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Hamilton adventurers reach the North Pole after 10-kilometre final push

By Marissa Nelson

A team of Hamilton adventurers have reached the North Pole.

"We just put our arms in the air," leader Doug Stoup said of the team's arrival at the North Pole.

Stoup said the final 10-kilometre push was across challenging terrain -- with 20-foot pressure ridges to climb -- but they were all enjoying their last hours on the ice before a helicopter came to pluck them from the earth's most northerly point.

Today was the coldest day they'd had, but at - 22 C, it was still above the worst-case scenarios they'd prepared for.

All of the team members were well, Stoup said via satellite phone.

Stoup said he'd seen reindeer tracks, and that they were going to look for Santa Claus before leaving the sea ice and heading back to a Russian station.

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