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The 1914 Football Season

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"SLOOIE"

With the fifth annual Home-Coming, combined with the Chicago-Illinois game rapidly approaching, the twin-cities are seething with intense excitement. Never before in the history of Illinois athletics, has such a fervent football spirit pervaded the campus. Players, coaches, rooters, faculty, alumni, and towns-people,—all alike are enkindled with a super-abundance of enthusiasm in the fortunes of the eleven. A general feeling of confidence in Coaches Zuppke and Lindgren prevails; a feeling that this is Illinois year in western football.

And this sentiment is justified. At the opening of official practice last September, instead of an awkward, inexperienced squad, over forty well-knit warriors presented themselves to Coach Zuppke. In this group were fifteen "I" men, all of whom had been under conference fire. In addition, there were a number of former yearlings who possessed blue ribbons as a stamp of Coach Jones' approval. These men had received the benefit of the first regular spring football practice, and had an opportunity to familiarize themselves with Zuppke's methods. Finally in Ralph Chapman they were captained by a man who

had won their respect and admiration by his fighting spirit.

The zeal and ardor of the captain immediately became transferred to the team. At the first mass-meeting of the year, Coach Zuppke stated that he never possessed an aggregation with as much fighting strength as the 1914 Illini team. The much-heralded Christian Brothers' team was overwhelmed by the score of 37 to 0 in the opening contest. Zuppke's steam-roller crushed the Hoosiers by the top-heavy score of 51 to 0. The Ohio State contest was supposed to furnish a true criterion of Illinois strength, but the Buckeyes were bowled over to the tune of 43 to 0. The rampaging "Indians" displayed real sympathetic spirit by withdrawing their Tecumsehs, Massasoits and Sitting Bulls from the Northwestern game, permitting the lowly Methodists to battle the lesser "braves" for a goodly portion of the afternoon, but in vain, finally falling 33 to 0.

The real test came with the Minnesota game. For three quarters both teams

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fought up and down the gridiron, neither being successful in crossing the tantalizing goal line. But the onslaughts of Captain Chapman's huskies were not to be denied. During the final session they hurled themselves upon the Gophers with an irresistible impetuosity which brooked no obstacles, and in an exceedingly short time put the game on rollers, so to speak. The initial barrier had been surmounted.

The Alps are yet to be climbed. While the dreaded Maroons will not sweep down upon Champaign in as proud an array as in former years, still Chicago is Chicago. This year, however, Captain Chapman's men say, "There are no Alps". They cast tradition to the winds; they have no football heritage. To them the word "Chicago" possesses no magical significance. They will enter the fray in the same aggressive frame of mind which has proved so disastrous to all of their opponents thus far. The team realizes that Home-Comers have journeyed from all portions of the country to see a glorious victory, and they mean to furnish it.

Chicago-Illinois Scores

	Illinois	Chicago
1892	4	4
"	28	12
1894	6	0
1896	0	12
1897	12	18
1901	24	0
1902	0	6
1903	6	18
1904	6	6
1905	0	44
1906	0	63
1907	6	42
1908	6	11
1909	8	14
1910	3	0
1911	0	24
1912	0	10
1913	7	28
1914		



ILLINOIS FOOTBALL SQUAD—1914

Top Row—Zupple (Coach), Clark, Scholinger, Macomber, Fogue, Derby. Middle Row—Ambuster, Peppy, Markwardt, Rhodes, Pethybridge, Nelson, Madsen, Squiers, Applegate, Wiedling, Real, Sennett, Kirby, Wanzer, Jensen, Lindgren. Bottom Row—Pruett, Stewart, Crane, Poirer, Chapman (Capt.), Siebens, Rue, Armstrong. By Courtesy of the *Illinois Magazine*.