

I'm very proud of having won but I certainly needed a lot of luck. At no time was I ahead with more than about a mile and most of the time the difference was much less. It was tense!

Before the last leg it was relatively easy to find a good route and this forced competitors to be the ones taking risks in order to overtake. I think this made the field stretch out. My strategy was to always aim for the safe choices, sort of middle of the road. At least this became my strategy once I suddenly and unexpectedly was in the lead. The last leg however was different with several paths that looked equally good and where the routers preferred choice seemed to be high-risk. Also, the router shifted from wx to wx which way to go. I did not have much confidence heading north but it was early in the morning so not a time to make serious decisions. I put my all my trust in qvlm. After a few scary wx's the following updates went the eastern group's way and it became more and more an internal battle between Billy, Dingo and me. One wx update put Dingo in an unfavorable position and he lost close connection and the rest was a hard fight between me and Billy, all the way to the finish line. I think the difference in the end was half a NM.

A big thank you to Billy, Dingo and all other participants for pushing me so hard. I learned a lot during this race.

And thank you all for the kind greetings after the race!

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