

Elf Frank Myrrh: Greetings once again from the North Pole News Desk, I'm Elf Frank Myrrh reporting for North Pole Radio News. The Reindeer Games got underway at the North Pole under very stormy conditions, which made both watching and participating in the games a challenge. Our eye in the sky reporter, Elf Crash Murphy was there, and he's here now to tell us what happened. Crash, did you walk away with an impression about who leads this competition so far?

Elf Crash Murphy: Not really. Rudolph did really well today, but so did all of his associates from Santa's lead team of reindeer, Frank. I think honestly most of them were holding back a little, saving the big efforts for the medal rounds tomorrow.

Elf Frank: What about the youngsters you saw competing? What about Hercules, the one you told us about the other day.

Elf Crash: Oh, he's a big big boy, Frank. Just as advertised. And he qualified. But I didn't see much of his run because there was so much snow blowing out there. That's one thing that was really apparent today, the experienced reindeer all showed they could deal with the snow and were proficient in it. The younger ones tended to struggle a bit. But Hercules is in there, just as some predicted, and let me tell you, that's one big bad dude, right there, Frank. I wouldn't want to run into that guy in the dark. He's massive.

Elf Frank: What about a crowd favorite? Was there a crowd today and did they take to any one reindeer in particular?

Elf Crash: The crowds were definitely smaller this year, likely due more to elves putting in overtime than the weather, Frank. There were two responses I noted. There's a 2-year old named Goldie, who is a little on the small side, which isn't a surprise because she's a girl. But she's very fast and she beat Comet in her race today. Comet is a good sport but he's something of a clown and when she beat him he pretended to faint at the end of the race, which got a good laugh. But Goldie beat him fair and square and the crowd knew it and gave her a nice round of applause.

Elf Frank: Who was the other reindeer that got a big crowd response?

Elf Crash: The Mighty Mick, Frank. He doesn't really want to be in the games, to be honest with you. We are all familiar with his story and the work he now does in helping younger reindeer learn to fly and recover from injuries, having been through all that himself. But he ran and qualified against the best reindeer in the world running today and then he pulled himself from the competition and gave up his qualified spot to another reindeer. The crowd really loves the Mighty Mick.

Elf Frank: Wow, just a day and we've already got inspiring stories coming out of the games. Thanks for that Crash and we look forward to hearing more as the week progresses. For North Pole Radio News, I'm Elf Frank Myrrh reporting for SantaUpdate.com on the Kringle Radio Network.