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# As Others See Us!



ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS



# FOREWORD



THE FOLLOWING are extracts from newspapers and letters relative to the University of Illinois Coaching Course and some of Illinois Coaches. These are submitted to persons who may be interested in a Course in Athletic Coaching and Physical Education that they may understand how others view us.

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THE University of Illinois has the distinction of being the first institution to offer a four-year course in athletic coaching leading to a degree, and a large number of Central Illinois boys are considering entering the new school in September. The school opens Sept. 22.

Most coaches, thus far, have been educated to be doctors, lawyers, or engineers, for instance. Coaching as a life work was often a stop-gap or an afterthought. Beyond their own experience in athletics they have been self-taught as coaches. But the day of the self-made coach, it is predicted, is passing. Few colleges or high schools are willing to allow their teams to be practice material for would-be coaches, who plan to pick up their training as they go along. Besides, it takes too long. The demand for trained coaches is immediate and pressing for the war has given a tremendous stimulus to athletics and physical education.

What will the prospective coach study? Baseball, football, basketball, track, and field athletics, swimming, gymnastics, hygiene, training and massage, anthropometry, playground management, and the organization of teams. There will be classroom work and training on the field as well. In addition to these technical training courses there will be required courses such as education, psychology, rhetoric, and public speaking, and the student will have general elective courses from which to choose. So he will have a pretty fair general education on top of his special training.



## Education Carries the Ball



THE WEST is nothing if not aggressive and revolutionary. The descendants of the pioneers who pushed into the prairie country and made it what it is today are still imbued with the pioneering spirit, and this spirit had entered into that most dignified and staid realm, the university, where it plays today a conspicuous role. Yet it is not without a measure of surprise that one reads that the University of Illinois is giving a four-year course in athletic coaching.

And yet, why not? The call for men and women who understand the training of the human body, who can coach it so as to bring out its physical perfections, who know human psychology, so that they can build up school spirit and team spirit—that form of idealism that sacrifices personal glory for the ultimate good of an entire team—is far greater than the supply. He who is trained to do these things with expert skill has made a contribution to life. He has helped those younger than himself to prepare, in a physical and moral sense, for the battle of life. The youth who has had it pounded into him until it becomes a creed, that he must play his games fair, is not apt to soil his hands by later contact with a wider world than that of the college campus. The seeds of idealism live long years.

At first, the Illinois coaching school was opened as a summer course. Soon it became apparent that the value of a college education to a coach was of inestimable worth. As in every other walk of life, it is the trained matter below the scalp that counts. Athletics showed



the same willingness and eagerness to absorb its leaders of higher education that the business showed. During 1919 athletic coaching was made a four-year course. The result will be more abundantly equipped men holding athletic control. Athletics must necessarily benefit because of this contact.

George A. Huff, is director of the course in athletic coaching at the Illinois University. Who is Huff? Huff is a college man himself. He began his career at the University of Illinois in 1889. He made the football and the baseball teams. Later, he attended Dartmouth Medical College and played football and baseball there. In 1895 he came to Illinois as coach of the football and baseball teams. Jake Stahl, leader of the Boston Americans when they won a World's Championship, learned baseball from him. Other players he developed are Carl Lundgren, for eight years with the Cubs; Pitcher Fred Falkenberg, Ray Demmitt, late of the Yankees, and Jack Bradley. During the summer months he acted as a big league baseball scout and he unearthed such stars as Tris Speaker, Ed. Ruelbach, King Cole and Hans Lobert.

By all means let us have athletic coaches who are college trained. The more college learning, college tradition, college ideals that filter through the trades and professions, the better. It is inevitable that this class of training must tell, and it is fitting that it should be evident in so wide a range as is covered by the athletic amusements of a great people.



EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS  
TO DIRECTOR HUFF REGARDING  
THE COACHING SCHOOL

Wm. J. Rennie, Waukegan, Illinois. April 27, 1920.



IT WAS my privilege to attend your Summer School Course for Coaches during the summer of 1919. Any success I have had here I attribute to the knowledge of fundamentals which was obtained from the courses which I took in your school.

"The courses have proven to be of inestimable value to me in all phases of my athletic work.

"Enclosed please find a newspaper account of my football season this year. You will notice that we won 8 out of 9 games. During my past two seasons in basketball we have won 34 and lost 9 games."

Wiley R. Wright, Duval High School, Jacksonville, Florida, Nov. 9, 1921

"I was there part of the summer for the Coaching Course and feel that I owe my success so far to the University. It was through Illinois that this place was opened to me and I have worked mighty hard to turn out a winning team. We have played five games and have won them all."

S. A. Tenison, Director of Athletics, State Normal School,  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin. February 18, 1920.

"I think your Summer Course for Coaches ranks on its merits as the best in the country.

"While here at the State Normal School, I have had good success in football, track and especially basketball."

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Tom Johnson, Marinette High School, Marinette, Wisconsin, December 21, 1921.

**I**N REGARD to the Coaching School, the most important things that I gathered were the fundamentals of every game, especially football. I am a firm believer in teaching good fundamental football before any other thing. I found out to my own satisfaction as a coach that a team well drilled in fundamentals will win out in the long run. Fundamental football is one thing that Zup stressed all during the six weeks' course. I have heard numerous remarks about the University of Illinois Coaching School, especially the Summer Course.

R. N. Fargo, Physical Director, Joliet Twp. High School, Joliet, Ill., Dec. 15, 1921.

“The Summer Course which I attended at the University has been a lot of help in my work this year. After the year's experience handling coaching, I feel that another Summer at Illinois would be even more valuable than the last.”

Geo. E. Cooper, Director of Athletics, Tempe Normal School of Arizona  
Tempe, Arizona, June 21, 1920.

“Thanks to your pointers furnished me last year (attended 1919 Summer School), I was able to turn out my Second State Championship Baseball Team in the three years that I have been here. We have been credited with one Championship in Basketball.”



# Chicago Sunday Tribune.

THE WORLD'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER

## ILLINI AND HARVARD HOLD HONORS OF STIRRING GRID YEAR

ZUPPKE ELEVEN DESERVES TITLE AMONG BIG TEN

November 21, 1919.-

**T**HE MOST successful football year since the adoption of the forward pass and ten yard line rule thirteen years ago came to a successful close Saturday, when Illinois won the western conference championship by defeating Ohio State, 9 to 7, and Harvard triumphed over Yale by a score of 10 to 3.

In winning from Ohio State, Illinois deserves all the credit which possibly can be bestowed on the coaches and players. It developed into a team of remarkable strength in less than a month's time. Although beaten by Wisconsin in the middle of the year, it showed the proper football stuff by going into succeeding battles with renewed fight, which resulted in winning the title.

### Crippled, But Still in Game.

Illinois is one of the gamest elevens which has appeared on a western gridiron in years. Some of the players were hurt in the early part of the year; yet few of them were laid off long enough to recover entirely. They were sent into games when they should have been in the stands. They did not complain or protest. They simply did what they were told, no matter how painful, and this accounts for the championship.

Like the team of the last two years, Illinois was improving as the season grew older, while Ohio did not show a marked advancement since its game with Michigan in mid-season. Coach Zuppke knew the Buckeye attack and he knew how to stop Harley. That he accomplished his purpose was shown all through the championship battle. It was a great victory for the Orange and Blue eleven, but a bitter disappointment to the Scarlet and Gray.



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## CHAMPION COACH QUILTS MICHIGAN FOR ILLINOIS NINE



**L**ARL LUNDGREN is coming back to Illinois to coach the Baseball team which he helped to pitch to its first championship just twenty years ago. Since 1914 Lundy has successfully coached the University of Michigan nine and his relations with the Wolverines have been of the pleasantest, but his Alma Mater needed him. George Huff, after twenty-four years of coaching in which he has won eleven championships and tied for another, had retired as baseball coach.

Lundgren's name is permanently linked with Illinois' first successes on the diamond. He was a pitcher on the Illini teams of 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902. The teams of 1900 and 1902 were Western Champions, and Lundy's pitching was a big factor.

### Leads Illini Thru East

In 1902 as captain Lundgren led the famous Illini nine that invaded the east after cleaning up the west, on that jaunt, immortalized by John McCutcheon in a front page cartoon, Illinois conquered Princeton, West Point, Pennsylvania, and Yale, losing only to Harvard by a 2 to 1 score. Lundgren pitched all these except the West Point game. At Harvard the critics conceded that he outpitched Walter Clarkson who twirled for the crimson, but a patched up infield, the result of an accident in preliminary practice, cost him the victory.

Mr. Lundgren was full back on the Illinois Football team in addition to his Baseball work. As Baseball Coach, he will also teach this subject in the four year Athletic Coaching Course which Director Huff established last year.





# Chicago Sunday Tribune

THE WORLD'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER

## FIGHTING ILLINI WRECK OHIO'S TITLE HOPES, 7 TO 0

### BUCKEYE ROOTERS STUNNED BY TEAM'S DEFEAT.

November 20, 1921

Harvey Woodruff



**Z**UPPKE'S fighting Illini beat Ohio State! Zuppke's fighting Illini beat Ohio State! Zuppke's fighting Illini beat Ohio State!

The score was 7 to 0, gathered by a successful forward pass from Peden to Capt. Walquist near the end of the first half.

If ever a football team deserved its nickname stressed and reiterated as a real courage bringer during a disastrous season, it was those young men from Urbana who fully earned their adjective on Ohio field this afternoon, retrieved their fallen prestige and smeared over the muddy gridiron all Buckeye claims to another Big Ten title.

#### Zuppkes Find Themselves.

Illinois, which has not previously this season recorded a touchdown against a conference opponent found itself. In the greatest upset of the season, it downed the hitherto supermen of Ohio State who had not been scored against by Michigan, Minnesota, Chicago or Purdue.

As the game ended just after Walquist had speared on his own 37 yard line one of those long forward passes by which Ohio in previous years has come from behind to tie or win, several hundred joy-mad rooters snake-danced over the slippery gridiron while 20,000

stunned and silent Buckeye homecoming alumni and under-graduates silently wended their way toward the gates.

#### Victory Well Deserved.

Was Illinois entitled to its victory? Yes. It earned it, in fact the score might have been 14 to 0.

Early in the third quarter little Sternaman received a punt from Workman deep in Illinois territory. He started to run, how he ran! First toward Ohio's left side and then back across the field. He shifted and twisted with Illinois forming for interference at about Ohio's 30-yard line Wilson took off Ohio's final safety man and little Joe sped on for what seemed a touchdown. The officials ruled, however, that Wilson had used his hands in upsetting Cott, and called the ball back, giving it to Illinois on Ohio's 46 yard line.

Nullifying the touchdown the Illini rooters were already cheering.

#### Not an Illinois Substitution.

Another thing, no doubt, that contributed to success was the fact that Zuppke's men went through the game without a single substitution, just as Zuppke told the writer Friday afternoon that he would attempt to do. Time was taken out and once Illinois was penalized for delay, but the regulars stuck to the finish.





JUNE 5, 1921

# ILLINOIS TAKES RECORD-SMASHING MEET

## HIGH JUMP AND JAVELIN MARKS FALL; DASH TIED

Featured by the smashing of two records and the tying of another, Coach Harry Gill's well balanced Illinois team which scored points in fourteen of the sixteen events yesterday won the twenty-first annual track and field games of the western intercollegiate conference on Stagg field, Illinois amassing a total of 61 points.

PROFESSOR CRAGWALL  
EX-WABASH COLLEGE

There is an institution in the middle west that every college in the country feels it an honor to combat. I have never heard a man on any athletic team that ever competed against this Institution say anything but words of highest praise for Illinois. And the reason for this is, that any team representing any branch of athletics, if it goes to Champaign, will know that it is going to receive the most courteous treatment. The University of Illinois never forgets that the opposing team is the guest in her house and that she is going to treat them with all courtesy. It was a revelation to me the first time I went onto Illinois Field and saw the treatment which was accorded the visiting team by the Illinois supporters. On that occasion Wabash was the visiting team and before any of the Wabash men could cheer the Little Giants, Illinois was shouting for them.





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## Illinois, Yale, Syracuse Title Relay Winners

### WEST SENT THE STARS TO BIG ATHLETIC MEET

#### Illinois' Race Strong Effort of Great Day

Philadelphia, April 30.—Remarkable athletic performances by Western athletes were the outstanding feature of the final day of the 27th annual relay carnival of the University of Pennsylvania staged on Franklin Field here this afternoon.

Of the more important college championship races Illinois captured the four-mile event, after a steady pace which caused both Cornell and Princeton runners to falter under the strain.

The University of Illinois milers were always the leaders in the four-mile college championship race. Before the first mile had been finished, Illinois, Cornell university and Princeton were distancing the field, consisting of Pennsylvania State, Syracuse and Lafayette. At the second mile post Illinois led Princeton by fifteen yards, with Cornell twenty yards back of the Tiger runner. In the third mile Cornell took second place from Princeton and in the final two laps of the race made a game attempt to overhaul Wharton, who was anchor man for the Westerners.

The latter had plenty of reserve, however, and won by fifteen yards, with Princeton third, 100 yards back of the Ithacans, and Pennsylvania State well distanced. Syracuse and Lafayette did not finish.



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## ORANGE AND BLUE TOSSERS OUTPLAYED VETERAN CHICAGO TEAM LAST NIGHT

Frank Winters Hailed as the Miracle Man of Illinois  
Camp as result of Wonderful Work Accomplished  
with Mediocre Material—Illinois Played Magnificent  
Basketball Throughout and Deserved Victory

(BY FRED H. YOUNG)



URBANA, Ill., Jan. 19, '21.—They're singing the praises of a new miracle worker on the Illinois campus today. It's not "G" Huff B. Zuppke, or Harry Gill. It's Frank Winters, the little basketball coach from Rockford who came to Illinois last fall almost unheralded and developed a five strong enough to lick Chicago, Illinois' traditional foe, last night in the most spectacular contest waged on the old Gym Annex floor since the days of the Woods twins.

The value of a clever, brainy basketball coach to a college team was never more clearly demonstrated than last night, for Winter's proteges, who has been working quietly under cover for over a month, came into their own yesterday, fought their very "heads" off for him, and gave a grand account of themselves at every stage.

The game will go down into the record books as a victory for Illinois, but to my mind it was a personal triumph for Frank Winters, one of the finest characters in all of Western athletics.



NOVEMBER, 1921



THE following article has been requested by several business men and others, to be put in the Student with a few appropriate remarks.

True school spirit, of the kind to be desired in every school, was recently exemplified by President David Kinley of the University of Illinois in a note of appreciation to the Illinois football squad, a team which won but a single conference game.

It reads:

"Some people think that football is not quite within the scope of the thought of the president of the university," Dr. Kinley wrote the gridiron men. "However, I do not think so. I am interested in all things that the students and faculty are interested in, although I cannot find time or strength to express that interest on every occasion.

"Of course, things in life are of different degrees of importance, but all together go to make up life; so in the university.

"Nevertheless, I am sure that most people will agree with me in thinking that the qualities of character which you all have shown this fall in your football contests deserve the highest praise. I am greatly delighted with the result of the season because of the fine spirit you have shown—that spirit of unconquerable determination which led you to do your best under trying circumstances and finally to win a spectacular and brilliant victory in the last contest of the season. The spirit you have shown is the spirit that wins success and serves the world. I congratulate you on possessing it.

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"I take the opportunity to extend my congratulations to Capt. Walquist by closing his fine football career so brilliantly."

This note represents, not only the spirit of the president, but of the entire student body and the alumni. The spirit pictured there is one which sent the Fighting Illini, tail-enders of the conference, into the Buckeye camp to return winner over supposedly the best team in the Big Ten. The Illinois rooter, who sat alone among a throng of Iowa fans, and rose to sing a solo when the band played his Alma Mater, is an example of the same spirit.

The slump of spirit from which Iowa State emerged during the past gridiron season is to be commended, but is it not plain that we do not come within several paces of the mark set by Illinois? The Illini have demonstrated that it is not the shouting crowd which really supports the team, it is the crowd which fights for the team as fiercely out of the grandstand as it does within. To stick to the team, win or lose, is to support the school; to shout when the team wins and curse when it loses is to help the school along to ill repute.



Paw - I wanna be a coach





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