Harold Greenway Wins North American Classic

Harold Greenway of Fairbanks was the surprise victor at Sunday's end of the 1971 Men's Open North American Championship Sled Dog Race.

Driving Bill Taylor's team after Taylor dropped out after Friday's race, Greenway won an upset victory over both the favorities going into the final race on Sunday.

The part Athabascan victor passed Dr. Roland Lombard of Massachusetts and George Attla, the Huslia Hustler, both favored as the top contestants.

Greenway posted the fastest time for the 30 mile final leg of the 70 mile race at 195.98 minutes. His time for the full 70 miles was 257.95.

In fact, after it was all over, Dr. Lombard, the 59 year old six-time winner of the North American wound up in fourth place. The race was expected to be between Lombard and Attla, with Attla having to make up 3.24 minutes going into the final heat on Sunday.

Lombard posted a slow time Sunday, 111.62 after having trouble in the starting chute which made him lose almost two minutes at that point.

Greenway took over from Taylor after Friday's race when

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Taylor's doctor advised him not to run in the last two days of the race

Second place for total time went to the Huslia Hustler, George Attla with a total time of 259.16 minutes.

Third place overall went to Pete Shepherd of Anchorage who completed the 70 mile course in 259.78 minutes.