

Tillamook Qualifies

United Press International
The final three berths in next week's class A-1 and A-2 high school basketball tournaments were filled Tuesday night.

Tillamook edged Oregon City 54-52 in a double overtime thriller at Hillsboro to capture the second spot from the TVV league. Ken Olson's jump shot with 50 seconds left won the game.

Elmira won a big battle of A-2 powers and a spot in next week's Coos Bay tournament by defeating Pleasant Hill 55-50. Pleasant Hill was the state's second ranked A-2 team behind Henley. Elmira ranks third.

Yamhill-Carlton picked up the other A-2 berth with a 52-49 win over Nestucca.

HOT STUFF

York, Maine - (UPI) - Hack Hong Ho, 47, of Boston lost control of his car Tuesday when he spilled hot green tea he was drinking on his legs. He was not hurt seriously.



RING FOES TONIGHT - Cockey Cassius Jones out in the fourth round. They are shown as they posed after a physical check-up. —(UPI)

SPORTS

Another Yank Flag Forecast By Houk

By LEO H. PETERSEN
UPI Sports Editor

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. — (UPI) — Manager Ralph Houk flatly predicts the New York Yankees will win the American league pennant again.

"If I didn't feel that way, I should be fired," he claims. "I don't think for a minute that winning is going to be easy, but I don't see any club capable of beating us out."

This is Houk's third year at the helm of the Yankees and his record is perfect — two pennants and two World Series triumphs. And each spring he has come right out and picked his club to win.

"I have more reason to be optimistic this spring than last," he said. "Then we had two jobs on the club open — left field and shortstop. Now we have only one job open, first base, and we are confident we have the player to fill the bill in Joe Pepitone."

"We also will have Tony Kubek with us from the start and don't forget we have another starting pitcher in Stan Williams."

Trade Bill Skowron

Kubek was in the service for part of last season and rookie Tom Tresh took his job. Then when Kubek got out of service Tresh was shifted to left field, where he became a fixture. To get Williams, the Yanks gave up Bill Skowron, their right handed power hitting first baseman.

Houk reiterated that the Yankees would not have parted with Skowron unless they were sure Pepitone could take over at first.

"Joe will do a better job in the field and I also think he will do the job at the plate," Houk added. "Of course, we will miss Skowron, but we figured we could give him up to get the starting pitcher we needed."

He said he wasn't expecting any miracles from Williams.

"All we are counting on him for is 14 victories, the same number he scored with the Dodgers last season. Anything over that would be gravy and, of course, welcome. It would be nice if he could win 20, but we are not expecting him to do it."

Williams will be a starter along with Whitey Ford, Ralph Terry and Bill Stafford.

To round out the staff Houk has relievers Marshall Bridges, Luis Arroyo, Bill Kunkel and Roland Sheldon with Bud Daley and Jim Coates his middle inning relievers and spot starters.

Many Pitching Candidates
There are a half dozen candidates for the other pitching berths and they are the only positions the Yankees have open.

They are set in the outfield

with Tresh, Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris; behind the plate with Elston Howard, Johnny Blanchard and Yogi Berra and in the infield with Pepitone, Kubek, Bob Richardson and Clete Boyer. On the bench will be Hector Lopez, Dale Long, Jack Reed and Phil Linz.

Houk refused to pick any one club as the most serious threat to the Yankees.

"The Tigers, the Twins, the White Sox, the Orioles, the Angels and the Indians could all be in the race," he reasoned. "And the Red Sox appear stronger, too. If any of those clubs can come up with an outstanding rookie it could change the look of things, but right now I don't see any one of them beating us out."

APPEAR OKEH

Tampa, Fla. — (UPI) — Outfielder Dan Dobek and pitcher Bob Krop appear to have recovered from their 1962 health problems, according to San Diego Manager Don Heffner. Dobek, hampered by a bad back last season, and Krop, who was laid most of the season with arm trouble, looked in top shape as the Pads continued spring training Tuesday.

Pro Basketball

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X—Los Angeles	52	26
St. Louis	45	31
Detroit	33	43
San Francisco	30	47
Chicago	25	52
X—Cinched divisional title.		

Dodgers Even Spring Record

West Palm Beach, Fla. — (UPI) — Johnny Podres and Don Drysdale, who between them accounted for 40 wins for the Los Angeles Dodgers last season, hurled against the Milwaukee Braves today in an exhibition game.

The Dodgers evened their spring exhibition record at 2-2 Tuesday with a 4-3 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals with the help of Cardinal goofs.

Maury Wills got on base in the first inning after Stan Musial muffed his fly ball, and the shortstop scored from second when pitched Bob Gibson threw a wild pickoff ball.

OKEH RACE EXTENSION

Albany, N.Y. — (UPI) — The New York State Assembly overwhelmingly approved a bill Tuesday to extend the Thoroughbred racing season in the state seven days to Dec. 7. The extension, which would produce an estimated \$1.7 million, now goes to Gov. Rockefeller.

Clay Fights Jones In Garden Tonight

By JACK CUDDY

New York — (UPI) — Cockey Cassius Clay will try tonight to put his fist fists where his loud mouth is, for a fourth-round knockout over dangerous Doug Jones in jammed Madison Square Garden.

The Garden's first sellout crowd in 13 years—18,732 spectators occupying all seats and standing room—will watch unbeaten young Clay's attempt to fulfill his daring fourth-round prediction. The gate will approximate \$105,000.

Twenty-one-year-old Cassius of Louisville, Ky., the world's second ranking heavyweight, has loudly but successfully pin-pointed in advance the exact rounds for 12 of his previous 14 knockouts.

And if the "Louisville Lip" can overcome the double Jonah of shooting for his 13th round—predicted kayo on March 13, he'll certainly be in line for a September shot at the heavyweight crown.

Jones Never Kayoed
A fourth-round knockout victory for Clay would be a notable achievement indeed because his opponent, New Yorker Jones, never has been kayoed in 25 fights against generally better opposition than Clay faced while Clay clicked off his 17 straight victories as a professional.

"I can't miss," said Cassius modestly today. And Cassius, the Olympic light heavyweight champion of 1960, added: "I'm the greatest."

The Kentucky contender, who garnishes his pugilism with poetry, then stated: "Jones thinks he'll fight some more."

"But he's got to go in four."

The belting bard from the bluegrass country is buoyantly riding a string of nine straight knockouts. And he is

favored at 17-5 to beat 26-year-old Jones, who produced the biggest upset of 1962 on last Dec. 15 when he knocked out third-ranked Zora Folley in the seventh round at the Garden. Folley had been a 12-5 favorite.

Lost Three Decisions

That was Jones' 21st victory and 13th knockout in his 25 fights, which included one draw. Doug lost three bouts on decisions to Eddie Machen, light heavy weight champion Harold Johnson in a title fight, and Folley in their first bout at Denver, Colo., Aug. 1, 1962. He also had a draw with Erich Schoepner of Germany.

Despite Jones' greater experience against good men, Cassius is a long favorite because he is the taller, heavier and longer in the reach.

Tonight's scheduled 10-rounder will not be televised nor broadcast to homes. It will be sent by closed circuit television to 37 arenas in 33 cities with a total of 150,000 available seats and a possible \$500,000 total gate. It also will be sent to home pay-TV stations in Toronto and Hartford, Conn.

Federal Beats Priestley Quint

Seattle — (UPI) — Federal Old Line of Seattle won the right to represent the Pacific Northwest in next week's AAU basketball tournament in Denver with a 109-90 victory over Priestley Oil of Portland Tuesday night.

Bill Hanson with 23 and Dave Mahlan with 21 points led the winners, while Jack Parker hit 22 and Tex Whitman 20 each for the Portland team.

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