

Iditarod Race

Five mushers in the history-making Anchorage to Nome Iditarod Trail race were expected to hit the halfway mark around Ruby late yesterday.

Fresh snowfalls slowed the racers down on the trail and prevented airplane surveillance of the course but it is believed that George Attla is still in the lead, followed by Dan Seavy, John Coffin, Bobby Vent, and Dick Wilmarth, all 40 or 50 miles ahead of the other nine mushers who made it to Galena on Monday.

The racers were reported to be "very tired" as they arrived in Galena, and it was doubted that they would reach Ruby, 80 miles away, by nightfall Tuesday.