



MEDIA ADVISORY

Day 10 Update # 1

February 14, 2011 (Whitehorse, Yukon & Fairbanks, Alaska) – Six mushers have come in to Central checkpoint but only Hugh Neff has left, having dropped his lead dog Walter. Neff had encountered severe overflow and Hans Gatt, the musher following, ran into the same conditions. Sebastian Schneueller assisted Gatt. About halfway across what he thought was ice, Gatt's whole team fell through a thin film of ice into chest-high overflow.

Sebastian helped Hans pull the dogs to Sebastian's sled. They recovered Hans' sled from the overflow and drove to a spot where they could stop to care for the dogs and Hans. Sebastian made a fire, took off Hans' soaked boots and jerry-rigged new boots for him out of dog blankets with burlap bags over top, tied down by neck lines and tug lines. The dogs dried by rolling in the snow. After about an hour beside the fire, they continued into Central. Gatt arrived into Central at 04:28 and is taking time to consider his options. Schneueller checked in at 04:35. He says he'll finish the race but figures his chances at second place are gone.

Dan Kaduce came in next at 05:23 with a strong team. He had encountered overflow up to his knees. Seavey checked in at 08:00 and had been up to his waist in water. Anderson arrived at 07:45. Seavey and Anderson are bedding down their dogs.

Brent Sass, Allen Moore and Kelley Griffin are on the way to Central.

Jodi Bailey, Dave Dalton and Mike Ellis are at Slaven's Roadhouse dog drop.

Kyla Durham, Tamara Rose, Jerry Joinson, Johannes Rygh and Hank DeBruin have all left Eagle.

Josh Cadzow scratched in Circle due to sick dogs.

Didier Moggia scratched in Eagle.

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