



Anderson and Mackey Finally Take a Rest; Phillips and Dalton Move Ahead

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PELLY CROSSING, YUKON (February 18, 2008) – Ken Anderson and Lance Mackey are keeping 2008 Yukon Quest watchers on their toes.

To everyone's shock, the two rivals swooped into Carmacks, the second-last checkpoint before the finish line, at 10:40 and 10:43 a.m.

They weren't expected to arrive until around 1 p.m. or later. It appears they rested little and ran fast over the 66 miles (106 kilometres) between Carmacks Checkpoint and Pelly Crossing Checkpoint. They are resting now in Carmacks. They have 177 miles (184 kilometers) left to go in the 1,000-mile race.

Another exciting race behind the frontrunners is for third place. Michelle Phillips and Dave Dalton appear to be engaged in a very congenial type of competition. The two have been traveling together since leaving the race's half-way point in Dawson City. They arrived together today at Pelly Crossing Checkpoint shortly after 3 p.m.

Not too far behind is Brent Sass, who held first place only briefly out of Dawson City but has now fallen into fifth position. Word from a pilot who spoke to Sass along the trail is that Sass has been suffering from a virus for the past several days. He should be arriving in Pelly Crossing shortly.

Earlier this morning, around 11:30 a.m., the 2008 Yukon Quest saw its eighth team scratch from the race. Cor Guimond, 57, of Dawson City, embarked on the second half of the Yukon Quest trail from Dawson City Checkpoint at 10:05 a.m. after a mandatory 36-hour layover. He returned and scratched more than an hour later.

That brings the number of competitors in the 2008 Yukon Quest to 15 out of an original 24 (in addition to the eight scratches, one musher was withdrawn).

For updated information as the race progresses visit our new website www.yukonquest.com.

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