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2013 JUNIOR IDITAROD WINNER – NOAH PEREIRA

Willow, Alaska – Sunday, February 24, 2013 – JR IDITAROD XXXVI Rookie Musher Noah Pereira (Bib #7) of Clarkson, NY arrived at Willow Lake, Willow, Alaska at 11:32:00 am Alaska Time with 10 dogs on his team claiming his first Jr. Iditarod Championship.

Noah edged out last year's champion, Conway Seavey of Sterling, Alaska by four minutes. Conway had won the Willow Jr. 100 and Tustumena 100 earlier this month.

As of 12:15 PM AK Time, only two teams had crossed the finish line. Check for more recent standings by going to: <u>http://www.jriditarod.com/racecurrent.php</u>

Noah Pereira, 16, says he started mushing in 2007 when he met a few local mushers and then wanted a team of his own. His team in New York is a sprint team. He's been working with Dallas Seavey for two years in anticipation of running the Jr. Iditarod. He is in the 11th grade at Brockport High School and participates in Environmental Club and Varsity Soccer. He also enjoys hunting and fishing. He plans to go to college after high school and says, "yes", he will continue mushing.