

# Austin Wins 300

Jerry Austin of St. Michael won the Second Annual Kuskokwim 300 sled dog race Saturday night, finishing just 31 minutes ahead of George Attla of North Pole.

The race, which began Wednesday, January 21, wound its way from Bethel through such places as Akiachak and Kalskag on its first half of the race to Aniak. Here the mushers returned to Bethel following the east shore of the Kuskokwim

River through Tuluksak, Akiak, and Kwethluk before ending at Bethel.

George Attla was the first musher to start back along the trail toward Bethel on the return leg of the race Thursday.

It was just seventeen miles from the finish line that Austin overcame a 12 minute lead that Attla held. Austin caught up with Attla at Kwethluk and took the lead into Bethel to win the race.