



## Iditarod Race to begin March 7

Eleven Native mushers from throughout the state have entered the 1981 Iditarod Race scheduled to start Saturday, March 7 in Anchorage.

The list includes veteran mushers who have run the trail since 1975, two mushers who have not run since 1974 and 1976 and one new musher running the race for the first time.

The veteran mushers are: Eep Anderson, an Athabascan from Takotna. Anderson is one half of the "Flying Andersons" team. Anderson placed 10th in 1975, 27th in 1977, 6th in 1978, and 24th in 1979. Anderson hopes to place in the top ten this year.

Joe Garnie, an Inupiat from Teller. Garnie placed 21st in 1978, 12th in 1979 and 12th in 1980.

Herbie Nayokpuk, an Inupiat from Shishmaref. Nayokpuk, also known as the "Shishmaref Cannonball" placed 4th in 1975

and 2nd in 1980. Nayokpuk hopes to win this year's race.

Emmitt Peters, an Athabascan from Ruby. Peters, also known as the "Yukon River Fox" starting racing in 1975. Peters won his first race in 1975. He then placed 5th in 1976, 4th in 1977, 2nd in 1978, 2nd in 1979 and 9th in 1980.

Gerald Riley, an Athabascan from Nenana. Riley placed 2nd in 1975, won the race in 1976, placed 2nd in 1977, placed 4th in 1979 and scratched at Koyuk in 1980 due to poor trail conditions.

Harold Ahmasuk, Jr., an Inupiat from Nome. Ahmasuk raced for the first time in 1980. He placed 19th. He hopes to place in the top ten this year.

The two returning mushers are:

Clifton Jackson, an Inupiat from Noorvik. Jackson placed 22nd in 1974.

Clarence Towarak, Jr., an Inupiat from Unalakleet. Towarak placed 28th in 1976.

Two mushers entered the race for the first time last year but had to scratch due to problems on the trail. Both are determin-

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ed to reach Nome this year.

They are:

Jan Masek, an Inupiat from Nome. Masek scratched at Skwentna in 1980.

Frank Sampson, an Inupiat from Noorvik. Sampson scratched over half way down the trail at Nulato in 1980.

The new musher is Ted English, an Athabaskan living in Chugiak. English has never run the Iditarod but he has been practicing hard for this race.