

Iditarod champ wins prep race

With three former Iditarod Dog Race champions accounted for in the field, 1976 Iditarod champion Jerry Riley of Nenana won a 120 mile race over the weekend at Knik. The event, sponsored by the Aurora Dog Mushers Association of Knik included a 12 hour layover which was included in the race times.

The Iditarod prep race which

also featured 1977 Champion Rick Swenson of Eureka who finished a scant 2 minutes and 19 seconds behind Riley. Riley's time was 21 hours 49:49 and Swenson finished with 21 hours 52:08.

The 1975 Iditarod champ Emmit Peters of Ruby placed fourth in the race clocking in at 22 hours 37:49.

Mushers finished with the following times:

1. Jerry Riley	21,49:49
2. Rick Swenson	21,52:08
3. Ed Salter	22,33:53
4. Emmit Peters	22,37:49
5. Phil Flemming	23,06:03
6. Bob Schlentner	24,02:39
7. Al Marpo	25,15:39

(Editor's Note: There were all the times that were available).