



MEDIA RELEASE

Day 14 Update

February 19, 2016 (Whitehorse, YT) – Braeburn cinnamon buns in hand, Red Lantern recipient Gaetan Pierrard and his team of eight dogs officially brought the 33rd running of the Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race to a close at 8:57am this morning, making the 77-mile journey from the last checkpoint in 14 hours, 51 minutes.

Timing his arrival at first light so his friends and supporters wouldn't have to get up too early and would actually be able to see him, the 39 year-old Mendenhall, Yukon resident finished his first-ever Quest in a time of 12 days, 19 hours, and 51 minutes. After sharing one of the aforementioned cinnamon buns with each member of his team, Pierrard remarked that despite his late arrival times he always received a warm and uplifting welcome. "It was nice, through these checkpoints, even being last and late, to still have a big crowd, just cheering at me, and big smiles and big hearts all the way."

Though he may only have crossed the finish line mere hours beforehand, Pierrard was on hand at Mt. MacIntyre this evening along with all the other Quest finishers to take part in Inukshuk Professional Dog Food sponsored Meet the Musers, where a packed house was in attendance to mingle with this year's competitors, talking with them about the race, posing for photos, and getting their Quest keepsakes autographed.

Tomorrow evening fans, mushers, and sponsors will assemble once more for the culmination of this year's race, the Finish & Awards Banquet. The dinner takes place at 6:30pm (doors open at 5pm) at the Yukon Convention Centre located next to the Coast High Country Inn. Join us there in person if you have tickets, or follow the Quest's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for highlights from the presentation of this year's awards, stories from 1,000 miles of adventure, live entertainment, a silent auction, a draw for our cash raffle, and a fantastic dinner.

Final Standings:

- 1 Hugh Neff
- 2 Brent Sass
- 3 Allen Moore
- 4 Matt Hall
- 5 Ed Hopkins
- 6 Torsten Kohnert
- 7 Tom Frode Johansen
- 8 Seth Barnes
- 9 Yuka Honda
- 10 Mike Ellis

- 11 Dave Dalton
- 12 Luc Tweddell
- 13 Laura Neese
- 14 Paige Drobny
- 15 Cody Strathe
- 16 Andrew Pace
- 17 Tore Albrigsten
- 18 Rob Cooke
- 19 Gaetan Pierrard

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