eligibility of players and establishment of basic policies.

The Committee on Eligibility, comprised of a full-time member of the academic faculty of each institution, administers the rules of eligibility established by agreement of the participating schools. Under the terms of the agreement, complete information relating to admissions records, course grades, academic standing, prior academic connections, if any, and financial aid is provided this committee by each institution.

Athletic Director Franny Murray will be Pennsylvania’s representative on the Committee on Administration, and Dr. Arnold K. Henry, dean of student affairs, will be the representative on the Committee on Eligibility.

The revised agreement points out that it is expected that the new Presidents’ Policy Committee will from time to time request the Committees on Administration and Eligibility to study and report on specific policy problems. Initially both committees were requested to report on ways and means of reducing the number of games scheduled and on any adjustments which may be desirable in the freshman football programs of the group.

The 1953 Schedule

Although Pennsylvania and the other Ivy Group schools have been moving closer together in recent months, it has been made public that back in 1951 the University was unable to line up any other Ivy team but Cornell for its 1953 schedule.

Early in 1951, after a newspaper columnist had reported that Pennsylvania had been “boycotted” when the Ivy Group schools were making their 1953 schedules, Athletic Director Franny Murray stated that the 1953 card was “incomplete” but shaping up as an attractive one. He added that negotiations were still in progress with Ivy Group schools.

It has now been revealed officially that those negotiations failed and that Cornell will be the only Ivy Group school to be met in 1953. The other teams will be Army, Navy, Notre Dame, California, Penn State, Michigan, Ohio State and Vanderbilt.

This information was first published by Edwin J. Pollock, ’16 W, in the Philadelphia Bulletin this summer.
Later, Murray stated that the speculation was "premature, but accurate."

"While it is regrettable that Ivy Group members are not represented in greater number," Murray said, "this fact is not to be interpreted as meaning a departure from Pennsylvania's policy to maintain to the maximum academically, scientifically and athletically our relationships with our long-standing and respected rivals."

"Under the circumstances," Murray continued, "it is permissible to report that in 1954, when Yale and Princeton in addition to Cornell return to our schedule, the recent Ivy Group Presidents' Agreement (see above), calling for each of the eight institutions to engage each other in football a minimum of once every five years, will commence to take significant effect. Subsequent to that year, arrangements have been tentatively made to renew our rivalry with Harvard and discussions are also under way with other members of the Group."

What About 1952?

This is the Word:

The approach to football at Pennsylvania in 1952 will be different than it was in 1951. A year ago, the emphasis was on defense; this year the goal will be touchdown production.

Such being the case, Coach George Munger could have no greater wish than that his 1952 offense match his 1951 defense. None of the last seven teams that Pennsylvania played last year (Princeton, Columbia, Navy, William & Mary, Wisconsin, Army and Cornell) made a touchdown in the second half. In addition, Navy and Cornell were held scoreless throughout and Wisconsin's remarkable defensive platoon got all its points.

In their quest for touchdowns the Quakers will use one or more variations of the T in addition to the single wing. T-expert Paul Bixler, former head coach at Ohio State and Colgate, has been brought to the University as backfield coach especially to add offensive punch to the team.

Although the lack of spring practice will be felt most in what will probably be the toughest game—the opener with Notre Dame on September 27—Pennsylvania is fortunate in that it will meet Ivy Group teams in the three games that follow: Dartmouth, Princeton and Columbia. By the time Navy comes to town on October 25, the experience of four games should have made up for the practice time lost.

Pennsylvania is also rather fortunate in the matter of personnel. Only seven first-stringers were lost through graduation—Tom Hanlon, Alex Jaffurs, Jack Evans, Gerry McGinley, John Laino, Harry Warren and Bob Fox. All were valuable men, but a good deal of talent remains. Here are the holdovers from 1951:

OFFENSE

Ends—Ed Bell, Jack Moses, Norman Wilde, Jim Kahl
Tackles—Captain Bob Evans, Joe Bushek, Tony Cugini, Carl Sammarco
Guards—Stew Haggerty, Dave Hovey, Greg Olekszak, John Cannon, Jim Gallagher
Blocking Backs—Noel Schmidt, Ed Surmik
Wing Backs—Bill Deuber, George Bosseler, Rick McGinley

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Sept. 27—Notre Dame Franklin Field
Oct. 4—Dartmouth Franklin Field
Oct. 11—Princeton Princeton
Oct. 18—Columbia New York City
Oct. 25—Navy Franklin Field
Nov. 1—Penn State Franklin Field
Nov. 8—Georgia Franklin Field
Nov. 15—Army Franklin Field
Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving Day)—Cornell Franklin Field

Starting time: September and October games: 2 p. m., November games: 1:30 p. m.

Tailbacks—Glenn Adams, Chester Cornog, Gerry Robinson
Fullbacks—Joe Varaitis, Don Zimmer

DEFENSE

Ends—Bell, Norm Boudreau, Bernie Borkowski, Dick Rosenbleeth, Carl Semper
Tackles—Evans, Jack Shunalfelt, Jack Russell, Charles Comaway, Tom Franklin, John Holland
Guards—Charlie Assif, Jim Seeley, Dave Faherty, Olekszak
Linebacker—Zimmer, reserve strongside man
Left Half—Varaitis, Surmik
Right Half—Schmidt, Ed Gramagna, Robinson Safety—Bosseler, McGinley

Most promising of the upcoming sophomores are:

Ends—John Lavin, Howard Corriston
Tackles—Howard Jackson, John Gurski, Joe Keller
Guards—Mark Levitan, John Braithwaite, Warren Mantz
Linebackers—George Trautman, Dick Schafer
Quarterbacks—Jim Manley, Jim Kopenhaver
Halfbacks—Walt Hynoski, Joe Gimakosky

Line coach Rae Crowther believes Jackson and Gurski have the potential to approach Evans, a tackle Rae regards as the best in college football.

Hynoski appears to be the most outstanding of the sophomore backs, fitting as he does the old-fashioned tag of triple-threat man.

Glenn Adams, incidentally, should be ready to put up a strong fight for the number one tailback position, which he was forced to give up last year by injuries. Adams, who threw four touchdown passes against Dartmouth last year, underwent a knee operation after the 1951 season.

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