



DR. ROLAND LOMBARD of Massachusetts crosses the finish line of the 70-mile North American Open Championship sled dog race, not only breaking his own track record but also winning his fifth North American—the only man ever to do

so. Dr. Lombard averaged 15 miles per hour for the entire race, with high speeds on the first day of over 17 mph. His team covered the course in a total time of 281.59 minutes.

—Photo by TED LODER



THAT' NOT THE WAY, LADY—The lady on the blanket toss performance (nalukatuk) at the start and finish grounds of the North American Open Championship sled dog races in Fairbanks, is coming down on the blanket in an unacceptable manner, according to the Eskimos who originated the game. A performer is supposed to go straight up in the

air and come down feet first. However, mal-performance in the nalukatuk is not looked upon as serious and people have fun seeing one of their kind fall in all positions. This performance took place during a lull period of the dog sled race.

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# Dr. Roland Lombard Wins Again

It came as no surprise when Dr. Roland Lombard of Wayland, Mass., took first place in the North American Open Championship sled dog classic in Fairbanks last weekend. Dr. Lombard's total elapsed time for the three-day sled race was 281.59 minutes. He took home \$2,800. This year marks the fifth time Dr. Lombard has won the coveted Governor's cup.

Bill Sullivan of Soldotna placed second while Dr. Charles Belford of Deerfield, Mass. took third. Richard Frank, driving Gareth Wright's team, and handicapped with flu and fever, edged Lombard out of first place on the second day, but dropped back to fourth position Sunday.

Alaska Air Command sponsored Mike Prince of Sheldon Point who began the race with only eight dogs while most teams ranged from 12 to 16. Mike finished eighth in total time and received honorable mention at the mushers' banquet Sunday evening.

Joe Redington, winner of the Anchorage races this year, suffered a setback here when his dogs contracted tonsillitis; he placed 11th in total time.

Of the 20 original entrants, 17 completed the 70 miles; their times are:

Dr. Roland Lombard, Wayland, Mass., 281.59; Billy Sullivan, Soldotna, 286.70; Dr. Charles Belford, Deerfield, Mass., 287.31; Richard Frank, Fairbanks, 288.82; Alfred

Atta, Hughes, 294.62; Clarence Charlie, 296.15; Mike Prince, AAC, 297.76; Earl Norris, Anchorage, 299.98; Pete Shepherd, Fairbanks, 300.95; Joe Redington, U.S. Army, 301.04; Bill Williams, Hughes, 302.75; Malcolm McDougall, Canada, 315.56; Godfrey Joseph, Fairbanks, 318.82; Herbert Nayokpuk, Shishmaref, 324.23; and Howard Luke, Fairbanks, 322.32.