



MEDIA ADVISORY

Yukon Quest Day 4 Update

February 8, 2011 (Whitehorse, Yukon & Fairbanks, Alaska) – The frontrunners continue moving towards Dawson City although the “communications black hole” continues to cause havoc as there is no up-to-date SPOT information or confirmation of departure times from Scroggie Creek Dog Drop.

Last night, Stepping Stone Hospitality Stop was busy with the arrival and departures of 27 mushers from both the Yukon Quest and YQ300. By 7:16pm Monday night, the top ten Yukon Quest mushers had departed. The top ten, in order of their departure are Hugh Neff, Hans Gatt, Ken Anderson, Sebastian Schnuelle, Joshua Cadzow, Dallas Seavey, Brent Sass, Wade Marrs, Allen Moore and Michelle Phillips.

Following the top ten, a few smaller groups have formed. Kelley Griffin and Dan Kaduce left minutes apart behind the top ten. Jodi Bailey and Johannes Rygh are next, a couple of hours apart. Clint Warnke, Mike Ellis and Dave Dalton are travelling close together, strong and steady. Travelling alone after this and before the next group is Tamara Rose. Jerry Joinson, Diddier Moggia and Hank Debruin, follow a few hours behind. Kyla Durham has arrived at Stepping Stone. The final musher, Christine Roalofs is expected to arrive at Stepping Stone later this afternoon.

Meanwhile, in the YQ300, 13 teams have finished. The top three finishers are Gerry Willomitzer, Ed Hopkins and Mathias Bech. Three YQ300 teams have left Stepping Stone and are moving their way to the finish line. Three teams are en route to or resting at Stepping Stone. Four teams have scratched from the race. The YQ300 banquet starts tonight at 4pm in Pelly Crossing hosted by the Selkirk First Nation.

The wait is on to see who will arrive first in Dawson City to grab the four ounces of gold sponsored by Fell Hawke Placer, awarded to the first team in to Dawson City. Stay tuned...

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