

Elf Frank Myrrh: Greetings from the North Pole news desk, I'm Elf Frank Myrrh of North Pole Radio News. Just when it appeared that Donner was going to walk away the winner at the annual Reindeer Games an up and coming reindeer scores an upset, throwing the leaderboard into chaos. Joining us again from the Reindeer Barn with more on this story is our eye in the sky reporter, Elf Crash Murphy. Crash, how did Donner lose?

Elf Crash Murphy: Speed and agility in the landing contest is what this story is all about, Frank. From more than a mile away the reindeer rush towards a marker that they have to hit at a pretty high rate of speed. They have to approach at a certain speed level and land within the zone precisely just to place in the competition and very few actually do. All of Santa's A-team nailed it, Frank, but Goldie, a two year, surprised everyone and took the prize.

Elf Frank: How did Donner do, did he make a mistake?

Elf Crash: Not at all, Frank. He was near perfect, it's just that Goldie WAS perfect. She's light and agile, which gives her a considerable advantage over a big deer like Donner. I'm not sure Donner could have done better, it's just that Goldie was just a smidge better, which is pretty impressive for a reindeer who has never actually landed on a roof with Santa.

Elf Frank: The outcome of that race just tightened up everything, Crash. All the analysis I've seen have said that any one of 15 or 16 reindeer can win the games now, just because Goldie won.

Elf Crash: That's right. She surprised everyone. There was a real competition going into that race between Donner and Rudolph, who are, as everyone knows, father and son. Rudolph has usually won that competition and he was needling his Pop a little bit because Rudolph set a record last year that some say will never be broken. Rudolph did pretty well but fell short of matching his record and Donner spanked him pretty good. Then Goldie did her run and spanked them both.

Elf Frank: Ok, Crash. We've got another round to go and it's anyone's ballgame. Keep it right here on Kringle Radio for when the next results come in. For North Pole Radio News, where we love an underdog, I'm Elf Frank Myrrh reporting for SantaUpdate.com on the Kringle Radio Network.