



Zuma's
Paw Prints

THE RACE IS NOT OVER

March 15, 2006

Jeff King's finish at 1:11 a.m. was sure exciting, boys and girls. I hope you enjoyed the

pictures that I posted with my report of his arrival. The rest of the night and today have been just as exciting as team after team reaches Nome. Right now, there are sixteen teams in Nome.



Doug Swingley arrived in Nome at 4:18 a.m. this morning for a total time of 9 days, 14 hours, 18 minutes and 20 seconds. The man he tried to catch for over 500 miles, Jeff King, greeted him at the finish line. After 1131 miles on the trail, these

two contenders finished just three hours and seven minutes apart.

As I predicted, Paul Gebhardt and DeeDee Jonrowe finished 3rd and 4th just an hour and two minutes apart. John Baker was an hour and twelve minutes behind DeeDee while Bjornar Andersen was only 25 minutes behind Baker to tie up 6th place.

Other mushers who arrived today are Ed Iten, 11:11 a.m., Jason Barron 11:20 a.m., and Mitch Seavey, 11:23 a.m. These three had a small race within a race from the looks of their arrival times. Lance Mackey took tenth place at 12:08. Jessie Royer was 11th, Cim Smyth, 12th, Sonny Lindner, 13, Aliy Zirkle 14, Ken Anderson 15 and Aaron Burmeister was 16th at 3:21 p.m. this afternoon.

Out of the Safety checkpoint and on their way to Nome are Ramey Smyth, Melanie Gould, William Hanes, Louis Nelson, Sr. and Hugh Neff. There is only one team out of White Mountain heading for Safety at this writing; Jacques Philip left the White Mountain checkpoint at 4:30 p.m. There are still 9 teams in White Mountain; 5 teams out of Elim; 6 teams in Elim; 1 team out of Koyuk; 4 teams in Koyuk; 3 teams out of Shaktoolik with 6 teams in Shaktoolik; 3 teams out of Unalakleet, 2 teams in Unalakleet; 2 teams out of Kaltag and 4 teams in Kaltag; 2 teams are out of Nulato, 1 team is in Nulato with one team, Ben Valks, out of Galena headed for Nulato. That accounts for all of our mushers

tonight. Remember, boys and girls, the race is not over until all the teams are off the trail either in Nome or scratched.

Several of you have asked what prize the mushers will receive for their position in Nome, so I decided to place the list here for you to check out. The winner, of course, also gets a brand new Dodge 4X4 diesel truck valued at \$44,000.

Place	Prize
1	\$69,000.00
2	\$64,300.00
3	\$59,800.00
4	\$55,600.00
5	\$51,700.00
6	\$48,000.00
7	\$44,400.00
8	\$41,100.00
9	\$38,000.00
10	\$35,100.00
11	\$32,300.00
12	\$29,700.00
13	\$27,300.00
14	\$25,000.00
15	\$22,800.00

Place	Prize
16	\$20,700.00
17	\$18,800.00
18	\$17,000.00
19	\$15,300.00
20	\$13,600.00
21	\$12,100.00
22	\$10,700.00
23	\$9,300.00
24	\$8,000.00
25	\$6,800.00
26	\$5,700.00
27	\$4,600.00
28	\$3,600.00
29	\$2,700.00
30	\$1,800.00

Tonight my thanks go to Ms. Harrington, Chobrba, Turensun, Zenker, Klocksinn, Zimmerman, and Drury, grades 1 through 3 at Assumption School, Morristown, New Jersey and to Mrs. Kotsiviras' 4th graders at Navajo Elementary, Palos Heights, Illinois for the great pizza today. I also received ice cream from a class in Florida and I hope they will email me with their school, teacher, grade and city and state so I can thank them in my report tomorrow night. I also would like to apologize to the teachers whose names I have spelled wrong in my reports, it is not a slip of the paw but instead the way the name is spelled from the pizza parlor that brings them to me.

Until next time,



Lots of Tail Wags,
Zuma

Don't forget to visit the rest of the Iditarod website at 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.