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Paw Prints

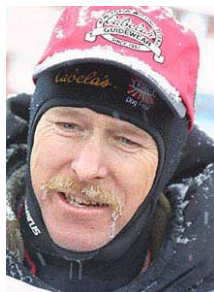
## FOUR MUSHERS ARE ON THE TRAIL TO NOME

March 14, 2006

Hi Girls and Boys,

Oh, it is getting so exciting. Three mushers are out of White Mountain after taking their mandatory 8-hour layovers. Jeff King was in the lead by over two hours when he left White Mountain at 2:34 this afternoon. Doug Swingley who has been right on his heels for the last five hundred miles took off from White Mountain at 5:41 this evening. Paul Gebhardt left at 8:00 pm and DeeDee Jonrowe should be leaving as I write this update.

I think Jeff has assured himself the first place slot while the other three will be jockeying for position. Here are your top four mushers as of 8:30 p.m. AST



Jeff King



Doug Swingley



Paul Gebhardt



DeeDee Jonrowe

I want to than the classes that sent pizza to me today. I just love it. Pizza is the best food in the whole wide world.

Mrs. Ruth's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at the School of Sacred Heart St Francis deSales in Bennington, VT

Mrs. Saver's 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders at Capron Elementary, Capron, IL

Mrs. Lammers – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade at Riverdale Heights Elementary in Buttendors, IA

Mrs. Gioddu 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class at Fausey Elementary School in West Springfield, MA. I guess these students wanted me to know be sure who they were voting for to win the race because the two pizzas were in the shape of a "J" and a "K".

Until next time,



Lots of Tail Wags,  
Zuma

Don't forget to visit the rest of the Iditarod website at [www.iditarod.com](http://www.iditarod.com) where you will be able to find the latest updates plus terrific stories about the race. Most of these pictures are from the Ruby checkpoint today.