



Posty Posten (behind starting post) prepares for the start of the final heat of the Knik championship race.

## Huntington cops Willow crown

WILLOW — Carl Huntington survived a strong charge by Charlie Stevens to claim the Willow Championship in this past weekend's dog mushing activities.

Huntington posted the events fastest heat for the 2-day race on Saturday finishing with a time of 54:09 for 16 miles. Stevens finished second with a time of 55:03 and Bill Cotter finished third with a time of 56:34. Emmet Peters rounded out the top four positions with a 57:39 clocking. Four of the remaining

mushers finished under 60 minutes for the heat, and a total of 8 out of 9 finished under the hour mark.

In Sunday's finale only two mushers broke the hour mark as Charlie Stevens loped to a heat winning time of 56:24 and Carl Huntington finished at 57:02. Huntington's margin of victory on Saturday allowed him to hold off Stevens' bid for the championship. Huntington finished the race with a total elapsed time of 111:11, a scant 16 seconds faster than Stevens who completed the 32 miles in 111:27. Weather played an important factor as, on the first day the temperature was near zero and on Sunday it warmed up to 20 above zero.

Emmet Peters rallied from a fourth place finish on Saturday to capture third place at 120:03.

The next scheduled champ-

ionship competition will be this coming weekend, the Exxon Open.

Musher	Total Elapsed Time
1. Carl Huntington	111:11
2. Charlie Stevens	111:27
3. Emmet Peters	120:03
4. Bill Cotter	120:54
5. Don Holsclaw	121:27
6. Linda Klingbeil	121:38
7. Earl Norris	124:33
8. Helen Farleigh	124:34
Del Allison	168:18