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# Butcher wins third Iditarod Dog Race

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Susan Butcher won the 1,158-mile Iditarod Sled Dog Race for the third straight year, arriving in Nome, Alaska, Wednesday night far ahead of a handful of challengers after some 11 1/2 days on the trail across Alaska. Butcher and her team of huskies crossed the finish line at 11:43 p.m. Central Standard Time, well ahead of challengers who simply could not match her blistering pace and had no hope of catching her at the end.

FOOTBALL: Ohio State has revoked the scholarship of senior fullback George Cooper, who received a \$2,000 loan from a sports agent the day after last year's Ohio State-Michigan game.

According to this month's issue of Sports Inc., a sports business magazine, Cooper later returned the money, signed with another agent the week of the Senior Bowl, and signed with a third agent three weeks ago.

The Sporting News named New Orleans Saints president and general manager Jim Finks the 1987 NFL Executive of the Year. Finks, former general manager of the Bears, was chosen in a vote of NFL front-office personnel. Tying for second place were Denver Broncos owner Patrick Bowlen and Washington Redskins general manager Bobby Beathard, The Sporting News said.

Sport Magazine refused to give the NCAA tapes of conversations used in writing an article about alleged improprieties in the University of Tennessee program.

Rollie Dotsch, who coached the Birmingham Stallions to two conference championships during the three years of the USFL, has died in a Minnesota hospital. He was 55.

AUTO RACING: Geoff Bodine unofficially eclipsed his qualifying record with a lap of 159.146 m.p.h. at Darlington Raceway as NASCAR drivers continued test runs for next week's TranSouth 500.

BOWLING: Jimmie Pritts took a 26-pin lead over Dave Husted through six first-round games in the \$140,000 King Louie Open at Overland Park, Kan.

Dede Davidson defeated Lisa Maurice 248-195 to win her first career title in the \$40,000 Ebonite Firebolt Classic at Fort Pierce, Fla.

TENNIS: Mats Wilander beat Todd Witsken 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 and Gabriela Sabatini defeated 14-year-old Monica Seles 7-6, 6-3 to advance to the third round of the \$2.1 million Lipton International Players Championships in Key Biscayne, Fla.

SKIING: Veteran Canadian skier Laurie Graham, 28, plans to retire after competing in the final World Cup downhill of the season - scheduled to be held March 23 in Saalbach, Austria.

BASKETBALL: University of Texas athletic officials, searching for a coach to replace the fired Bob Weltlich, reportedly are focusing on Eddie Fogler of Wichita State and Lon Kruger of Kansas State.

The United States Basketball Writers Association named Temple coach John Chaney as its college coach of the year for the second season in a row. Chaney becomes only the third coach to win consecutive coach-of-the-year honors since the association began presenting the award in 1957. Fred Taylor of Ohio State won the award in 1961 and 1962, and John Wooden of UCLA won five straight times from 1969-73.

New York agent **Norby Walters** pleaded innocent in Tuscaloosa, Ala., to six misdemeanor counts stemming from his signing of former University of Alabama players Derrick McKey and Terry Coner.

**Walters** and his partner, **Lloyd Bloom**, are charged with tampering with a sports event, commercial bribery and deceptive trade practices.

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