



BUNDLES OF SPUNK AND COURAGE- Racing dogs like "Devil" in this picture, are performing today on long stretches of miles on the race course of the 1966 North American Open Championship sled dog races here in Fairbanks. Trained for speed and

endurance, the race dogs will do the bidding of their masters and cover the course 70 miles long in three heats. First two heats are 20 miles distant and the final heat will be 30 miles.

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North American Dog Races Start Today

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Dog racing devotees will be turning out by the thousands this weekend for the start of the 1966 North American Open Championship sled dog races

which start today.

Dr. Roland Lombard of Wayland, Massachusetts, will lead the throng of 20 entrants from all over Alaska, Canada and the "lower 48." Dr. Lombard, a practicing veterinarian, has won the NAC four times.

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pion's heels will be Billy Sullivan of Soldotna, driving the team he and Cordova Airlines purchased from Keith Bryar of New Hampshire last year. The Bryar team won the championship in 1965. Billy placed second in the Anchorage Fur Rendezvous races this year.

Steve Losonsky of Fairbanks, a preliminary race champion here several times, follows in number three position. Alfred Attla of Hughes goes out in number seven position this year. Alfred placed third in last year's NAC.

Driving again for the U.S. Army Alaska is the Flat Horn Flash, Joey Redington, winner of the Anchorage races this year.

The Fairbanks Dog Mushers' Association now conducts all races on Farmer's Loop Road where they recently purchased acreage. Spectators will be treated to a splendid view of all outgoing and incoming teams along the new 700-foot chute. There is even a heated "house out back" for the ladies.

On Saturday the Charlie Ned Memorial Snowshoe Race will be held; Charlie Ned, who drowned when his team fell through the ice this winter, won this event twice.

During and after the final

day's heat will be sled dog rides, the Eskimo blanket toss, the lead dog contest, the lively snowshoe baseball game and the popular scramble race, as well as other events.

The lineup for the first day is as follows:

Dr. Roland Lombard, Wayland, Mass.; 2) Billy Sullivan, Soldotna; 3) Steve Losonsky, Fairbanks; 4) Bergman Silas, Minto; 5) Milton Moses, Fairbanks;

6) Earl Norris, Anchorage; 7) Alfred Attla, Hughes; 8) Malcolm McDougall, Ste. Agathe Des Monts, Canada; 9) Dr. Charles Belford, New Hampshire; 10) Joey Redington, Flat Horn Lake;

11) Herbert Nayokpuk, Shishmaref; 12) Clarence Charlie, Nenana; 13) Lucien Sam, Haslia; 14) Godfrey Joseph, Fairbanks; 15) Richard Frank, Fairbanks;

16) Bill Williams, Hughes; 17) Pete Shepherd, Fairbanks; 18) Howard Lake, Fairbanks; 19) Richard Lester, Nenana; and 20) Mike Prince, Sheldon Point.