



MEDIA RELEASE

February 22, 2009; 1630 AKST (Circle City, Alaska) - William Kleedehn and Hugh Neff arrived at Central Checkpoint this afternoon within three minutes of one another. The two have been consistently near the top of the leader board since the race started eight days ago, but to be within three minutes of each other at this stage of the race will make for an incredible finish.

Jon Little, Sebastian Schnuelle and Brent Sass are also a part of the first group to leave Circle and are in the hunt to catch the leaders.

Meanwhile, the second group of mushers has just begun to arrive in Circle City. Martin Buser arrived at 3:33 PM local time. He was being hotly pursued by Michelle Phillips and Warren Palfrey when he left Slaven's Roadhouse this morning.

For the most up-to-date results from the Yukon Quest, please visit <http://yukonquest.com/site/race-updates/>. For images of the race, please visit <http://yukonquest-media.4shared.com> and enter 'media' as the password to access images of the trail. You can also access mini-updates of the race through our Facebook page - just search for "Yukon Quest - Official".

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