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Tudor track season begins

The Alaska Sled Dog and Racing Association opened their 1979 racing schedule with a 10 mile race on New Year's Day. The season opening event which will lead toward the 1979 Fur Rondy offered \$500 in cash prizes and featured an Alaskan patented "photo" finish as Tim Redington of Knik paced his 10 dog team to a five second victory over Bill Cotter. Redington won the race with a time of 35:40 and Cotter finished at 35:45.

Redington who won the race despite having difficulty negotiating the Campbell Creek bridge constructed for the teams to cross the oft overflowed creek. Tim's problem came when one of his dogs jumped off the

bridge during the crossing and snapped the neckline. The canine also managed to tangle the harness enough to force Redington to stop and reharass the culprit and repair the neckline. This delay almost allowed the hard charging Cotter team to win the event. When asked if the bridge is a problem Redington responded, "the bridge is fine, just the dog is crazy".

Cotter was not without his troubles either as he lost his p-tex off of his left sled runner about a mile into the race. Cotter pointed out that his lead dogs used in the sprint race were the same combination he had used in the 1978 Iditarod Race. He also mentioned that he was using a combination of younger

dogs with very little race experience.

The next race will be held on Sunday January 6 starting at 1 pm. This event will be 14 miles.

Results for the New Year's Day races were as follows:

1. Tim Redington	35:40
2. Bill Cotter	35:45
3. Terry McWilliams	36:37
4. Andy Klingbell	36:49
5. Dick Winningham	37:07
6. Earl Norris	37:27
7. Bill Eyman	39:50
8. Jack Farleigh	40:40
9. Jerry Dunn	40:43
10. Tom Mosley	41:20
11. Don Holsclaw	41:51
12. Bob McAlpine	43:59
13. Shirley Gavin	45:01
14. Helen Farleigh	57:52
15. Steve Fee	66:28