



MEDIA RELEASE

February 16, 2010; 17:00 PST (Whitehorse, YT) - Josh Cadzow is named Rookie of the Year at this year's Yukon Quest. The 22-year-old musher from Fort Yukon, Alaska crossed the finish line in Whitehorse at 13:18 PM local time. As the top finishing rookie, he will be awarded Rookie of the Year at the Finish and Awards Banquet this Saturday February 20 at the Yukon Convention Centre.

Cadzow's official run time is 10 days and 9 minutes. Throughout the race he was consistently one of the top ten teams in to the checkpoints. Toward the end of the race he picked up speed to pass fellow rookie contender Abbie West and veteran Brent Sass to come in seventh place.

Earlier today, past champ Sonny Lindner arrived at the Whitehorse finish line. Lindner came in at 10:14 AM with eight dogs on the line. His run time was a personal best, 9 days 21 hours 5 minutes. Lindner won the first Yukon Quest in 1984.

Also crossing the finish today was veteran Brent Sass. He arrived with 6 dogs on the line at 16:01 PM. Abbie West and Normand Casavant are the next mushers expected to arrive in Whitehorse by late this evening or early morning.

By the time of this release, all remaining teams have left the Scroggie Creek dog drop. There are still 15 competitors remaining in this 27th running of the Yukon Quest.

**For the most up-to-date results from the Yukon Quest, please visit <http://yukonquest.com/site/race-updates/>. You can also access mini-updates of the race through our Facebook page - just search Facebook for "Yukon Quest - Official Site". Plus, follow the race on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/YukonQuest2010> **

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