

ILLINOIS CHANCES FOR BIG 10 TITLE

Has Won It Two Years in Succession and Outlook Good For This Season

After winning the Big Ten championship for two consecutive years, the outlook for another strong team at the University of Illinois is bright. Seventeen lettermen who won gold footballs last year, eight of whom were first string players, reinforced by three other lettermen from previous seasons and some promising sophomores, compose an excellent nucleus.

On the other hand, Coach Bob Zuppke and his aids realize that complacency and over-confidence resulting from the laurels of the past two years will be big obstacles.

The Lettermen

The lettermen are as follows: Two-year lettermen: Cap't Crane and Wietz, guards; Gordon and Burdick, tackles; Jollye, end; Timm, Mills, Humbert, Walker and Peters, backs.

One-year lettermen: Hills, tackle; Rousch, center; Langhorst, guard; Lewis, Tarwain and Wolgast (1927), ends and Bergeson, Tall, Lanum (1926) and Green (1924-25) backs.

The new linemen are all good sized and the sophomore backs have more or less speed. Eddie Kawal of Cicero, leading sophomore contender for center, has 190 pounds distributed over six feet of altitude and moved rapidly enough at Morton high school to be selected on the national honorary basketball five.

L. Bulpitt, A. G. Pease and C. F. McEuen are other new centers. Henry Schumacher, a reserve center, made up for his lack of weight by his aggressiveness.

Other new linemen are T. L. Smith, 225 pounds, guard, R. E. Nusspickel, 192 pounds, an all-state back, who has been converted into a tackle, O. K. Huenergardt and E. R. Faust.

In spring practice Zuppke transformed Stan Bodman, Olaf Robinson and Bob Conover, backs, into linemen and some of them may be retained in the forward wall.

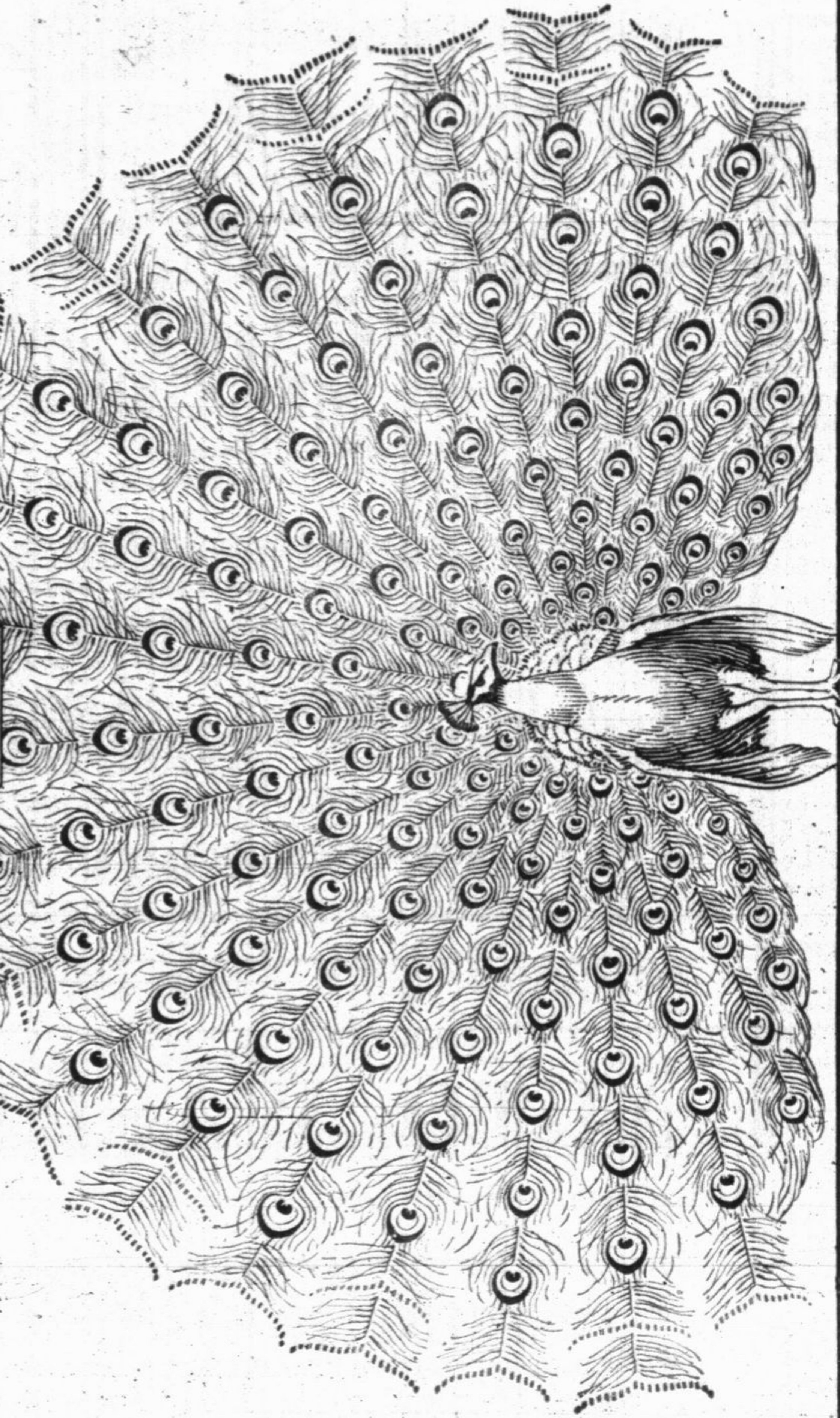
Ends Improved

Ends were a worry all last season but the situation is helped by the return of Arnie Wolgast of the 1927 champions. Zuppke worked Carl Bergeson, fullback, at end last spring.

H. J. Steinman, a good pass snagger and a fair defensive player is the best of the sophomore ends who include Steve Stachuk, Steve Stachuk and serves are other possibilities.

The return of Frank Lanum, letterman in 1926, a good passer and punter and a strong defensive back, may give Zuppke a smashing fullback and enable him to shift Humbert to halfback. Mills is a possibility for quarterback although Peters seemed to

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