

# ***Tundra Times predicts outcome of Iditarod race***

The Tundra Times has selected 11 competitors entered in the 1979 Iditarod Trail Dog Race as the favorites to win the event. We have developed a "complex" system of analysis which includes such old favorite methods as "hunches," "little bird told us," "it came to us in a dream," and sometimes we even considered such things as

what caliber of team the musher has, as well as past performance.

In any event, we feel that the two most likely to win the race this year are Emmitt Peters of Ruby and Jerry Riley of Nenana. The next group that are most likely to win the whole shooting match are Herbert Nayukpuk of Shishmaref, Don Honena of Ruby and Rick Swenson of Eureka. The third group is led by Howard Albert of Ruby,

Joe Redington Sr. of Knik, and Ken Chase of Anvik. The final group are Isaac Okleasik of Teller, Eep Anderson of McGrath and Rick Mackey of Wasilla.

Of course even the thought of predicting the winner of this race, with so many elements mixed in, is somewhat ridiculous, but if I were to lay my cabin on the line in a bet, you can be sure that my money would be on one of these fine mushers.