

# Harvey Drake North American champ

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**FAIRBANKS**—Harvey Drake from Fairbanks mushed his way to victory in the \$10,000 31st Annual Open North American Dog Race Championships this past weekend with a total elapsed time of 261:69.

The race consisted of a 20-mile heat on Friday and Saturday and a 30-mile heat on Sunday. Drake finished the first

day of racing in the top position with a time of 71:99, 2:51 ahead of Joe Redington, Jr. of Knik, Alaska who finished second.

On Saturday Marvin Kokrine from Fairbanks, took top honors for the day with a time of 73:09 over the 20-mile trail. He left the chute Sunday wearing No. 1 and returned in the same position followed by

Drake who was only three hundredths of a second behind him in time for the day.

Harris Dunlap, from Baker Mills, N.Y. turned in the best time over the 30-mile course with an outstanding time of 115:82. He was followed by Kokrine, Drake and Joe Redington, Jr.

Second place in the Open

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North American Championships went to Joe Redington, Jr., who turned in a time of 263:47 for the 70 miles of racing.

Third placer, Marvin Kokrine finished with a total elapsed time of 263:65 only 18 seconds behind Redington Jr.

In the seven-dog championships, Jennifer Smith, from Fairbanks took top honors with a time of 127:60 for 34 miles of racing. She was followed by Alex Theios, of Boulder, Wyo., who turned in a time of 127:63.

Third place went to Delbert Hoffman, of Tok, Alaska who finished the three days of racing with a time of 127:77.

## RACE RESULTS

### Open North American Sled Dog Classic

1. Harvey Drake—261:69—Fairbanks
2. Joe Redington, Jr.—263:47—Knik, Alaska
3. Marvin Kokrine—263:65—

Fairbanks

4. Harris Dunlap—263:91—Baker Mills, N.Y.

5. Merv Hilpipe—270:03—Cedar Falls, Iowa

6. George Attla—271:76—Fairbanks

7. Dick Moulton—273:70—Center Harbor, N.H.

8. Roxy Brooks—277:78—Fairbanks

9. Dr. Roland Lombard—280:80—Weyland, Mass.

10. Bob Loveless—282:07—Fairbanks

## RACE RESULTS

### Seven Dog North American Championship Race

1. Jennifer Smith—127:60—Fairbanks

2. Alex Theios—127:63—Boulder, Wyo.

3. Delbert Hoffman—127:77—Tok, Alaska

4. Gary Attla—127:91—Fairbanks

5. Jim Acheson—129:62—Fairbanks