

Salem's Sports Dean Takes Over New Assignment for Capital Journal

By STEPHEN A. STONE
Fred Zimmerman, who for 23 years has been sports editor of the Capital Journal, will relinquish that position with today's edition. He will continue, as he has long been, as one of the key men on the staff.

His successor will be Chris J. Kowitz, Jr., staff member who since his high school days has been familiar with the sports field.

It has taken the Capital Journal management a long time to grant Fred Zimmerman's request for transfer from the sports desk, which he first made over a year ago and repeated recently. Next to Lair Gregory of the Oregonian, Fred is the oldest sports editor in years of service in Oregon. Fred was offered and accepted the sports editorship of the Capital Journal in 1928 when

teletype machines supplanted the Morse wire for transmission of press service news. Up to that time Fred had been for many years telegraph operator for the United Press and Associated Press in the Capital Journal office. In pre-radio days he translated from code to plain English some of the greatest prizefights and many of the most thrilling world series baseball games of the first half of the century,

for some other staff member to read by megaphone, play by play or blow by blow, to crowds that used to fill Commercial street where the Capital Journal was then located. That experience gave Fred a

wide knowledge of sports, which, with an ability to write crisply and plainly, and some times pointedly, fitted him for a sports desk. His acquaintance has become more than community-wide through his

column "Skits and Scratches," frequently quoted, in which he has chosen to express independence of thought in sports affairs.

Fred hasn't been exclusively a sports editor. Through all the years he has been a general news reporter as well. Most of his contacts he will continue, and will add the courthouse assignment. Nor will he abandon the press box at George E. Waters ball park.

As one of the few Morse operators left in the community he will continue his play by play report to other cities in the Western International league circuit.

Chris Kowitz, Fred's successor, will be on sports exclusively. He knows his way about in the local sports field, having substituted on the job frequently and written sports for school and city papers for years. In sports Chris relies

much on intimate contact with the people who make sports. His Kriss-Kross column moves from the editorial page to the sports section and will be devoted to sports.

Doug Thomas, sprightly headliner, who has edited sports wire news and been in charge of make-up in that section since he came to the Capital Journal three years ago, will continue to give the department that assistance.

Skits and Scratches

By FRED ZIMMERMAN, Capital Journal Sports Editor

Solons Divide Split Twin With Yakima, 3-7 and 5-2

Sunday's Western International league doubleheader between Salem and Yakima was split—both ways.

It was split in the first regard in that one game was played in the afternoon, one at night. It was split in the other regard in that Yakima won the opener 7-3, Salem won the nightcap 5-2.

The Solon management can't promise the cessation of split doubleheaders as far as wins and losses are concerned, but General Manager Hugh Luby has decided to dispense with split doubleheaders as far as time is concerned.

A total of 2098 paid admissions were collected during the split experiment. The afternoon game drew 1247 to the ticket windows, the night game 851.

A showing of hands during the nightcap indicated that approximately 200 saw both games.

The Senators, still resting in third place, take a day off Monday, then open a three-game series at Wenatchee Tuesday night.

Salem and Yakima broke even in their four-game series. Salem had won Friday night, but Yakima chalked up a 3-1 victory Saturday, breaking a three-game Salem winning streak.

Two big innings spelled defeat for Salem in the 2:30 Sunday contest, Yakima got three runs in the third and four in the eighth. The latter

WIL Standings

(By United Press)

Team	W	L	Pct.
Vancouver	21	8	.724
Spokane	20	11	.646
Salem	16	14	.533
Tri-City	12	14	.461
Yakima	12	16	.429
Victoria	11	15	.423
Tacoma	12	17	.414
Wenatchee	10	19	.345

Sunday's Results—
Spokane 7-4, Tri-City 2-2.
Yakima 7-2, Salem 3-5.
Tacoma 8-7, Wenatchee 5-8. (Second game eight innings).
(Only games scheduled)

Saturday's Results—
Tacoma 3, Wenatchee 0.
Tri-City 11, Spokane 10.
Vancouver 11-22, Victoria 9-7.
Yakima 3, Salem 1.

rally chased starting Solon hurler Joe Mishak off the mound. Johnny Burak finished for Salem.

Salem got its runs in droves too. All three tallies were registered in the sixth. They came on an infield single by Mishasek, a walk to Ritchie Myers, a ground single to center by Hugh Luby, and successive singles to left by Glenn Stetter and George McDonald.

The Senators bashed 12 hits off two Yakima hurlers in winning the 8:30 o'clocker. Ray McNulty chucked the Salem victory, allowing seven scattered hits. Yakima got no more than one hit in any inning.

Yakima took a 1-0 lead in the fourth inning, and McNulty had nobody to blame but himself for that one. Mike Baxes dribbled

an easy grounder to McNulty, and went all the way to second on McNulty's overthrow to first base. Baxes advanced to third on an infield out, and scored on a wild pitch.

Salem tied it up in the fifth when Meyers drilled a double to left-center, scoring Bill Beard from first base.

The Bears went out front again in the sixth. Jerry Zuvella smacked a homer with nobody aboard after two were out.

Salem went ahead to stay in the bottom half of the sixth. The Solons got two runs on singles by McDonald and Pete Tedeschi and a double by Beard.

They added two more in the seventh as Dick Faber, Stetter and McDonald singled in order and Glenn Tuckett brought Stetter home on a squeeze play.

Spokane climbed to within one-half game of leading Vancouver Sunday by trouncing Tri-City, 7-2 and 4-2. In other WIL action Sunday, Wenatchee and Tacoma split a twin bill. Tacoma won the opener 8-5 and Wenatchee won the second game, 8-7.

Official Box

First game:	AB	H	O	A	(S)	Salem
Yakima (7)	9	1	1	1	0	0
Andrino, lf	3	2	0	0	0	0
O'Leahy, rf	3	2	0	0	0	0
Baxes, 3b	3	0	1	3	0	0
Serrol, 2b	4	1	1	1	0	0
Zuvella, cf	3	2	0	0	0	0
Brannen, c	4	1	0	0	0	0
Hershey, p	4	2	3	0	0	0
McDonald, 1b	4	1	0	0	0	0
Zidich, p	3	1	0	0	0	0
Total	33	12	7	10	0	0
Yakima	9	0	0	0	0	0
Salem	9	0	0	0	0	0

Preakness Race Sets Up Belmont For Top Event

Baltimore, Md., May 21 (UP)—It looked today as if the Belmont Stakes on June 16 will be the "horse race of the year" for 1951.

That would be the natural result of the peculiar situation in the three-year-old class which saw Count Turf speed to an upset triumph in the Kentucky Derby and then stay in the barn while Bold triumphed by seven lengths in the Preakness on Saturday.

What's more, in addition to the two chief claimants to the crown, the Belmont also is likely to include: Battlefield, two-year-old champion of 1950 which has not raced this season; Count Millie, winter book derby favorite which went "sour" and was held out; Royal Mustang, second in the Derby; and Counterpoint, second in the Preakness.

Comeback Lefty Joe

Page, once the mightiest relief pitcher in baseball, boards a plane at New York's La Guardia field bound for Kansas City, Mo., where he will join the Yankee KC farm club to see if he can regain the magic touch he had in 1949. (Aeme Telephone)

Kowitz' KRISS KROSS

By CHRIS KOWITZ, JR.
Korner

It was a natural for a record-breaker, alright. Merlin White, Northwest conference sprint champion, and Ted Mertz, feet-footed Willamette ace, were to gallop in adjoining lanes in the 200-yard dash at the NW conference track meet at McCulloch stadium Saturday. The conference record was 20.9 seconds. Either White or Mertz could break the record, if pressed hard enough to win. And with the two gents running in lanes 1 and 2, how could they miss?

The race was strictly between White, Mertz and the stopwatch. Spectators forgot that anyone else was running in the event. Tension was terrific. After two false starts, they were off. White and Mertz took off from the starting blocks like a couple of goosed guys.

For 50 yards, they raced neck and neck, stride for stride. A couple of the other men entered in the race were still even with them. Then White began to pull ahead. He picked up a couple of strides on Mertz in the next 50 yards.

The remaining runners in the race pulled a MacArthur. (They faded away). Now it was White and Mertz... White and Bertz... White and Mertz. The crowd was electrified.

Mertz began to close the gap. Only a step behind now. A half step. A foot... now only inches. As they raced for the finish line, the timers got set to click their stopwatches. Was this a new conference record in the making?

White hit the tape inches ahead of Mertz. It had been a whole of a race. Close, yes, but no doubt as to who had won it. But the time... that was the thing everybody was waiting for. The time.

Each of the timers took a second look at his watch. Then they exchanged startled glances. White had won the race with a time of 20.4 seconds. A half second faster than the conference record, and only one-tenth second off the all-time world's record.

Wow! What a race. Everybody knew those two boys were really churning cinders, but nobody imagined that they were churning them THAT fast. Twenty and four-tenths seconds! The word spread quickly among the athletes, the coaches and the judges. Merlin White had just run the 200 in 20.4 seconds!

But there were a few skeptics in the crowd. So before the time of the race was announced, a bit of checking was done. Still, the timers agreed. The time was 20.4. Who could dispute that?

Then the truth of the matter came out. Somehow the finish tape had been stretched at the wrong point on the track... eleven yards short of the point where it should have been stretched. So White, instead of running 220 yards, had run only 209. The time of the race of course was erased.

Anyhow, it was a new world's record for the 200-yard dash.

In Which We Swap Horses

With this issue "Skits and Scratches," which has been the medium for thousands of paragraphs during a span of more than a score of years is pulled off the sport pages of the Capital Journal. No, we are not retiring. We are merely shifting from the sports desk with its long and disjointed hours to an assignment that does not make so many demands upon legs that are not quite as agile as they were back in 1928. . . . It has been an interesting life—this business of viewing the sports world. But we anticipate our new work, to which we are not unfamiliar, will be just as challenging and fully as fascinating. Instead of punts and passes, hay makers, home runs and baskets, it will be court action, legal documents, the processing of Willamette valley products and the variety of civilian activities that go to make up a newspaper.

Not Without Regrets

We do face the change in work without some regret. It could not be otherwise. One makes hundreds of contacts following the athletes and their coaches. There are many warm friends among them whose associations we will cherish to the end of time. Then, too, there are some who are not quite so friendly. That, too, is a natural consequence of being in public life. It has been fascinating to follow boys from junior high school into senior high and through university life. The second generation is now coming on and many youngsters will follow their fathers into the world of competition to make their own marks. Then, too, coaches have come and gone. We have often pondered why any man should take up an activity that makes so many demands upon their lives as coaching. Downtown quarterbacks and old grads can be and often are, unreasonable. But we presume the direction of young men has its compensation in the building of fine bodies and in losing years, "character."

So It's Goodbye and Hello—

To those coaches, athletic directors, press agents and others in the field of sports with whom we are associated down through the years, we express our appreciation for warm friendships and courtesies. We will be seeing you now and then (it's a bit tough to be cut off the pass list). It's not farewell, just goodbye. To our new associates we anticipate just as warm friendships and interesting associations. "30" and "73."

Bearcats Win Northwest Track Title On Places

By CHRIS KOWITZ, JR.

You don't have to win a lot of first places to finish on top in a track meet. Coach Chester Stackhouse and his Willamette Bearcats are convinced of that today.

Willamette, recording only two firsts in the 15 events, defeated four other teams in the Northwest conference track and field championship at McCulloch stadium.

The Bearcats piled up their points on an abundance of second and third positions. They finished the meet with a total of 70½ points. Whitman was second with 55½, followed in order by Lewis and Clark with 41, Linfield with 26, Pacific with 21½ and College of Idaho with 9½.

Two conference records fell by the wayside during the afternoon. Willamette's Bob Hall tossed the javelin 203 feet, 4¼ inches to better his own record of 197 feet, set in 1949.

A mark of 17 years standing was toppled when Grant Schiewe of Linfield skipped the low hurdles in 24.5. The old record, 24.9, has been established by Edwards of Whitman in 1934.

Ted Mertz, Willamette's versatile track star, led individual scorers for the day with 21½ points. He won the broad jump event, finished second in both hurdle races and the 220, took third spot in the 100 yard dash and gained a tie for fourth in the high jump.

Less than 100 fans were on hand to witness the classic. And those who stayed away missed a full afternoon of running races which were top-notch in providing thrills for the customers.

Lean Scott McFadden of Whitman took the first running event of the afternoon, the mile, in 4:37.3. The time was rather slow, due, perhaps, to the fact that McFadden was never pressed to win. He led all the way, and calmly sprinted the last 200 yards.

Francis Cox of Lewis and Clark didn't have such an easy time winning the 440. He held the lead from the start, but was hard-pressed by Mays of Whitman, who made a valiant but futile effort to overtake Cox in the stretch.

Merlin White of Lewis and Clark setting a new 100-yard dash record by only one-tenth of a second. He flashed the distance in 9.8 seconds, and had victory in his shoes all the way.

The high hurdles event was the closest race of the day. Grant Schiewe nosed out Mertz by only an inch, after Mertz had tripped on the final hurdle.

Tom Ramaley of Whitman, who ran a disappointing race in the mile, copped the 880 yard run. He came up through the pack on the backstretch of the

final lap. His time of 2:00.9 was 8 second shy of a new record.

White nosed out Mertz by inches in the 220, which was really only a 209, because the finish tape had some how been stretched up 11 yards short of the proper finish line.

Whitman's Elmer Wagner ran the smoothest race of the day in winning the two mile in 10:23.5.

The mile relay event was a thriller, with Childers of Whitman beating Lewis and Clark's anchor man to the tape by two feet.

Results:
High hurdles: Grant Schiewe (Lin.), Mertz (Will.), Standifer (Will.), Fahney (Will.), Caldwell (Will.), Time 24.5.
Low hurdles: Grant Schiewe (Lin.), Mertz (Will.), Standifer (Will.), Fahney (Will.), Time 24.5.
220: Mertz (Will.), L.C. Mertz (Will.), Dodson (Will.) and Noa (Will.) tied for 3rd. Height 12 feet 2¼ inches.
Shot: Don McCulloch (L.C.), Hitchman (Will.), Fieser (Will.), Fitchell (L.C.), Hiltzema (P.), Distance 43 feet.
Javelin: Bob Hall (Will.), Neperud (Will.), Grundhauser (Lin.), Aase (P.), Gilson (Will.), Distance 203 feet 4¼ inches.
Broad jump: Ed Mertz (Will.), Bratton (Will.), Elmer Wagner (Whit.), Cobbs (Whit.), Stauffer (Will.), Redman (Whit.), Bow (Will.), Time 19.7.
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Grosjacques Is Named Cardinal Athletic Boss

Leo Grosjacques, ex-Portland university basketball and baseball star, is the new athletic coach at Sacred Heart academy. He will handle football, baseball, basketball and track.

Grosjacques, who learned his athletic ABC's in Mt. Angel high school, will take over the position with the start of the school year next September.

He succeeds Don Vandervoort, who recently resigned.

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OSC Has Chance To Knot North Division Ball

(By the Associated Press)

Oregon State gets a chance today to climb back into a tie for the Northern division baseball lead.

In the only game scheduled, the Beavers tangled again with Oregon, the team that knocked them out of the top spot Saturday with a 10-2 win.

In other Saturday games, Washington State won its eighth straight in taking winless Idaho 6-3 and Washington split a non-conference doubleheader with Seattle university. Washington was shut out 8-0 in the first game and won the second 9-8.

Jim Hanns pitched five-hit ball to give Oregon its win over Oregon State. The game was the first conference meeting of the two although Oregon State had won two earlier practice games.

Washington State relief hurler Landy James stopped a seventh inning Idaho rally to give the Cougars their victory. He went in after Idaho had scored two runs off pitcher Rod Keogh.

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Brem, Geardard (2), Berg (4), and Thomas; Hanna and Burgin.

Salem Golfers Win Big Six Links Victory

Corvallis, May 21 (AP)—Salem high school won the annual Big Six golf championship in a playoff here Saturday with Corvallis.

Salem and Corvallis turned in initial scores of 437. Salem had a 218 in the playoff against Corvallis' 223. Other 18-hole team scores:

Cottage Grove 439, University (Eugene) 440, Albany 450, Eugene 454.

Gordon to Bring Sacs to Eugene

Eugene, May 21 (AP)—Joe Gordon, manager of the Pacific Coast league Sacramento Solons, will bring his team here tonight for an exhibition game against the Eugene Larks of the Far West league.

It will be the first time Gordon has played ball in his hometown since he left the University of Oregon campus in 1936.

Salem Girl Swimmers Sweep Tank Tourney in YMCA Pool

Salem girl swimmers captured first place in the Pacific Northwest YMCA girls' invitational swimming championships in the Salem YMCA pool Saturday night.

Salem wound up with an overall total of 85 points. Portland Northeast YMCA registered 63, Ellensburg, Wash., 38, and Vancouver, B.C., 15.

In class competition, Salem division A, for 16-year-olds, with a score of 41. Ellensburg racked up 18 counters in this division, Vancouver, B.C., 15.

In class B, for 14-year-olds, Portland Northeast was high with 32, Ellensburg next with 20. Salem finished third with 17.

Salem won class C, 12-year-old competition, with 37 points, and Portland Northeast chalked up 31.

First and second place results:
Junior A: 48 freestyle—Virginia Hanks; Ellensburg; Barbara McMullen, Salem.



Mag Scribe Tom Meany, who authors sports articles for Collier's magazine, is in Salem for a few days, gathering material for an article he plans to write about Bill Bevens. Meany watched Bevens lose the famous one-hit heart-breaker in the 1947 world series. The article on Bevens, now a Salem Senator hurler, will appear in Collier's sometime this summer.

Viking Trackmen Take Second In State Meet

Corvallis—Salem high school's track squad surprised a lot of the state's experts Saturday by romping to second place in the Oregon state high school track championships at Bell field.

Coach Vern Gilmore's Vikings finished the busy day with a total of 42 points. The meet was won by Medford, with 59 3/5. It was Medford's fourth state track championship in four years.

Larry Paulus and Don McKenzie, teammates on the Salem high basketball squad, took first and second, respectively, in the broad jump. Larry's leading leap was 21 feet, 8¼ inches.

Paulus and McKenzie teamed up with Larry Baggett, another basketballer, and Vernon Rouse on the relay team, and finishing home with second spot, finishing behind Medford.

Other Salem points were racked up by George Meyers, who took fourth in the shot putt; Buzz Covatt, second in the 880; and Dick Adams, fourth in the 880.

Finishing behind Salem in team results, in order, were Klamath Falls 34, Eugene 34, Baker 22, Estacada 20, Prineville 18, Ashland 18, Beaverton 18, Rosevelt 17, Hermiston 13, Lincoln 11 2/5, Jefferson 11, Coquille 10, Corvallis 7, Milwaukie 6, Grant 5 2/5, Springfield 4, Gresham 5, McMinnville 4.

Class A results:
150 yard hurdles: 1. Frank Morris, Medford; 2. Olson, Beaverton; 3. Weaver, Cannonville (Monmouth-Independent); 4. Warren, Lincoln (Portland). Time: 1:44 (new record). Old mark of 1:47 set by Morris in Friday preliminaries.

100 yard dash: 1. Bill Toole, Klamath Falls; 2. Hall, Prineville; 3. Klamath Falls; 4. Anderson, Beaverton; 5. Walker, Medford. Time: 1:02.

Shotput: 1. Dean Parsons, Eugene (88 feet 8¼ inches); 2. Langer, Ashland (80 feet 3 inches); 3. Gerber, Milwaukie (69 feet 10¼ inches); 4. Meyers, Salem (47 feet 9¼ inches). New record. Old mark of 133 feet 10¼ inches set by Bob Anderson, Eugene, in 1948. 2. Parsons, Eugene (133 feet 3¼ inches); 3. Blackstone, Corvallis (115 feet 9¼ inches); 4. Berr, Medford (148 feet 7 inches).

Broad jump: 1. Bob Reed, Estacada; 2. Arrott, Baker; 3. Heller, Franklin (Portland); 4. Dellinger, Springfield. Time: 4:26.

880 yard dash: 1. Bob Cook, Jefferson; 2. Stewart, Ontario; 3. Smithper, Baker; 4. Kinnon, McMinnville. Time: 5:02.

150 yard low hurdles: 1. Frank Morris, Medford; 2. Olson, Beaverton; 3. Cook, Jefferson (Portland). Time: 1:38. (New event, Morris' record of 1:32 in Friday preliminaries).

220 yard dash: 1. Bill Toole, Klamath Falls; 2. Walker, Medford; 3. Shefford, Bend; 4. Meador, Eugene. Time: 2:28.

Pole vault: 1. Frances Dover, Eugene (12 feet 8¼ inches); 2. Hallman, Bend (11 feet 9 inches); 3. Ted Hermiston (11 feet 8 inches); 4. Frettle, Medford (11 feet 4 inches).

Javelin: 1. D. C. Miller, Medford (190 feet 7¼ inches); 2. Church, Baker (171 feet 5 inches); 3. Cooney, Sacred Heart (Salem), (187 feet 4 inches); 4. Beaton, Woodburn (184 feet 2¼ inches).

880 yard run: 1. Bob Reed, Estacada; 2. Cocal, Salem; 3. Michaels, Newberg; Adams, Salem. Time: 5:00.

Broad jump: 1. Larry Paulus, Salem (21 feet 8¼ inches); 2. McKenzie, Hermiston (20 feet 11 inches); 3. Pedigo, Hermiston (20 feet 11 inches); 4. Cook, Jefferson (Portland) (20 feet 9 inches).

High jump: Eddie Howe, Coquille (6 feet 3 inches); 2. Badcock, Klamath Falls; 3. Tarrington, Orobama; 4. Halbrook, Lincoln (Portland).

Half-mile relay: 1. Medford (Walker, Spitzer, Baire, Morris); 2. Salem; 3. Rosevelt; 4. Klamath Falls. Time: 12:23.

Woodburn 4, Oakland 2, North Bend 2, Grants Pass 2, Pendleton 1 2/5, Nyssa 1, Bend 1, Marshfield 1, Albany 1.

Union, a school which has ranked among the state's leaders in all sports for years, won the class B track title with 55 points, 7 ahead of Pleasant Hill in second with 48. Other B league scoring included Gervais, in 16th place with 11 points; St. Paul and Oregon Deaf school, tied for 28th place with 2 points each.