



MEDIA RELEASE

February 17, 2010; 10:00 PST (Whitehorse, YT) - Cindy Barrand has received the first penalty in the 2010 Yukon Quest. Barrand was dealt a 30-minute penalty, which was assessed at the Braeburn checkpoint. Repairs were made to her equipment during the race due to safety concerns. Race judges made the decision to apply the penalty.

The 30-minute penalty was tagged on to her mandatory 8-hour layover at the Braeburn checkpoint. Barrand and her team were back on the trail at 7:05 AM local time this morning.

Another five teams came across the Whitehorse finish line from Tuesday evening through to this morning. Abbie West arrived at 21:45 PM local time with eight dogs on the line. Normand Casavant followed at 22:20 PM with a team of 10 dogs. Belgian mushers Sam Deltour and Dries Jacobs made it to the finish early this morning. Deltour was in at 2:03 AM and Jacobs at 4:53 AM, both arriving with 10 dogs. Mike Ellis also arrived at 9:38 AM with a team of 11 Siberians.

David Dalton is the next musher expected to arrive in Whitehorse this morning.

By the time of this release, all remaining teams have left the Pelly Crossing checkpoint. There are still 10 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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