

Great Musher Attla Wins Again

Crowds lined the track Sunday at Farmer's Loop to watch George Attla capture the Open North American Championship title for the second consecutive time.

The Huslia Hustler finished with a total time of 265.68 minutes for the three days and 70 miles of racing.

However, first in the heat Sunday was 21-year-old J. P. Norris of Willow, who also came in second overall.

Orville Lake of Anchorage was

third overall with Dr. Roland Lombard, winner of the 1970 World Championship Sled Dog Race in Anchorage, placing fourth.

A parka parade, a tea boiling race, a G-pole freight race, a VW race, and a one-dog weight pull contest were also held.

Losing by a slim 31 seconds, Attla finished second in the World Championship Sled Dog Race in Anchorage this year. He finished second for the past two years but took the title in 1968,

1962, and 1958.

Attla's father was a musher and Attla started training his own team while still a young boy. At the age of 10 he was stricken with tuberculosis of the leg and doctors had to lock his knee in order to fix his leg so that he could walk.

After hours of training and practicing he crossed the finish line first in the Rony Race in 1958 and since then has been entering every major sled dog race.